

CITY OF HARTFORD

OFFICE OF THE TOWN AND CITY CLERK

550 MAIN STREET

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

NOEL F. McGREROR, JR. TOWN & CITY CLERK REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTIC

April 14, 2020

Honorable Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

Dear Mayor Bronin:

Please find attached the following resolutions that were passed at a regular meeting of the Court of Common Council on April 13, 2020. I have duly certified these documents and respectfully send them to you for your review.

Noel F. McGregor Jr., City Clerk

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 13, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, Bulkeley High School, a school operated by Hartford Public Schools ("HPS"), is currently undergoing renovations (hereinafter referred to as "Bulkeley Renovation Project"); and

WHEREAS, During this renovation period, swing space will be needed for grades 11 and 12; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford, on behalf of Hartford Public Schools, initially entered into a lease with 245 Locust Street LLC (Landlord) for a term from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2011, for use of space at 245 Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, There were subsequent extensions, with the last extension expiring in June 2019; and

WHEREAS, For the initial lease term and the subsequent extensions, the space was used as swing space during numerous school renovation projects; and

WHEREAS, Hartford Public Schools has negotiated a lease with 245 Locust Street LLC for a new three-year term for use of space at 245 Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, The leased space will be used as swing space for grades 11 and 12 during the Bulkeley Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, The annual rent amount will remain at \$481,000.00 for the entire term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, The State Office of School Construction Grants and Review has agreed that the project will pay the lease cost for the three years while the school is being renovated at a 95% reimbursement rate; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Board of Education will approve the lease before it is executed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and execute the Lease upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby further authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned lease, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such lease and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Attest:



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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 13, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, There exists a global pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, The pandemic has resulted in the rapid spread of infections throughout the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020, the Governor declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State pursuant to sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, in accordance with Chapter V, Sec. 2 (p) and Chapter V, Sec. 2 (x) of the Charter of the City of Hartford, the Mayor declared that a state of emergency exists in the City of Hartford as a result of the global pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Many residents and taxpayers are suffering financial hardship due to illness, business operations being suspended or ceased, layoffs and other complications due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7S which requires municipalities to implement, by action of its legislative body, one or both of two prescribed property tax relief programs; and

WHEREAS, The Deferment Program allows eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits and residents who have suffered a significant adverse economic impact by COVID-19 and those that are providing relief to others significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to defer up to ninety days the payment of real property, personal property and motor vehicles taxes; and

WHEREAS, The Deferment Program would benefit residents and taxpayers in the City who are struggling financially to deal with the effects of COVID-19; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the court of Common Council of the City of Hartford that the City of Hartford shall participate in the Deferment Program, for categories of tax payers identified in guidance provided by the State Office of Policy and Management, upon application to the Tax Collector on a form promulgated by the City of Hartford; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk shall forthwith notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of the adoption of this Resolution.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 13, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Hartford Film, Video, Digital, Media and Social Media Commission shall promote the use of Hartford locations, facilities, freelancers, independent entities and services for the production of films, videos, television programs, audio recordings, digital efforts, social media efforts, and other media-related products; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of nine members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Court of Common Council, for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Adriane Jefferson and Kailey Townsend to the Hartford Film, Video, Digital, Media and Social Media Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following appointments:

Adriane Jefferson (D) – Vacancy 130 Norwood Avenue, New London, CT 06320 For a term expiring January 13, 2024

Kailey Townsend (D) – Vacancy 20 Front Street Apt. #320, Hartford, CT 06103 For a term expiring January 13, 2024

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 13, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office awards grants to municipalities for traffic safety enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has traditionally partnered with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation to decrease fatalities and injuries as a result of crashes caused by driver distraction; and

WHEREAS, Funds from the FY2020 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE) for Municipal Police Department to conduct high visibility enforcement focused on driver distraction, especially those caused by handheld mobile phone or electronic device; and

WHEREAS, The federal grant funds cover 100% of the wage and fringe costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant for enforcement in the amount of \$58,750.36 for overtime from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to apply for and accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 13, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency in response to the pandemic spread of COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency in response to the spread of the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford needs increased accessible parking during this public health crisis due to more residents needing to stay home; and

WHEREAS, During this crisis any enforcement of residential or metered parking places further burdens on the residents of Hartford with increased need for accessible parking, and

WHEREAS, Hartford Parking Authority has historically done an excellent job of communicating their temporary changes in parking policy, such as parking bans and free onstreet parking for seasonal holiday events, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford encourages Hartford Parking Authority to publicize they will not be enforcing violation of meters in neighborhoods, so any tickets being written are being written for violation of no parking zones or safety infractions during this pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford requests for further parking information to be made available to the public by Hartford Parking Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford should work towards providing alternate creative parking lots available for residents during this pandemic in the same way that it provides these measures during no parking bans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford encourages community members to respect no parking zones, safety requirements and street sweeping wherever applicable, during this pandemic.

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WHEREAS, The City of Hartford supports the creation and retention of well-paying jobs in our city, and supports and believes in our talented workforce; and

WHEREAS, On March 5th, 2020, Nassau Reinsurance Group in Hartford informed their workforce that they would be replacing their unionized cleaning contractor, Service Management Group (SMG), with a non-union company; and

WHEREAS, These cleaning workers who have been working at Nassau Reinsurance Group, who are part of 32BJ, have been working there between twenty to thirty years; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency in response to the Pandemic spread of COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Cleaning workers have always been essential to Hartford's overall public health, and are now especially crucial to our ability to overcome this crisis, and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity in the workplace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford's Court of Common Council urges Nassau Reinsurance Group, and all Hartford employers, to reconsider any cost-cutting measures that involve replacing good jobs with poverty-wage jobs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford's Court of Common Council stands with the members of the cleaning workers union, 32BJ, in their fight for good jobs for Hartford residents.

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WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut ("Governor") declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States ("President") declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, In response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor he has issued a series of Executive Orders setting for the law governing the conduct of the business of state and municipal government during the period of the emergency;

WHEREAS, On March 14, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7B ("EO 7B"), paragraph 1 of which suspends all statutes, charter provisions, ordinances and regulations mandating open meetings in order "...to permit any public agency to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting or requiring in-person, public access to such meetings, and to hold such meetings or proceedings remotely by conference call, videoconference or other technology" ('Electronic Meetings'"); and,

WHEREAS, EO 7B sets forth the following requirements for Electronic Meetings:

- the public has the ability to view or listen to each meeting or proceeding in real time, by telephone, video, or other technology;
- any such meeting or proceeding is recorded or transcribed, and such recording or transcript shall be posted on the agency's website within seven (7) days of the meeting or proceeding, and made available within a reasonable time in the agency's office;
- the required notice and agenda for each meeting or proceeding is posted on the agency's website and shall include information about how the meeting will be conducted and how the public can access it;
- any materials relevant to matters on the agenda, including but not limited to materials related to specific applications, if applicable, shall be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty four (24) hours prior and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting, and any exhibits to be submitted by members of the public shall, to the extent feasible, also be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting; and
- all speakers taking part in any such meeting or proceeding shall clearly state their name and title, if applicable, before speaking on each occasion that they speak; and,

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7C, paragraph 5 ("EO 7C") of which extended "all budget deadlines for the preparation of the municipal budget" for the FY 2020-2021 "that falls on any date prior to and including May 15, 2020 are extended by thirty (30) days"; and

WHEREAS, EO 7C permits the legislative body to "alter or modify the schedules and deadlines pertaining to the preparation and submission of a proposed budget and the deliberation or actions on said budget" by the legislative body including any required public hearing(s), publication, referendum or final budget adoption: and,

WHEREAS, EO 7C postpones all submission dates as set forth in Chapter X of the Charter of the City of Hartford until such time as the legislative body approves said modified scheduled and deadline consistent with the thirty (30) day extension; and,

WHEREAS, On March 21, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7I, paragraph 13 ("EO 7I") of which dispenses with any in-person voting requirements (including referenda and town meetings requiring in-person votes) for purposes of adopting 2020-2021 fiscal year municipal budgets and setting the mill rate; in effect conferring final responsibility on the "budget-making authority" of the town to adopt a budget and set a mill rate, which roles are allocated by the Charter to the <u>legislative body</u>; or <u>budget authority</u> and the chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, EOs 7C and 7I do not alter or modify the control of line-items that fall squarely within the authority of the Board of Education budget and, thus, the Board of Education should comply with all submission requirements pertaining to budget deadlines adopted by the municipality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Executive Order 7C, the legislative body of the City of Hartford hereby sets forth the following modified schedule and deadline for the submission, deliberation and final action on the City Budget for FY 2020-2021, which meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements noticed in accordance with EO 7B ¶1:

1.	April 27, 2020	 Mayor submits Recommended Budget, noticed in accordance with EO 7B ¶1 and suspension of the Standing Rules of the Court of Common Council ("Standing Rules") pertaining to public comment, at which time the Mayor shall transmit the Proposed City Budget to the Council (Charter §§10-4.A and B) and present his proposal to the Council and the public. Electronic transmittal shall be made to the (1) Town for public availability and (2) Clerk and Members of the Council. Transmittal shall include the contents of the general fund required by Charter §10-2.B and the proposed program of Capital Expenditures for the ensuing year and for five fiscal years thereafter, as required by Charter §10-2.C. Town and City Clerk must make the Mayor's Proposed City Budget available for public inspection (Town and City Clerk, Library, etc.), as set forth in Charter §10-2.D and through electronic means as mandated by EO 7B.
2.	No later than May 1, 2020	• Notice of electronic public hearing on the Proposed City Budget, as set forth in Charter §10-3.B.
		• Council must make available on the City website for general distribution Proposed City Budget, including BOE budget in detail, including proposals for revenue and expenditures, comparative figures for the current fiscal year and amount to be raised by taxation, in accordance with Charter §10-3.A(1).
3.	May 4, 2020	Electronic Public hearing of the Legislative Council. At which time any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard, in accord with Charter §10-3.B.

4.	May 11, 2020	Electronic Meeting of the Council, noticed in accordance with EO 7B ¶1 and suspension of the Standing Rules pertaining to public comment, for the purpose of on-going budget deliberations with department heads and other City officials. In accord with custom of the Council, this continuous meeting shall be recessed to a time certain or in accordance with a schedule of meeting which shall be public released in accordance with appropriate notice requirements.
5.	TBA	Following the public hearings, at an ongoing Electronic Meeting of the Council, the Council "may increase, decrease or strike out items of expenditure, except that no item of appropriation for debt service and no item of appropriation necessary to fulfill the obligations of the city as determined by the pension commission shall be reduced.," in accordance with Charter §10-5.A.
6.	Not later than June 5, 2020	 Electronic Special Meeting of the Council, noticed in accordance with EO 7B ¶1 for the purpose of adopting the Proposed City Budget ("Adopted City Budget") at which time the Council may fix the tax rate, in accord with Charter §10-5.C. Final Action I. In the event the Council fails to adopt a City budget, the Proposed City Budget as originally submitted by the Mayor shall be deemed to be the "City Budget Ordinance" and the Mayor shall have the right to fix the tax rate and adopted by the Council, as set forth in Charter §10-5.C.
7.	Not later than June 10, 2020 or within five days after Council action, whichever is earlier	Council shall transmit actions on Mayor's Recommended City Budget.
8.	Not later than June 22, 2020 or within fifteen days after Council transmittal, whichever is earlier	 Final Action II: Final Action on the Adopted City Budget occurs in the event the Mayor shall (a) approves; or (b) fail to take action (Charter §10-4.C). Veto. (Charter § 4-4.(2)).
9.	Not later than June 22, 2020 or within fifteen days after transmittal of the Mayor's Veto, whichever is earlier	 Electronic Meeting of the Council - Final Action III: Legislative Override of Mayoral Veto. Override: Adopted City Budget shall be effective, Charter § 4-4.(2).

• Sustain: Proposed City Budget shall be effective, Charter § 4-4.A(1).

; now, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to paragraph 13 of Executive Order 7I, the provisions of Charter Section 10-5 are hereby suspended for the deliberations pertaining to the adoption of the City budget for FY 2020-2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Executive Order 7B, the legislative body of the City of Hartford shall comply with all requirements pertaining to notice including, but not limited to notice and posting on the website of the City all submission items at least twenty-four hours prior to the public meeting for which the item has been submitted or shall be considered.

Attest:



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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 13, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, On December of 1953, a gruesome murder was committed in Hartford by Robert Nelson Malm when he raped and strangled a young girl named Irene Fiederowicz from the Behind the Rocks neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Malm was caught, tried and convicted based upon the heroic efforts and testimony of Ms Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio, then a Bulkeley High School student from the same neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Pidgie had also been victimized by Malm several weeks before he murdered Irene; and

WHEREAS, Although the police had not taken her report of being assaulted seriously, when Pidgie heard about Irene, she knew the crime had been committed by the same man, whereupon she went to the police and offered her assistance in identifying Malm as the perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, Although the State of Connecticut offered a reward of \$3,000 for information leading to the conviction of Malm, and although Pidgie provided this information, including identifying his voice by being in the same room as he, the State refused to pay this reward to Pidgie; and

WHEREAS, The tragedy of Irene and the saga of Pidgie have been recounted in a 2006 book by Hartford native Mary-Ann Tirone Smith in her memoir, Girls of a Tender Age; and

WHEREAS, Upon learning that Pidgie is still alive, Ms. Smith has started an effort to right a more than 60-year wrong by seeking payment of the \$3,000 reward to Pidgie from the State of Connecticut justly due her many, many, years ago; and

WHEREAS, Ms Smith has successfully engaged the advocacy of Hartford State Representative Edwin Vargas to spearhead the campaign at the State Legislature to include payment to Pidgie in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Bravery and courage must be acknowledged and encouraged; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford supports Representative Vargas's Proposed Bill No. 5160 "An Act Requiring the Payment of a Reward to Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio" calling for the state budget to be amended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, to require the state to pay the reward of three thousand dollars offered for the apprehension of Robert Nelson Malm to Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio for her role in his capture and conviction; and

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford calls upon its State Legislative Delegation, Senators Fonfara and McCrory, and Representatives Concepcion, Gonzalez, Hall, McGee and Ritter to support Representative Vargas in this effort.

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WHEREAS, In 1927, two prominent Hartford Leaders, Charles Seaverns and his wife, Mary Bushnell Hillyer Seaverns, launched with others the Children's Museum of Hartford in former home of Charles and Elizabeth Pond, then existing on the edge of Elizabeth Park; and

WHEREAS, The Museum then moved to the corner of Oxford Street and Farmington Avenue, and from there to its current site in West Hartford in 1958 where it is a tenant of the Kingswood Oxford School; and

WHEREAS, The Museum's current landlord has advised the Children's Museum that the Museum needs to vacate its present location; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Museum desires to return to its roots in Hartford and its Board has therefore concentrated efforts to locate a suitable property within the City; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford College for Women was established in 1933 and moved to an approximately 10-acre campus between Elizabeth Street and Asylum Avenue in 19 58, eventually becoming a part of the University of Hartford and then closing in 2003; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford Board of Education's University High then occupied the campus Until 2009 when it moved to a new building at the main University of Hartford location; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, the College for Women campus has been largely empty, with the University of Hartford housing graduate students and other small programs in the dormitory and old mansions which exist on the campus, sharing some space the Capital Region Education Council (CREC); and

WHEREAS, The main unoccupied campus space would be ideal for the Children's Museum and the University of Hartford has indicated an interest to transfer said space to the Children's Museum, and

WHEREAS, This location is on a bus line, is within walking distance of Hartford's Classical Magnet, West Middle and Webster public schools, and within walking distance of Hartford's Asylum Hill and West End neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, At this location, the Museum would add to the existing nearby attractions: the Connecticut Historical Society, UConn Law School, Mark Twain House and Harriet Beecher Stowe House to significantly enhance the educational and tourist significance of Hartford's west side; and

WHEREAS, The move has the support of the Connecticut Historical Society, CREC and the West End Civic Association (the West End NRZ), among others; and

WHEREAS, Although the Children's Museum has a substantial donor base and some endowment, a move to the Hartford College for Women campus and construction of new building will require substantial funding which exceeds the Museum current capacity; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Museum has developed preliminary plans for moving from its existing location to the Hartford College for Women site, which include razing non-historic buildings in the center of the campus and constructing a new world class Net-Zero-Energy-Use facility; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Museum plans call for the existing historic buildings surrounding the center of the campus to remain as part of the University of Hartford, continuing their existing uses; and

WHEREAS, The Museum has committed to raise-over \$200,000 to assist in funding, but requires an additional \$750,000 to complete the initial phase, and

WHEREAS, Ultimately the project may cost \$20-25 Million, the majority of which would likely need to come from bonding from the State of Connecticut in addition to private donations; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Museum is a state asset which benefits the entire State of Connecticut and as such, should be considered for reasonable state assistance for the planning, move and construction of a new facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford supports the Children's Museum of Hartford's move to the former Hartford College for Women campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford calls upon its State Legislative Delegation, Senators Fonfara and McCrory, and Representatives Concepcion, Gonzalez, Hall, McGee, Ritter and Vargas, to support the City in seeking such state funding as may be necessary and appropriate to return the Museum to the City of Hartford.

Attest: