

Court of Common Council



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May 12, 2020

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Bushnell Park Pump Station ("Pump Station") was built in 1947 by the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Connecticut River Flood Control Program; and

WHEREAS, The Pump Station serves as an integral part of the Flood Control Program and cultural landmark in the City of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Despite continued maintenance, the age of the Pump Station necessitates upgrades to the structure; specifically, architectural upgrades including, but not limited to windows, doors, and lighting; and

WHEREAS, The City intends to preserve all historical and cultural significance as part of the upgrades; and

WHEREAS, iQuilt and Bushnell Park Foundation have committed to donating \$36,575.73 and \$34,571.00 respectively for architecturally appropriate upgrades including but not limited to windows and doors of the Pump House; and

WHEREAS, Bushnell Park Foundation has committed to donating \$43,040.00 for upgrades to lighting in the Pump House; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept financial donations totaling \$114,186.73 from iQuilt and Bushnell Park Foundation for the purpose to renovate, upgrade, and improve the Bushnell Park Pump Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to 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 hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of 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 donation; 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 agreements or other documents, 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 agreements and 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, May 11, 2020, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan District Commission (the "MDC") is a municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929; and

WHEREAS, The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. Additionally, it supplies treated water to portions of East Granby, Farmington, Glastonbury, Portland, and South Windsor; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,300 miles of sewer collection system, three wastewater treatment plants, 1,500 miles of water distribution system, four drinking water treatment plants, and the requisite 32,000 acres of watershed lands to filter its water supply, are contained within the MDC infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, These valuable assets afford the MDC the ability to provide the highest standard and quality of drinking water in the country, and arguably the world; and

WHEREAS, The maintenance, operation, and necessary capital investment of these systems are tremendous and a significant financial burden. Being more than 150 years old, performing 24 hours a day, and vitally critical to the health and welfare of our communities and the state, the infrastructure supporting the region of more than 400,000 citizens must continuously be improved and maintained; and

WHEREAS, Although only the eight member towns, and the 102,000 water customers across the district pay for these systems and services, the water and sewer services provided by the MDC play an essential role in the well-being, competitiveness and financial growth of our City, of the Capital Region and of the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming, costly regulatory framework imposed on the MDC has been passed on by the MDC to those it services, including the residents of the City of Hartford, already the poorest and most distressed community in the state; and

WHEREAS, To mitigate the effect of some of these increased costs, the MDC is proposing an Integrated Plan which will spread some of the costs of compliance with the Clean Water Act over a longer period of time; and

WHEREAS, This Integrated Plan will only be successful if the State of Connecticut continues to provide grant and loan funding to the MDC at the same levels as in the past; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has already supported this Integrated Plan by Resolution dated January 14, 2019 duly adopted by the Court of Common Council, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Hartford landfill has served more than 80 Connecticut communities during its existence as a dump; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") appropriately is now the owner of the Hartford landfill; and

WHEREAS, Contaminated leachate from this landfill is being artificially collected and/or pumped by DEEP directly to the MDC sewer system for the specific environmental purposes of mitigating any further contamination of groundwater and the Connecticut River basin for the benefit of the entire State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, DEEP refuses to pay to the MDC the appropriate cost associated with its discharge of this contaminated leachate, which other users (Pratt & Whitney, for example) are paying; and

WHEREAS, Since 2016, the total owed to the MDC by DEEP as a result of its refusal to pay at the correct rate is over \$13 Million Dollars; and

WHEREAS, As a direct result of DEEP's refusal to pay and the Clean Water Project, mandated by DEEP and the federal government, the MDC has:

- a.) Increased rates to its customers forcing one generation to pay for the sins of Connecticut going back over 150 years, and
- b.) Dramatically reduced without warning its contribution to Riverfront Recapture¹, the longtime steward of the regional asset that is the riverfront park system of the City of Hartford and Town of East Hartford²; now therefore, be it

²The MDC has played a key role in improving the Connecticut River's water quality so that it can be used for recreational activity which it has supported through its budget appropriations to Riverfront Recapture.

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford supports the MDC's Integrated Plan as set forth in the prior Resolution of the City adopted January 14, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford supports the MDC's \$13 Million Dollar claim against DEEP and calls upon the State of Connecticut to pay the MDC what is justly owed without any further dispute, hearings, court proceedings or other actions; 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:

- a. Support the City and the MDC by supporting the Integrated Plan;
- b. Provide, at a minimum, the grant and loan funding to the MDC at the same levels as in the past; and
- c. Support the MDC's claim against DEEP; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the support of the City of Hartford of the MDC's \$13 Million Dollar claim against DEEP is specifically provided to, among other things, enable the MDC to restore to Riverfront Recapture the monies previously budgeted to and justly expected by Riverfront Recapture and the residents of the City of Hartford, and the City fully expects the MDC to do so if the efforts of the City and others in this regard are successful.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Hartford Board of Education is responsible for top-level, district-wide decisions that affect the direction and progress of our schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is composed of nine members, four of which are elected, and five of which are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Court of Common Council that serve a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed David R. Jimenez as a new member of the Hartford Board of Education; now, therefore, be it,

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

David R. Jimenez (I)
57 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford CT, 06106

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Food Policy Advisory Commission shall integrate all agencies of the city in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all residents, particularly those in need; and

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

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Ben Dubow and Yahaira Escribano to the Food Policy Advisory Commission; now, therefore, be it,

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

Ben Dubow (D) to replace Mary Lee Morrison
154 Whitney Street, Hartford CT, 06105
For a term expiring March 9, 2023

Yahaira Escribano (D) to replace Sarah Santora
218 Martin Street, Hartford CT, 06120
For a term expiring March 9, 2023

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Commission on Veterans Affairs works to strengthen the relationship between the City of Hartford and the veteran's community through developing and fostering existing and new partnerships; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of eleven members who shall serve for a term of two years; and

WHEREAS, Up to five members of the commission may be appointed without regard to the residency requirement of Chapter VII, Section 1(e) of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Milgrid Guzman and Marcus Lawson to the Commission on Veterans Affairs; now, therefore, be it

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

Milgrid Guzman (D) to replace Yolanda Ortiz
189 Sigourney Street, Hartford CT, 06105
For a term expiring March 9, 2022

Marcus Lawson (D) to replace Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey
92 Woodmere Road, West Hartford CT, 06119
For a term expiring March 9, 2022

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Commission on Cultural Affairs is responsible for assessing the conditions and needs of the arts community, developing an arts policy for approval by the Court of Common Council and reviewing and commenting on various arts proposals; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of twelve members who shall serve for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, Up to five members of the commission may be appointed without regard to the residency requirement of Chapter VII, Section 1(e) of the Charter as long as they meet specific requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Lindaluz Carrillo, Amanda Roy and Lizzy Lee to the Commission on Cultural Affairs; now, therefore, be it

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

Lindaluz Carrillo (D) to replace Nina Salazar
85 Sumner Street, Hartford CT, 06105
For a term expiring March 9, 2024

Amanda Roy (D) to replace Joyce Bolanos
12 Knollwood Road, Bloomfield CT, 06002
For a term expiring March 9, 2024

Lizzy Lee (D) to replace Ana Valentin-Jackson
29 Glen Hollow, West Hartford CT, 06117
For a term expiring March 9, 2024

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been the urban hub of the tri-state region for decades, encompassing the nation's hot spot for the COVID-19 deadliest outbreak NY and our neighbors in the north, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, The state of Connecticut is reported the third per capita in COVID-19 deaths, with over 2,436 deaths so far surpassing larger states such as Florida, California and Texas. A living testimony to our centrality and proximity to this deadly virus. We can further find data through recent studies supporting the fact that we can brace for an even greater impact from this virus if rigorous methods to protect our residents are not employed; and

WHEREAS, The characteristics that have made our City of Hartford the great urban capital of our state, and a regional leader for a destination of people from all walks of life and cultures will now be the areas requiring close scrutiny and supervision by our leaders to combat this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, The SAFER initiative directly targets our community's interest:

- S: Suspend incarceration for technical violations; suspend probation office visits and payment of fine
- A: Adopt smart alternatives to incarceration for supervision violations, adopt smart alternatives to in-person supervision conditions
- F: Free medical visits and treatment, hand sanitizer, soap, and protective gear
- E: Extra precautions for probation and parole officers and staff
- R: Release elderly and vulnerable people onto supervision

WHEREAS, The identification with a zero tolerance to discrimination of all avenues or fractions that could pose as a threat to our intertwined neighborhoods should be identified; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council, together with Mayor Bronin, and The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a Safer Supervision Committee, paying close attention to residents rejoining our neighborhoods from the various DOC facilities, businesses that rely on out of state distribution networks, our homeless population; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council, together with Mayor Bronin and other local and State Elected Officials pursue a Safer Supervision Executive Order to be issued by Governor Lamont in response to the injustice and public health inequalities attributed to COVID-19.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 11, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Hartford Redevelopment Agency adopted a Redevelopment Plan for properties located in the South Green area of Hartford bordered by Main, John and Hudson Streets on April 15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council subsequently approved said plan on June 14, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Said Redevelopment Plan was filed on the Hartford Land Records in Volume 3710 at Page 16; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has since acquired multiple parcels of land within the described development area; and

WHEREAS, As part of a renewed effort to spur development in the South Green area, the City issued an RFP for the development of the properties now referred to as Park and Main, and ultimately entered into a Development Agreement with Park & Main, LLC (Spinnaker Associates and Freeman Companies LLC); and

WHEREAS, As part of a title search, First American Title has advised that there is a need to dissolve the Hartford Redevelopment Agency's interest in development rights over certain of the parcels that comprise the Park and Main Project; and

WHEREAS, To accomplish this and allow the Park and Main Project to move forward; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford hereby approves the Hartford Redevelopment Agency to Quitclaim to the City of Hartford any and all development rights on the parcels described in the Hartford Land Records in Volume 3710 at Page 16, known as "Main, John and Hudson Streets".

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