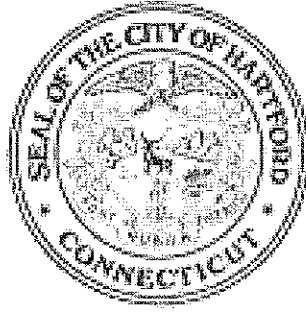


COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL



AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING JULY 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.



Live streaming on www.hpatv.org

**CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103**

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2020

ACTION TAKEN

COMMUNICATIONS

1. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a donation for the Hartford Fire Department.
2. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to submit the list of community programs eligible for the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program to the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS).
3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution requesting to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, Otto Dowd v. City of Hartford.
4. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 15-year tax abatement agreement with Westbrook III Housing, LLC for rental housing units to be developed at 124 Mark Twain Drive, officially known as 1550 Albany Ave, Hartford, CT 06112.
5. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 10-year Tax Abatement Agreement with TMG CARA Holdings LLC (owner) to support the 150 units of affordable rental housing, known as Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments.
6. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant in the amount of \$48,402.29 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for speed enforcement.
7. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, Communication concerning updates from Director Arroyo, Department of Health & Human Services in the area of COVID-19, Budget and Recovery Recommendations.
8. LABOR, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, Communication concerning Parks, Recreation and Athletic Commission Report by Mr. Brian Gallagher.

REPORTS

9. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$394,718, in funding for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) from the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc. (CDC Foundation).
10. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution urging the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Works and other departments, to participate in using "existing completed research" of FAR UVC Lighting for an "added extra level" of disinfecting.
11. LABOR, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying report by the Court of Common Council urging the Hartford Board of Education to reconsider the current move from 110 Washington St to 85 Edwards St to a more suitable location or to remain where it is currently located.

FOR ACTION

12. Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

13. (MAYOR BRONIN) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, DIVISION 5, SECTION 2-196 OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

HEARING DATE - Monday, July 20, 2020

14. (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2, ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 2-860 MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE.

HEARING DATE - Monday, July 20, 2020

RESOLUTIONS

15. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) Resolution by the Hartford Court of Common Council calling upon the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly to sponsor a bill requiring that OSTA conduct a public safety study to ensure that Hartford is taking advantage of every opportunity to protect our streets from reckless drivers.
16. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) Resolution requesting that the Town and City Clerk is hereby directed to correct the Tax Levy Ordinance to reflect that "a tax of 1 with 0.32 of a mill (1.32) mills on the ratable estate within the Hartford Business Improvement District, also known as the Hartford Special Services District", to substitute said corrected ordinance for the ordinance previously adopted with a copy of this Resolution attached thereto, and to distribute same as appropriate.
17. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) Resolution urging the Administration to request that the Federal Court not "sunset" the Consent Decree until more progress has been made in the effective review and discipline of officers when they violate the Hartford Police Department's code of conduct and standing orders as they apply to interactions with Hartford residents, accountability measures are secure, and significantly more progress is made in having the racial make-up of the Hartford Police Department reflect that of the City of Hartford.
18. (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) Resolution requesting that a more comprehensive policy by DPW be put in place to best help navigate the needs of the community to become effective by winter of FY 2021 and a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a third party contractor to assist with managing the City of Hartford's park fields reservation process.
19. (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) Resolution requesting that EMERGE CT, provide a presentation at the next City Council's Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting, whereby the date and time of such meeting shall be determined by the Hartford City Council President in accordance with Council Rules.
20. (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) Resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council creates a process whereby the Mayor must choose a majority of the members of the Civilian Police Review Board from among candidates nominated by community organizations specifically focused on serving communities impacted by overpolicing, with a list of such organizations to be determined and comprise at least two members who are under the age of 26 when they are appointed and at least one member who has previously been incarcerated after a criminal conviction or an adjudication of juvenile delinquency.
21. (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) Resolution calling upon the Mayor to suspend Police Chief Jason Thody from all job duties and relieve him of his City-issued weapon and City-issued vehicle until such time as the Independent Audit Commission completes its investigation and the Mayor or the Court of Common Council can take the appropriate action in response to the findings of that investigation.
22. (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILMAN GALE) (COUNCILMAN MIGHTOM) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN BERMUDEZ) Resolution by the Court of Common Council calling upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate and ongoing rent relief for those small businesses that have been closed or suffered reduced business during the current pandemic and which have not been able to access sufficient economic relief through any government program

Attest: Noel F. McGregor, Jr. City Clerk



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM# 1 ON AGENDA

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Donation for the Hartford Fire Department

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a donation of \$1,000 for the Hartford Fire Department.

This donation was made by TGI Fridays Restaurant to provide lunch for its 72 on-duty suppression members.

The Hartford Fire Department is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

550 Main Street
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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Pamela Winegarner Cargill of TGI Fridays Restaurant donated \$1,000 to the City of Hartford \$10,000 to fund lunch for the Hartford Police Department

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept the \$1,000 check; 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.



ITEM# 2 ON AGENDA

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to submit the list of community programs eligible for the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program to the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS).

The NAA Tax Credit Program is designed to increase funding for tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit to businesses that make contributions to these entities. Businesses can receive a credit of 100% for contributions to certain energy conservation programs and a credit of 60% of their contributions to other programs as approved by DRS.

The City of Hartford serves as a liaison to DRS for the NAA program and is therefore responsible for the collection and submittal of Hartford NAA proposals to DRS. DRS requires that the governing body of each municipality approve the submission of the proposed NAA community programs to DRS. In 2019, 67 Hartford proposals were approved under the NAA, 24 of which received business investment totaling \$796,474.02

The list of 50 eligible 2020 NAA proposals, all of which were submitted by Hartford-based organizations, is attached. A USB drive containing a copy of each proposal has been delivered to the Court of Common Council Office for review.

As you know, the NAA proposals were heard at the Public Hearing on June 29, 2020. Therefore, we respectfully request that Council take action on the attached resolution at the July 13th meeting as the City must submit the NAA proposals to DRS by July 31, 2020.

The Office of Central Grants Administration and Strategic Partnership is happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature of Luke A. Bronin in black ink.

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

- WHEREAS,** The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) is a tax credit program of the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) under Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S., 12-631 - 12-638), and
- WHEREAS,** A tax credit equal to 100% of the cash invested is available to business firms that invest in energy conservation projects, and
- WHEREAS,** A tax credit equal to 60% of the cash invested is available to business firms that contribute cash to programs that provide community-based alcoholism prevention or treatment, neighborhood assistance, job training, education, community services, crime prevention, construction or rehabilitation of dwelling units for families of low and moderate income, funding for open space acquisitions, child day care facilities and services, and any other program which serves persons at least 75% of whom are at an income level not exceeding 150% of the poverty level for the preceding year, and
- WHEREAS,** In 2019, sixty-seven (67) approved proposals from Hartford were delivered to DRS under the NAA, 24 of which received business investment totaling \$796,474.02; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford serves as a liaison to DRS for this program and is responsible for the collection of NAA proposals and submittal to DRS by July 31, 2020 and
- WHEREAS,** Fifty (50) proposals for the 2020 NAA Program have been collected from Hartford applicants, as follows:

	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM/PROJECT	REQUEST
1	African Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities, Inc. (AFCAMP)	AFCAMP YES = Youth Empowerment Solutions	\$41,400.00
2	Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc., DBA Connecticut Landmarks	Green window upgrades at the Isham-Terry House	\$7,690.00
3	Bushnell Park Foundation, Inc.	Bushnell Park Pump House Energy Efficient Upgrades	\$100,000.00
4	Capital Workforce Partners	Education and Employment Collaborative	\$150,000.00
5	Catholic Charities, Inc. - Archdiocese of Hartford	Southside Family Center, Energy-Efficiency Upgrades	\$150,000.00
6	Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services	Second Step Program	\$150,000.00

7	Center for Children's Advocacy	Advocacy for Vulnerable Children and Youth	\$10,000.00
8	Charter Oak Cultural Center	Beat of the Street	\$150,000.00
9	Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association d/b/a Charter Oak Cultural Center	Mechanical Upgrades	\$100,000.00
10	Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association d/b/a Charter Oak Cultural Center	Youth Arts Institute	\$50,000.00
11	Children In Placement	Youth Sponsor Program	\$89,650.00
12	Chrysalis Center, Inc.	Phelps Village Energy Conservation Program	\$150,000.00
13	Community Renewal Team	Vocational English as a Second Language	\$150,000.00
14	Community Solutions International, Inc.	The Swift Factory Redevelopment Solar Panels	\$150,000.00
15	Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition (The)	Relief for Vulnerable Immigrants and Refugees	\$110,000.00
16	Connecticut Institute for the Blind (dba Oak Hill)	New England Assistive Technology	\$150,000.00
17	Connecticut Institute for the Blind (dba Oak Hill)	Oak Hill Adaptive Sports & Fitness	\$150,000.00
18	CT Science Center, Inc.	LED Retrofits for Exhibit Spotlights and Interior Space Lighting	\$103,981.00
19	Easter Seals Connecticut Inc. (dba Easterseals Coastal Fairfield County/Easterseals of Oak Hill)	Easterseals Camp Hemlocks	\$150,000.00
20	Girl Scouts of Connecticut	Girl Scout Leadership Experience	\$100,000.00
21	Glory Chapel International	Road to Success	\$150,000.00
22	Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce Foundation	Energy efficient lighting for Main Street	\$150,000.00

23	Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity	2020 Hartford Habitat - Energy Conservation Program	\$100,000.00
24	Hartford Artisans Weaving Center (The)	Creating an Eco-Friendly Building	\$144,000.00
25	Hartford Business Improvement District	Solarize Downtown Bus Shelters	\$75,000.00
26	Hartford Business Improvement District	Energy Efficient Downtown Street Lights	\$75,000.00
27	Hartford NAF Foundation, Inc.	Early College Experience Project	\$150,000.00
28	Hartford Performs	Hartford Performs	\$150,000.00
29	Hartford's Camp Courant	2020 Camp Courant Youth Development Programming	\$150,000.00
30	Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall Corporation	Bushnell Energy Conservation Projects	\$150,000.00
31	International Hartford Ltd.	Immigrant Enterprise Support	\$30,000.00
32	iQuilt Partnership	Bushnell Park Pump House Energy Efficient Upgrades	\$150,000.00
33	KNOX, Inc.	Trees for Hartford Neighborhoods	\$150,000.00
34	Mark Twain House & Museum (The)	Mark Twain House HVAC Upgrades	\$150,000.00
35	Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. (NINA)	2020 Hartford Heritage Homes	\$150,000.00
36	Open Hearth Association (The)	Energy improvements for emergency homeless shelter for men	\$50,000.00
37	Organized Parents Make a Difference, Inc.	OPMAD After School	\$150,000.00
38	PARTNERS Foundation, Inc.	PARTNERS® (Partners in Arts and Education Revitalizing Schools)	\$150,000.00
39	Phillips Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church	Phillips Energy Conservation and Public Safety Project	\$150,000.00
40	Preventive Medicine Center, Inc.	Information, Outreach, and Understanding (IOU)	\$150,000.00

41	Riverfront Recapture, Inc.	Boathouse Air Conditioning System Upgrade	\$82,500.00
42	San Juan Center, Inc.	San Juan Center Energy Plus	\$150,000.00
43	Sons of Thunder Coalition, Inc.	Sons of Thunder:EDUCATION-SOCIAL MEDIA MASTERY	\$150,000.00
44	Sons of Thunder Coalition, Inc.	Sons of Thunder:LITERACY REMEDIATION INITIATIVE	\$150,000.00
45	Sons of Thunder Coalition, Inc.	Sons of Thunder:ENERGY	\$150,000.00
46	Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. (SINA Inc.)	Cityscape Homes VII	\$150,000.00
47	TheaterWorks, Inc.	Installment of Energy Efficient Lighting to Illuminate the Exterior of the Building	\$10,000.00
48	Urban League of Greater Hartford, Inc. (ULGH)	ULGH Project STABLE (Success, Training, Asset Building, Learning, and Employment)	\$150,000.00
49	Village for Families & Children, Inc. (The)	Removal and replacement of 7 boilers - year 2	\$133,000.01
50	Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art (The)	Energy efficient lighting for Main Street	\$150,000.00
		TOTALS	\$6,062,221.01

and

WHEREAS, DRS requires the governing body of each municipality to approve the submission of the NAA applications to DRS for its review and approval; and

WHEREAS, Proposals must be approved and submitted to DRS before its July 31, 2020, deadline, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to submit the program proposals as listed on the attachment to this resolution, all of which are eligible under the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act, to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services by July 31, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council designates the Mayor as the City's authorized representative and further authorizes him to take all steps necessary to implement the NAA program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby 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 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.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM# 3 ON AGENDA

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Executive Session

Dear Council President Rosado,

I respectfully request that the Council enter into Executive Session during the Council meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020. A brief session is necessary in order to discuss the potential settlement of a workers' compensation matter, *Otto Dowd v. City of Hartford*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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INTRODUCED BY
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 3 of the City Charter, the Court of Common Council hereby approves settlement of *Otto Dowd v. City of Hartford* in the amount of \$54,000.



ITEM# 4 ON AGENDA

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Westbrook III Housing, LLC Tax Abatement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 15-year tax abatement agreement with Westbrook III Housing, LLC for rental housing units to be developed at 124 Mark Twain Drive, officially known as 1550 Albany Ave, Hartford, CT 06112.

This abatement agreement includes provisions for termination for failure to maintain the housing according to code.

Westbrook III Housing, LLC has entered into a Ground Lease for no fewer than 65-years with the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH). Upon completion, Westbrook Housing, Phase III will consist of 65 rental apartments, 50 affordable units and 15 market rate units, providing a unit mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Approximately 10% the affordable units will be reserved as permanent supportive services units. Phase III will also benefit from a playground and resident meeting space developed as part of Phase I. The total development budget is \$21,946,450.00 with a construction budget of \$15,496,207.00. Construction is expected to commence in 2020 and be completed in 2022.

Because the lease between the HACH and Westbrook III Housing, LLC is more than 50 years in length, the improvements are taxable. Annual property taxes on all units are estimated at \$189,728.50 or \$2,918.90 per unit. The 15 market rate units are excluded from the abatement and will be subject to full taxes. The developer has agreed to the following tax payment schedule for the 50 affordable units:

- Year 1-4 annual tax payment of \$40,000.00 (\$800.00/affordable unit);
- Starting in year 5, the unabated taxes shall be subject to a 2% increase per unit/ per year in each year the city upwardly adjusts the Grand Levy (e.g., the amount of revenue raised by property taxes in a fiscal year), with the 2% increases being effective July 1st of each year as applicable;
- Years 8-15 increases in the unabated taxes due to an increase in the Grand Levy will become permanent and cumulative.

This parcel has not generated tax revenue for many years and this development and abatement represent a chance for the City to grow the Grand List while providing the project with the financial stability it needs to operate the affordable housing units.

The tiered payment schedule ensures that the developer can meet the debt service coverage ratio requirements of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, which will help the developer keep rents affordable to households at 25%, 50% and 80% of the Area Median Income. The Tax Abatement Committee approved these abatement terms at their meeting of June 9, 2020.

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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WHEREAS, Westbrook Housing Phase III, is a proposed 6.42 -acre development which will include a total of 65 units consisting of 50 affordable residential units and 15 market rate residential units on a parcel land located at 124 Mark Twain Drive, officially known as 1550 Albany Avenue, (the "Property"), owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) and proposed by Penrose, LLC. Westbrook III Housing, LLC will lease the land from the HACH for a term of 65 years. Construction is to commence in the year 2020.

WHEREAS, Westbrook III Housing, LLC, has submitted an application for a new tax abatement which documents the need for tax relief and the Tax Abatement Committee has recommended such an agreement, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Westbrook III Housing, LLC for the Property, subject to the following conditions:

1. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed Fifteen (15) years from the date on which the first temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) or permanent certificate of occupancy (CO) whichever is earlier issued on the property.
2. Developer will pay prorated real estate tax on any improvements that receives TCO or CO for the fiscal year such is issued during the construction phase.
3. Developer will pay taxes according to the following for the 50 affordable units:

- **Year 1-4,** Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per unit, per year for a total of \$40,000.00 per year.

After year 4, the unabated taxes shall be subject to a 2% increase per unit per year in each year the City upwardly adjusts the Grand Levy (e.g., the amount of revenue raised by property taxes in a fiscal year), with the 2% increases being effective July 1st of each year as applicable. Years 8-15 increases in the unabated taxes due to an increase in the Grand Levy will become permanent and cumulative.

4. During the term of the abatement, all 50 units are to remain affordable as prescribed by the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. In the absence of a Deed or Mortgage Instrument defining affordability, the City of Hartford will determine affordability utilizing an established, transparent methodology
5. Owner shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and codes of the United States, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford in the operation and management of the Premises.
6. The Tax Abatement Agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without written consent of the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford
7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, City agrees that this Agreement shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party succeeding to the interest of the Owner under this Agreement. as a result of a foreclosure of a mortgage encumbering the Property or a transfer in lieu of foreclosure or realizing on a pledge or security interest of the equity interests in such Owner (including, without limitation, replacement of the managing member of such Owner), and if such transferee is a bank or other financial institution, such rights shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party immediately succeeding to the interest of such bank or other financial institution.

8. Upon any future sale or refinance, during the term of the abatement payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes.
9. During construction, Developer will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and or women trade workers, no less than 30% if total project work hours to be worked by Hartford Residents.
10. In the case of default, the City of Hartford shall retain the right to cancel the agreement and its remedy may include the payment of abated taxes.

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 interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transition, 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.



ABATEMENT COMMITTEE – NOTICE OF DECISION

At the scheduled meeting of the Committee of Abatement of Taxes and Assessment held on June 9, 2020, the Committee reviewed the application for an abatement of taxes for Westbrook III Housing, LLC located at 124 Mark Twain Drive, Hartford, CT 06112.

The majority of the Committee members with a recusal from Treasurer Cloud, approved a new abatement agreement for the 50 “affordable” units with the terms and conditions as follows:

- Fifteen (15) year tax abatement from the date on which the first temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) or permanent certificate of occupancy (CO) whichever is earlier issued on the property.
- Developer will pay as follows:
 - Year 1-4.** Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per unit, per year for a total of \$40,000.00 per year.
 - Year 5-8.** Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per unit, per year subject to a 2% increase in each year the City upwardly adjust the Grand Levy (e.g., the amount of revenue raised by property taxes in a fiscal year).
 - Years 8-15** After year seven, the unabated taxes of \$800 per unit, per year, shall be subject to a 2% increase per unit per year in each year the City upwardly adjust the Grand Levy, such increase will become permanent and accumulative until the end of the agreement (15th year).
- Developer will pay prorated real estate tax on any improvements that receives TCO or CO for the fiscal year such is issued during the construction phase.
- During the term of the abatement, all 50 units are to remain affordable as prescribed by the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. In the absence of a Deed or Mortgage Instrument defining affordability, the City of Hartford will determine affordability utilizing an established, transparent methodology.
- The tax abatement agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without written consent approved by the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford.



- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, City agrees that this Agreement shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party succeeding to the interest of the Owner under this Agreement as a result of a foreclosure of a mortgage encumbering the Property or a transfer in lieu of foreclosure or realizing on a pledge or security interest of the equity interests in such Owner (including, without limitation, replacement of the managing member of such Owner), and if such transferee is a bank or other financial institution, such rights shall automatically transfer and inure to the benefit of any party immediately succeeding to the interest of such bank or other financial institution."
- Upon any future sale or refinance, during the term of the abatement payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes.
- During construction, Developer will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and or women trade workers, no less than 30% if total project work hours to be worked by Hartford Residents.
- Market rate units are excluded from the abatement and will be subject to full taxes as calculated by the City of Hartford.

The Committee, finding a significant community benefit in the proposal, unanimously approved the application. Any approved agreement is subject to subsequent approval by the Court of Common Council.

Attest:

Howard Rifkin

Howard Rifkin
Corporation Counsel

Cc:

Treasurer Adam Cloud, Committee Chair
Leigh Ann Ralls, Commissioner
Tonja Nelson, Staff
Kimberly Taylor, Staff
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ITEM# 5 ON AGENDA

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: TMG CARA Holdings LLC Tax Abatement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a 10-year Tax Abatement Agreement with TMG CARA Holdings LLC (owner) to support the 150 units of affordable rental housing, known as Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments.

This abatement agreement includes provisions for termination for failure to maintain the housing according to code.

TMG CARA Holdings LLC, purchased the property in February 2018 and has worked to improve 150 units of affordable housing. The owner entered into a 20-year Use Agreement and a Housing Assistance Payment contract (HAP) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Use Agreement and HAP requires all units be rented to applicants who earn less than 80% of Area Median Income at the time of move-in and also regulates the tenant portion of rent.

The combined Assessed taxes on the properties are \$329,561.00 per year based on the 2018 Grand List or \$2,190.40 per unit. The Owners have agreed to the following terms for the 32 parcels and improvements (structures):

- A ten (10) year abatement of taxes.
- Annual tax payment as follows:
 - Year-1, onetime payment totaling \$200,000.00;
 - Year-2 \$1,000.00/per unit totaling \$150,000.00;
 - Years 3-10 \$1,000.00/unit per year subject to a 1.5% increase which shall be permeant and cumulative.

The request for a Tax Abatement Agreement was approved by the Tax Abatement Committee during its meeting held on June 9, 2020. When executed, an abatement agreement will help the owners fund additional general and capital repairs and improvements and help provide financial stability to operate and maintain affordable housing units for low income residents.

The Department of Development Services is happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

550 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Telephone (860) 757-9500
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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Clay Arsenal Renaissance Apartments is a 150-unit rental housing development disbursed amongst 32 parcels, 27 improved lots, 5 vacant/or auxiliary lots (see Exhibit I), in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood, just north of The City of Hartford's Downtown neighborhood (the "Property"). The Property which is affordable to and occupied by very low, low and moderate income persons and families, owned by TMG CARA Holdings LLC, (the "Owner") a Connecticut Limited Liability Company; and

WHEREAS, TMG CARA Holdings LLC will provide affordable housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families; and has submitted an application for a new tax abatement which documents the need for tax relief and the Tax Abatement Committee has recommended such an agreement, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with TMG CARA Holdings LLC for the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed Ten (10) years.
2. The Agreement shall apply to tax payments due from July 1, 2020 (2019 GL) through January 1, 2030.
3. The Agreement shall require the owner to pay as follows:
 - Year 1: Owner shall make a onetime payment in the amount of \$200,000.00 no later than 10 business days after the execution of the Tax Abatement Agreement, the payment shall be applied to the 2019 Grand list and the remain taxes for the 2019 GL shall be abated;
 - Year 2: Owner shall pay \$1,000.00 per unit/year for a total of \$150,000.00. (150x\$1,000.00);
 - Years 3 through 10: Owner shall pay \$1,000.00 per unit per year with an annual increase of 1.5%; all increases shall become permanent and accumulative.
4. The Owner shall continue to make repairs and improvements to those units not currently occupied and complete such repairs and improvements within 12 months of the execution date of the agreement.
5. The Owner shall begin construction of the community building by the 3rd year of the effective date of the Tax Abatement Agreement and complete it within a reasonable construction scheduled commensurate with industry standards for like structures in New England.
6. During any construction, capital repairs or improvements, the owner(s) will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and or women trade workers, no less than 30% if total project work hours to be worked by Hartford Residents.

7. Owner shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and codes of the United States, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford in the operation and management of the Premises.
8. During the term of the abatement, all 150 units are to remain affordable as prescribed by the HUD User Agreement effective September 2019.
9. The Tax Abatement Agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without written consent of the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford.
10. Upon any future sale or refinance, during the term of the abatement, payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes.
11. Any funds raised by the Owner to meet the City's requirements to complete improvements and or capital repairs be exempt from the 10% recapture clause.

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 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 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.

Exhibit I

TMG CARA Holdings LLC
Property List

62 Albany Av.,	18 Fairmont St
176-184 Albany Av.,	5 Florence St
152-158 Albany Av.,	1545 Main St.,
10 Belden St.,	<u>1713 Main St.,</u>
16 Belden St.,	<u>22, Seyms St</u>
17 Belden St.,	<u>26 Seyms St</u>
19 Belden St.,	<u>29 Seyms St</u>
43 Belden St.,	<u>30-32 Seyms St</u>
45 Belden St.,	<u>31 Seyms St</u>
49-51 Belden St.,	<u>34 Seyms St</u>
57 Belden St.	<u>39 Seyms St</u>
59 Belden St.,	<u>42 Seyms St.</u>
10-12 Center Street	
24-26 Center Street	
34-38 Center Street	
37-39 Center Street	
40-42 Center Street	
44-46 Center Street	
14-16 Center Street	
57-63 Center Street,	
55-55 1/2, East St,	
84-86 East St,	



ABATEMENT COMMITTEE – NOTICE OF DECISION

At the scheduled meeting of the Committee of Abatement of Taxes and Assessment held on June 9, 2020, the Committee reviewed the application for an abatement of taxes for TMG CARA Holdings LLC regarding the 150 units disbursed over thirty parcels as noted in Exhibit A of the Limited Warranty Deed, recording in Volume 7422- Page 1 of the Hartford Land Records.

The Committee has approved a new abatement agreement with the terms and conditions as follows:

- Ten (10) year tax abatement beginning July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2030.
- Owner shall make payments as follows:
 - Year 1: Owner shall make a onetime payment in the amount of \$200,000.00 no later than 10 business days after the execution of the Tax Abatement Agreement.
 - Year 2: Owner shall pay \$1,000.00 per unit/year for a total of \$150,000.00. (150x\$1,000.00)
 - Years 3 through 10: Owner shall pay \$1,000.00 per unit per year with an annual increase of 1.5%; all increases shall become permanent and accumulative.
- The Owner shall continue to make repairs and improvements to those units not currently occupied and complete such repairs and improvements within 12 months of the execution date of the agreement.
- The Owner shall begin construction of the community building by the 3rd year of the effective date of the Agreement and complete it within a reasonable construction scheduled commensurate with industry standards for like structures in New England.
- During any construction, capital repairs or improvements, the owner(s) will comply with Article XII, Section 2-680 of the Hartford Municipal Code, Hartford Affirmative Action Plan / Equal Employment Opportunity which requires developer to set aside 15% of the total construction project cost for certified Minority & Women Business Enterprises, assure no less than 15% of total project work hours by trade will be worked by minority and or women trade workers, no less than 30% if total project work hours to be worked by Hartford Residents.
- Owner shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and codes of the United States, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford in the operation and management of the Premises.



- During the term of the abatement, all 150 units are to remain affordable as prescribed by the HUD User Agreement.
- The Tax Abatement Agreement shall be non-assignable, non-transferable without written consent of the Committee on the Abatement of Taxes and Assessment and signed by the Mayor of the City of Hartford.
- Upon any future sale or refinance, during the term of the abatement, payment shall be made to the City of 10% of the net sales proceeds, or equity recapture, not to exceed the total of abated taxes.
- Any funds raised by the Owner to meet the City's requirements to complete improvements and or capital repairs be exempt from the 10% recapture clause.

The Committee finding a significant community benefit in the proposal, unanimously approved the application. Any approved agreement is subject to subsequent approval by the Court of Common Council.

Attest:

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Treasurer Adam M. Cloud
Committee Chair

Cc: Leigh Ann Ralls, Commissioner
Howard Rifkin, Commissioner
Tonja Nelson, Staff
Kimberly Taylor, Staff
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ITEM# 6 ON AGENDA

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Driving Enforcement Grant

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant in the amount of \$48,402.29 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for speed enforcement.

The purpose of this grant is to fund annual enforcement efforts of the Hartford Police Department related to speeding in areas of high traffic volume with low posted speed limits. The enforcement will focus in areas identified to have high rates of fatal and injury crashes. The grant covers 100% of overtime cost dedicated to enforcement and provides the full fringe.

The Hartford Police Department is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation 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 motor vehicle crashes caused by speeding; and

WHEREAS, Funds from the Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program will allow the Hartford Police Department to conduct high visibility enforcement focused on decreasing fatalities and injuries as a result of speeding, now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, The federal grant funds cover 100% of the wage and fringe cost; and

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford authorized to apply for and accept a grant for enforcement in the amount of \$48,402.29 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 hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporations 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 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.

Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

Health & Human Services Committee

Monday July 6th, 2020

6:00 PM, Council Chambers

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Report

July 7th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Health & Human Services Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on July 6th, 2020 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live).

Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilman James Sanchez and Health and Human Services Director Liany Arroyo.

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIRECTOR LIANY ARROYO (OR DESIGNEE)

- a. COVID UPDATE
- b. RECENT BUDGET APPROVAL
- c. PUBLIC HEALTH RECOVERY WORK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion:

Director Arroyo gave updates on Hartford current Corona Virus data. Currently there have been 2,642 cases of Coronavirus in Hartford, 536 hospitalizations and 160 COVID related deaths.

Concerning recent budget allocations Director stated that there will be an increase to Senior Centers that will focus on salaries for staff and 2 health inspectors.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nick Lebron

Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



Court of Common Council

ITEM#

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Labor, Education, Workforce & Youth Committee

Nick Lebron, Committee Chair
James Sanchez, Committee Member

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Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
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Nick Lebron, Councilman
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Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman
James Sánchez, Councilman
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Noel F. McGregor, Jr, Town and City Clerk

Labor, Education, Workforce & Youth Committee

Rescheduled Meeting Wednesday June 24th, 2020

6:00 PM, Council Chambers

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Report

June 29th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on June 24th, 2020 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live).

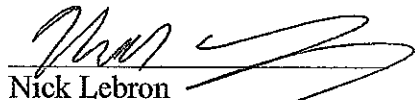
Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Councilman James Sanchez, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Clarence Zachary (Hartford Public Schools), Oliver Martin (Hartford Public Schools), Evette Avilla (Hartford Public Schools) & Brian Gallagher (Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee President)

Item #2. PARKS, RECREATION AND ATHLETIC COMMISSION REPORT: MR BRIAN GALLAGHER.

Discussion:

Brian highlighted the fact that staff are always getting shifted around from their intended duties. He stated that moving forward all Rec., staff should be utilized for Rec. He also reviewed his report and stated that it largely aligns with the Mayor's recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nick Lebron
Chair of Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee



Court of Common Council

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Health & Human Services Committee

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Marilyn Rosetti, Committee Member
John Gale, Committee Member

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Health & Human Services Committee

Monday July 6th, 2020

6:00 PM, Council Chambers

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Report

July 7th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

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Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rosetti, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilman James Sanchez and Health and Human Services Director Liany Arroyo.

1. **Item #2. REFERRED ITEM #3 OF COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 22nd, 2020 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution

authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$394,718, in funding for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) from the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc. (CDC Foundation). **Agenda Item #3**

Discussion:

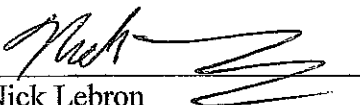
Referred to committee for the approval and acceptance of grant funds for the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is to be used for funds specifically related to Coronavirus. Director Arroyo stated the grant will be used in four ways. First improved testing measures that adds Antibodies tests, access for the undocumented communities and testing for the uninsured population. Second will be increase in access for transportation services. Third will be focused on outreach where (5) \$15,000 RFP grants will go out to local community-based organizations to promote testing. Last will be focused on addressing a growing anti-vaccine movement by using focus groups to analyze and combat baseline concerns. Councilman Clarke followed up with questions regarding Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Public Health Recovery Group recommendations and areas where are most affected in Hartford.

Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II made a motion to send to council with a favorable recommendation. Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti seconded the motion.

Vote Taken (3-0 in favor)

Lebron: -yes
Clarke: - yes
Rossetti: - yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

June 22, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Coronavirus Response Grant from CDC Foundation

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$394,718, in funding for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) from the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc. (CDC Foundation).

These funds allow DHHS to: 1) help increase testing in neighborhood settings; 2) help increase the number of community members who can access antibody testing; 3) fund transportation to testing sites; 4) conduct community outreach to increase awareness of coronavirus and testing of vulnerable communities; and 5) conduct initial research on vaccine acceptance and messaging.

This resolution authorizes DHHS to accept funds available from the CDC Foundation, and to execute contracts and contract amendments in accordance with the CDC Foundation award for the period 6/15/2020 through 5/31/2021. Accepting this grant will have no revenue or expense impact on the City's General Fund.

The Department of Health and Human Services is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, June 22, 2020

WHEREAS, The National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc. (CDC Foundation) has advised the City of Hartford through its Department of Health and Human Services of the availability of grant funding to support activities to reach communities of color during the Coronavirus pandemic in the City for the period of June 15, 2020 through May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The use of these funds supports the City's overall commitment to decrease the number of Hartford residents that become infected with the coronavirus and increase the number of residents who are informed about COVID-19; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to apply for and accept \$\$394,718 in grant funding from the CDC Foundation for the funding period June 15, 2020-May 31, 2021 to be used for the Protecting Communities of Color During a Pandemic Project administered by the Hartford Department of Health and Human Services; 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 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 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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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Health & Human Services Committee

Nick Lebron, Committee Chair
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Marilyn Rosetti, Committee Member
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Health & Human Services Committee

Monday July 6th, 2020

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Report

July 7th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
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Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

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Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Thomas J. Clarke II, Committee Member Marilyn Rossetti, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilman James Sanchez and Health and Human Services Director Liany Arroyo.

1. **Item #1 REFERRED ITEM #12 OF COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 8th 2020(COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (COUNCILMAN GALE)** Resolution urging the

Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Works and other departments, to participate in using "existing completed research" of FAR UVC Lighting for an "added extra level" of disinfecting. Agenda Item #12 (Replacement)

Discussion:

Referred to committee to urge the Department of Health and Human Services to research and potentially apply FAR UVC lighting as an extra layer of protection against the coronavirus. Councilman Sanchez reminded the committee that this resolution is based upon recommendations made from the previous committee meeting. He went on to further state that he understood the previous concerns of a false sense of security folks may have with just UV lighting alone and made the adjustments to the resolution. Councilwoman Rossetti stated that she would support the resolution as long as it doesn't add a burden to an already strained department. Director Arroyo agreed to the premise of the resolution and that a fair amount of research can be given towards this area.

Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II made a motion to send to council with a favorable recommendation. Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti seconded the motion.

Vote Taken (3-0 in favor)

Lebron: -yes
Clarke: - yes
Rossetti: - yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nick Lebron
Chair of Health & Human Services Committee

REPLACEMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM #12

INTRODUCED BY
James Sanchez, Councilman
John Q. Gale, Councilman

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, June 8, 2020

WHEREAS, On March 20th, 2020 Governor Lamont signed an Executive Order asking Connecticut Businesses and Residents to “Stay Safe, Stay Home”, effective Monday, March 23th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2020 Governor Lamont announced that his administration has released documents detailing phase 1 of Connecticut’s reopening plans to take effect beginning May 20, and

WHEREAS, to limit the community spread of Covid-19 and keep employees and the public safe; and

WHEREAS, Covid-19 is a respiratory illness that can be spread from person to person, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, to protect the community from the spread of the virus, people should, avoid close contact, avoid touching their face and wash hands for 20 seconds with soap or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020 Hartford County has 9,050 (1) laboratory confirmed cases, and the City of Hartford has 1,977 (1) confirmed cases which has increased since April; and

WHEREAS, according to Morris Miller CEO of Xenex Disinfection Services hundreds of germicidal ultraviolet lights (UV-C) have been shipped to Italy, Japan, Thailand, Ecuador and Spain, using UV-C to kill microbes, airborne viruses, microorganisms and to help disinfect their facilities; and [<https://www.cnn.com/video/2020/04/14/xenex-ceo-morris-miller-on-uv-light-disinfection-in-hospitals.html>]

WHEREAS, a study was done on UV-C lights at Duke University Hospital (DUH) , Duke Regional Hospital (DRH) and Duke Raleigh Hospital (DRAL) in North Carolina in 2017; and [<https://www.dukehealth.org/blog/uv-light-helps-duke-hospitals-fight-transmission-of-superbugs>]

WHEREAS, the Duke Health researchers found that UV-C lights being used at their facilities helped disinfect hard-to-reach areas by the emission of light bouncing and reflecting off objects; and

WHEREAS, the light waves kills the pathogens by disrupting their DNA (2); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC) did research on far ultraviolet C (far-UVC) lights to consider if far UV-C lights do kill airborne flu viruses; and [<https://www.cuimc.columbia.edu/news/can-uv-light-fight-spread-influenza>]

REPLACEMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM #12

WHEREAS, CUIMC found that far UV-C reduces the spread of person to person transmission of viruses through the air, by killing the viruses while they are in the air; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City unveiled a pilot program to cleaning buses and subways using UV-Lights to disinfect: and

[<https://abcnews.go.com/US/ultraviolet-light-zap-coronavirus-york-city-subways-buses/story?id=70770382>]

WHEREAS, in Louisiana Justin Hartenstein, Director of Development at the Metairie-based Oracle Lighting created new kind of mask that uses UV light technology to sanitize and disinfect the air around your face, and [<https://www.wvltv.com/article/news/local/jefferson/mask-developed-in-metairie-uses-uv-light-to-to-stop-coronavirus/289-d31e865e-e9b9-4523-bd0b-de729f84d82e>]

WHEREAS, UV lights have been used for years to sterilize medical equipment and purify water, and

WHEREAS, Magnolia Bakery's in New York will also replace its recessed lighting with special ones that also emit far-UVC; now, therefore be it [<https://nypost.com/2020/05/18/magnolia-bakery-to-fight-coronavirus-with-futuristic-cleanse-portal/>]

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford's Court of Common Council urges the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Works and other departments, in using "existing completed research" of FAR UVC Lighting for an "added extra level" of disinfecting; and be it further

RESOLVED, if implemented, the departments shall safely use FAR UVC lights at all City of Hartford facilities contact surfaces i.e. counters of City Clerk's office, Vital Statistics office, Tax Office, including but not limited to air handling heating and cooling unit systems, etc., and/or for general overnight cleaning purposes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this FAR UVC technology is not intended to end nor replaces the standard disinfecting practices recognized today; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this FAR UVC light shall not be used in direct contact to a person and/ or animal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Health and Human Services with the Grants Department locate and appropriate funding for such technology, and be it further

RESOLVED, by implementing this technology all people entering City facilities shall enter with the knowledge, that the City of Hartford added an extra layer of environmental protection from pathogens and viruses.

(1) <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

(2) <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-21058-w>



Court of Common Council

ITEM#

ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Labor, Education, Workforce & Youth Committee

Nick Lebron, Committee Chair
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Labor, Education, Workforce & Youth Committee

Rescheduled Meeting Wednesday June 24th, 2020

6:00 PM, Council Chambers

Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live

Report

June 29th, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President
City of Hartford
550 Main St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met virtually on June 24th, 2020 at 6pm (Streamed Live via [www.https://HPATV.org/channel96](https://HPATV.org/channel96) for Comcast/Xfinity Customers and Facebook Live).

Present were Nick Lebron, Chair, Committee Member Councilman James Sanchez, Council President Maly Rosado, Councilman John Gale, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon, Clarence Zachary (Hartford Public Schools), Oliver Martin (Hartford Public Schools), Evette Avilla (Hartford Public Schools) & Brian Gallagher (Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee President)

Item #1 COUNCILMAN NICK LEBRON, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL URGING THE HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO RECONSIDER THE CURENT MOVE FROM 110 WASHINGTON ST. TO 85 EDWARDS ST. TO A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION OR REMAIN WHERE IT IS CURRENTLY LOCATED. (ITEM #14 on Agenda May 26th, 2020)

Discussion:

Referred to committee to urge the Hartford Board of Education to reconsider moving Adult Ed from 110 Washington Street to 85 Edwards Street. Clarence Zachary stated the space for Adult Ed will be more secure then it is today. There will be a separate entrance for Adult Ed students. In addition, there will be alarms that will go off to alert adult ed personal and security if the doors are open that shouldn't be; which would allow them to respond accordingly. Evette Avilla stated that there was a three-year plan in place that included the move in the 20/21 school year. Councilman Sanchez stated that he was made aware that there was currently a petition against the move with over 1100 signatures that was presented to the Board of Education. Hartford Public Schools staff stated they were unaware of any petition but would try to locate and provide it to the Council.

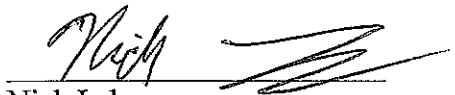
Councilman James Sanchez made a motion to send to council with a favorable recommendation. Councilman Nick Lebron seconded the motion

Vote Taken (2-0 in favor)

Lebron: -yes

Sanchez: - yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Nick Lebron

Chair of Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Committee

INTRODUCED BY
Councilman Nick Lebrón

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, May 26, 2020

WHEREAS, The Hartford Adult Education Center is run and operated by the Hartford Board of Education at its current location of 110 Washington St. Hartford CT and is scheduled to move the center to 85 Edwards St in Hartford CT for the Fall of 2020.

WHEREAS, The Adult Education Center in Hartford is an institution of learning dedicated to preparing students for successful transition into post-secondary education and/or the 21st century workforce.

WHEREAS, through quality educational program, the Adult Education Center in Hartford will assist adult learners in the pursuit of English language proficiency, secondary education completion, and acquisition of skills needed for postsecondary opportunities and/or workforce.

WHEREAS, the current physical location of the space allows it to be successful based upon its equidistance to all neighborhoods in Hartford

WHEREAS, The Center operates at full capacity during both the day and evenings

WHEREAS, The Center has been instrumental in helping migrant families at its current location.

WHEREAS, Some Adult Education students wouldn't be able to attend because of potential backgrounds and it's shared spacing at the new location.

WHEREAS, its current location was promised to be a permanent location by previous administrations.

WHEREAS, over 130 community stakeholders that includes students, teachers, parents and community-based organizations, oppose the relocation. (See attached)

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford Court of Common Council urge the Hartford Board of Education to reconsider the current move from 110 Washington St to 85 Edwards St to a more suitable location or to remain where it is currently located.



ITEM#

ON AGENDA

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Revision to Residency Requirement

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would revise Chapter 2, Section 850 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford, commonly known as the residency requirement. As you know, while state law bars a residency requirement for union employees, our current residency requirement applies to all Council and Mayoral appointees and unclassified employees of the City.

The ordinance change before you would create a mechanism by which that requirement can be waived for certain employees, with a 10% decrease in maximum salary for any employee for whom the requirement is waived. Please note that the ordinance before you does not allow the residency requirement to be waived for the Chief Operating Officer, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, or the Corporation Counsel.

The purpose of the residency requirement is to help ensure City leaders are connected to and invested in the community. We all share that desire and that goal. However, as an administration, we have seen that there can be an unintended consequence to the residency requirement as currently constituted: some candidates who have deep ties to Hartford, but whose families have moved to surrounding communities, are effectively dismissed from contention for leadership roles because it is not practical for them to sell their homes and move their families just a few miles. In some cases, the residency requirement as currently constituted actually makes it easier to recruit someone from out of state, with no ties to Hartford, than it does to recruit someone who lives, for example, in Bloomfield or Windsor, and has strong connections to Hartford.

In addition, almost all employees subject to the residency requirement are appointees, and therefore have much less job security than our other employees. Finally, for department heads in particular, we recruit individuals with very specific expertise, who are highly qualified in particular areas of municipal government. That limits the candidate pool to begin with, and the residency requirement as currently constituted puts us at a competitive disadvantage. While some of our peer cities also have residency requirements, few, if any, apply to such a wide range of employees as Hartford's.

I strongly believe that we should encourage and incentivize residency, as this change seeks to do. I do not believe that the current inflexible requirement benefits our city or our community in the way in which it was originally intended.

I look forward to discussing this proposal with you and working together to ensure that we are delivering the best possible service to our residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

HEADING
AND
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 850 OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COUNCIL,

COURT OF COMMON

CITY OF HARTFORD

March 9, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Chapter 2, Section 850, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford be amended as follows:

- (A) All council and Mayor appointees and Unclassified Employees employed by the City, shall maintain a continuous residence in the City during the period of such appointment or employment. This section shall not apply to new employees or appointees during the first six (6) months of such employment or appointment. If such individual ceases to be a bona fide resident of the City once the residency has been established or fails to become a bona fide resident within six (6) months of the appointment or employment, the Council shall, by a vote of seven (7) members, send notice to the mayor that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter V, section 3(c) of the Hartford Charter, the office or position of the individual who has failed to remain a bona fide resident of Hartford shall thereupon become vacant, and such appointment or employment shall terminate.

Bona fide resident is defined as:

- (1) An employee who has a Hartford mailing address. A post office address does not qualify as a bona fide Hartford address;
 - (2) Be a registered Hartford voter; and
 - (3) If the employee owns a motor vehicle, said motor vehicle must be registered in the City of Hartford
- (B) The provisions of subsection (A) above shall not apply to individuals who were employees and appointees at the time of the effective date of this section.
- (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A) above, the Mayor, after providing a written justification to the Council, may waive the requirement for bona fide residence in the City of Hartford, provided that (1) such requirement shall never be waived for the positions of Chief Operating Officer, Fire Chief, Chief of Police and Corporation Counsel, and (2) the maximum salary for any employee for whom the residency requirement is waived shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) from that set forth in the applicable pay scale.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.



ITEM# 13 ON AGENDA

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

July 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Revisions to Strengthen Civilian Police Review Board

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would significantly strengthen the Civilian Police Review Board. I believe that we stand united in our desire to reform and strengthen the Civilian Police Review Board, giving it full-time, professional staff, more investigative power, and giving its findings significantly greater weight.

Like the draft I sent to you last week, this version is of course subject to change based on additional stakeholder engagement and deliberation -- and of course the legislative process the Council will go through.

The only change in this version from the previous version that you saw is a new requirement for the Mayor to solicit recommendations from organizations representing various stakeholders, including organizations advocating for criminal and social justice reform, neighborhood organizations, and others. The requirement also mandates that the Mayor tell the Council which organizations were consulted when transmitting a nominee. This change is the result of hearing from stakeholders, including the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, that there is a desire to have more community input in the selection process for the CPRB.

I hope we can work together to adopt strong reforms that bolster civilian oversight of police, strengthen the expectations for fair, strong accountability within the police department, and that earn buy in and credibility with all stakeholders, including our community and members of the police department.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have, as is Corporation Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introduced by:

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PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, DIVISION 5, SECTION 2-196 OF
THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

July 13, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Article V, Division 5, Section 2-196, of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-196. - Established; composition; meetings; functions.

- (a) *Established.* There is hereby established a civilian police review board to hear public complaints against members of the Hartford Police Department. It is in the interest of Hartford residents and citizens, generally, and of the Hartford Police Department that investigations of complaints concerning misconduct by police officers involving members of the public be complete, thorough and impartial. These inquiries must be conducted fairly and independently, and in such a manner that the public and the police department have confidence. An independent civilian complaint review board is hereby established, as a body comprised of voting members who are civilians. The civilian police review board shall have the authority to investigate allegations through [independent investigators] the inspector general, of police misconduct, [to review reports and conclusions of] concurrent to the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division review of a complaint, and to reach an independent judgment and [to determine that they are complete, accurate and factually supported,] to make [recommendations] findings and transmit them to the police chief and to the mayor in connection therewith. Said review board shall be in the Office of Equity and Opportunity for administrative purposes only.
- (b) *Composition.* The civilian police review board shall be comprised of nine (9) regular voting members and two (2) alternates who shall be regular voting members when they sit. The mayor shall appoint eight (8) of the nine (9) regular members, pursuant to Section 2(d)

of Chapter IV of the City Charter, no more than two (2) of whom may be non-residents of the city, and the mayor shall appoint both of the alternates. The commission on human relations shall appoint one (1) member. Both alternates and the member appointed by the commission on human relations shall be Hartford residents.

[The Office of Human Relations shall procure the services of independent investigators who are not active, sworn police officers to work on behalf of the civilian police review board.] The civilian police review board shall rely upon the findings, and investigative reports of the [independent investigator] inspector general in making recommendations. In addition to other information and testimony of witnesses, the [independent investigator] inspector general shall have access to the same files and reports as the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division as allowed by existing statutes or requirements of law.

No civilian member of the civilian police review board shall be an officer of the Hartford Police Department or employee of the City of Hartford, or an immediate family member of an officer of the Hartford Police Department or employee of the City of Hartford, as governed and defined by the City of Hartford Code of Ethics.

Members and alternates selected for the civilian police review board shall be chosen based on their experience and expertise in fields relevant to the charge of the civilian police review board. The civilian police review board shall be reflective of the city's neighborhoods and communities and of its business, labor and legal communities and, as well as, of the city's ethnic, gender, racial and sexual orientation composition. In making appointments to the board, the Mayor shall solicit and consider recommendations from organizations representing various communities of interest, including but not limited to, organizations in the City advocating for criminal and social justice reform, neighborhood organizations, business and labor organizations, and organizations advocating for diversity and equality within the City.

In transmitting the name of a nominee to the City Council, the Mayor shall provide the qualifications of the nominee as well as a list of the organizations from which the Mayor sought input and recommendations.

The police chief shall designate one (1) non-voting member and one (1) non-voting alternate from the Hartford Police Department who shall be available to advise the civilian police review board as to police policies, training and procedures. The said designees, each to be of a rank of at least Lieutenant, shall have first undergone diversity and cultural sensitivity training.

Of the members initially appointed to the civilian police review board by the mayor, four (4) shall be appointed for four (4) years each; three (3) shall be appointed for three (3) years each, and one (1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter each and all appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years. The two (2) alternates shall each be appointed for a four (4) year term. The member appointed by the commission on human relations shall serve for four (4) years. Each member shall serve until his/her successor is appointed and any member may be

reappointed. Any member of the civilian police review board appointed by the mayor may be removed for cause by the mayor. Any member of the civilian police review board appointed by the commission on human relations may be removed for cause by the commission on human relations.

Any member of the civilian police review board who misses, without excuse or permission, three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings in a twelve (12) month period of the civilian police review board's regularly scheduled meetings shall be considered to have resigned. Any vacancy on the civilian police review board occasioned by resignation, death, inability to serve or removal of a member shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the mayor within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date when the vacancy occurred.

The members of the civilian police review board shall undergo training in the policies, procedures and directives of the Police Department relevant to their duties. The police department and the [Office of Human Relations] inspector general shall cooperate in the development and provision of such training.

- (c) *Jurisdiction.* The civilian police review board shall investigate through [independent investigators and the staff of the Office of Human Relations] the inspector general [all] citizen complaints against City of Hartford police officers filed with the Police Department or with the [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board, concurrent to any investigation conducted by Police/Internal Affairs. Complaints may be filed directly with the [Office of Human Relations] the civilian police review board or with the police department or with community-based agencies, registered by the [Office of [Human Relations] civilian police review board and the police department. Each citizen complaint received by the [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board, whether directly or from a community agency, shall be forwarded to the police department within three (3) business days. Complaints received by the Police Department shall be forwarded to the civilian police review board within three (3) business days.

The civilian police review board shall have jurisdiction over citizen complaints against police officers related to, but not limited to, the following:

- [(1) Slow or poor service.
- (2) Discourteous attitude.
- (3) Profane language.]
- (1) Improper handling of citizen's property.
- (2) False arrest; improper detention.
- (3) Violation of the code of conduct.
- (4) Excessive use of force.
- (5) Civil rights violation.
- (6) Illegal search and seizure.
- (7) Failure to provide medical attention.
- (8) Harassment.
- (9) Use of racial or ethnic slurs/discriminatory language.

- (10) Crime committed by police.
- (11) Abuse of authority.
- (12) Retaliation for filing a complaint.

Allegations in a complaint of slow or poor service, discourteous attitude or use of profane language shall be investigated by Police/Internal Affairs and reported to the civilian police review board on a quarterly basis. In cases in which an officer has had repeatedly been the subject of complaints for slow or poor service, discourteous attitude or use of profane language, based upon a vote of the civilian police review board, a full inspector general investigation may be required.

The civilian police review board shall have the right to request on its own motion an investigation of a public incident when the public interest may be served by so doing. However, the civilian police review board may not initiate complaints as to police conduct or claimed misconduct and may not issue recommendations for discipline on its own motion.

The [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board, through the inspector general, will provide training and information to community-based agencies regarding the citizen complaint process.

[Within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of any discipline or disciplinary proceeding by the police department with respect to a sustained citizen complaint, the Office of Human Relations shall be notified and shall promptly notify the civilian police review board and any community-based agencies involved.

A notice and summary report of all citizen complaints investigated by the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division shall be forwarded to the Office of Human Relations for transmittal to the civilian police review board.

Citizen complaints of a less serious nature, as determined by the Director of the Office of Human Relations, or her/his designee, including complaints such as slow or poor service, or for discourteous attitude, shall be offered for voluntary mediation to all parties. Said mediation will be conducted at the Office of Human Relations. If mediation is not agreed to or is not successful in resolving the complaint, it shall be investigated.]

(d) *Operations.*

- (1) The mayor shall designate the chairperson of the civilian police review board, who shall serve a one-year term which may be extended by designation of the mayor annually for no more than three (3) terms of one (1) year each. Annually, the civilian police review board shall elect a vice chairperson and a secretary. Said elections shall be by a quorum of the members at the meeting of the civilian police review board falling closest to the anniversary date of the previous election. The chairperson shall act as spokesperson for and as liaison between the civilian police review board and the mayor and the city. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice chairperson shall serve or act until a succeeding chairperson is

appointed.

- (2) The city shall provide for the requisite staff assistance, supplies, equipment and facilities to the Office of [Human Relations] Equity and Opportunity in order to facilitate the administration of the civilian police review board business. [The Office of Human Relations may seek additional funding or resources through grant writing or otherwise on behalf of the civilian police review board.] The [Office of Human Relations] civilian police review board will develop policies and procedures for the filing and processing of citizen complaints, for the operations of the civilian police review board and for training members of the civilian police review board and the community-based agencies.
- (3) The meetings of the civilian police review board shall be open to the public, except that the civilian police review board may hold executive sessions in accordance with state law. Meetings of the civilian police review board shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act.
- (4) The meetings of the civilian police review board shall be held at sites away from the police stations.
- (5) The civilian police review board shall meet monthly. A quorum of five (5) members is required to convene a regularly scheduled or specially called meeting and conduct business.
- (6) When sufficient cause exists, the civilian police review board may convene special meetings, in accordance with its policies and procedures and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
- (7) The reports of the [independent investigators] inspector general associated with the civilian police review board shall [normally] be completed within forty-five (45) days from the date the investigation is initiated.

If extenuating circumstances prevent the [independent investigation] inspector general from being completed within forty-five (45) days, a request for additional time shall be submitted to the [Director of Human Relations] chair of the civilian police review board, who may grant additional time for the completion and submission of the [independent] investigation.

- (8.) At each meeting, the civilian police review board shall review pending citizen complaint cases; decide completed citizen complaint cases; and receive updates on its recommendations.
- (9) In the course of its [proceedings with respect to] investigation into citizen complaints, in [an] appropriate circumstances, the [civilian police review board] inspector general may take sworn testimony from witnesses concerning the alleged conduct which is the subject of the complaint. Any officer or member of the police department against whom a citizen complaint is filed may be required to attend and participate. [except where the report and any recommendation of the independent investigator concurs with the recommendation of

the Hartford Police Department/Internal Affairs that the citizen complaint is not sustained, provided that no such officer or member of the police department shall be compelled to testify or submit evidence.

The police chief will ensure that a non-voting designee of her/his choice shall be present at every meeting of the civilian police review board. In the event that the standing non-voting designee and alternate is unavailable, the police chief shall notify the Office of Human Relations and assign a substitute participant of the Hartford Police Department.]

(10) Following the review of a citizen complaint and subsequent investigation by the inspector general, the civilian police review board will determine whether or not the citizen complaint is [upheld] sustained. The civilian police review board will promptly report its findings and determinations to the police chief. A copy of its determinations shall also be sent to the citizen complainant and to the relevant community-based agency, if applicable.

[(11) In the event the police chief adopts the findings or accepts the recommendation of the civilian police review board, she/he shall promptly notify in writing the civilian police review board of the same. The police chief shall cause notice of the decision to be given to the citizen complainant and to the relevant community-based agency, if applicable.

(12) The police chief shall seriously consider the findings and recommendations of the civilian police review board. Should the police chief elect not to accept either the findings or the recommendation of the civilian police review board, she/he shall promptly notify in writing the civilian police review board of her/his decision and the reasons for said decision related to the specific civilian complaint.]

(11) The chief of police shall promptly review the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board and consider the recommendations of internal affairs. Any proposed action by the Chief that substantially differs from the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board shall be the subject of review by the three-member panel established herein.

(12) (i) There is hereby established a three-member panel, which shall include the chief of police, the chair of the civilian police review board or a member designee, and an independent member selected by the chief of police and the chair of the civilian police review board from a list of qualified individuals approved by the selection panel established herein. The three-member panel shall be empaneled to review any citizen complaint in which the findings and determinations of the civilian police review board and those of the chief of police differ. The inspector general, or designee, and the commander of internal affairs, or designee, shall present the respective findings and recommendations. Such panel, after reviewing all the facts, reports and findings shall render a decision, by a majority vote, that either upholds the findings and proposed actions of the chief of police or upholds the findings and proposed actions of the civilian police review board. The decision of the panel shall be reduced to writing and shall become a public document. The decision by the three-member panel shall be final, and the Chief of Police shall proceed in conformance therewith.

(ii) The independent panel member may be a retired judge, including a judge referee, or a retired judge of probate. Such independent member may be entitled to a daily stipend for participating in a review.

[In the event the police chief adopts the findings or accepts the recommendation of the civilian police review board, she/he shall promptly notify in writing the civilian police review board through the Office of Human Relations of the same. The police chief shall cause notice of the decision to be given to the citizen complainant and to the community-based agencies, if applicable.]

(13) There is hereby established a selection committee consisting of the Council President or their designee, the chief of police, the chair of the civilian police review board, the president of the Hartford Police Union, and the inspector general, which shall generate a list of candidates qualified to serve as independent members of the three-member panel established herein. To be eligible for inclusion on the list of qualified candidates, an individual must be a retired state or federal judge or state referee.

(14) The civilian police review board will seek to complete its review of every civilian complaint within ninety (90) days of receipt thereof. In the event that circumstances prevent the completion of a review of a civilian complaint within ninety (90) days, the [Office of Human Relations] inspector general, on behalf of the civilian police review board, will submit written cause for the delay and reason(s) for the same to the office of the mayor.

(15) [The Office of Human Relations shall monitor the activities of the civilian police review board and make recommendations to improve its operations.]

The civilian police review board may also make recommendations to the office of the mayor for revision of specific police department policies and procedures related to civilian complaint process.

(e) *Accountability.* The civilian police review board shall prepare an annual report to the office of the mayor and the court of common council indicating:

(1) The type and number of complaints filed,

(2) The number of police officer(s) complained against and the number of police officer(s) and members of the police department against whom multiple complaints were received, and the disposition of the complaints, and

(3) The dollar value, if any, of settlements ordered and/or paid arising out of the citizen complaints, provided such disclosure does not violate a confidentiality agreement

The chief of police shall prepare an annual report to the office of the mayor and the court of common council indicating disciplinary actions taken and assistance offered to police officer(s) and members of the Hartford Police Department against whom multiple civilian complaints were received.

(f) (new) *Inspector General*. There is hereby established the position of inspector general. The inspector general shall be a member of the classified service and following a competitive selection process shall be appointed by a panel consisting of the chair of the civilian police review board, the mayor, and the president of the city council. The inspector general shall have the requisite skills and knowledge of general police policies and practices and the state of the law related to civil rights, and other claims made against police officers, and more generally have experience and expertise in fields relevant to the charge of the civilian police review board. The inspector general may have a law enforcement background but may not be a member of a police department at the time of nomination to the position or have ever been a member of the Hartford Police Department. The inspector general may have such staff as may be provided for in the annual budget as adopted by the City Council. Such staff shall be members of the classified service and, subject to the rules of the classified service, shall be appointed and may be removed by the inspector general. Such staff may have a law enforcement background but may not be a member of a police department at the time of the nomination to the position or may not have ever been a member of the Hartford Police Department.

(1) The inspector general reports to the civilian police review board.

(2) The inspector general shall conduct a concurrent investigation, along with the Police Department/Internal Affairs investigation, into each citizen complaint referred by the civilian police review board.

(3) The chair of the civilian police review board shall refer complaints to the inspector general forthwith for investigation.

(4) The inspector general shall have access to the same files and reports as the Hartford Police Department's Internal Affairs Division as allowed by existing statutes or requirements of law.

(5) Upon authorization under state law, the inspector general shall have subpoena power as part of an investigation of a complaint.

(6) The inspector general shall complete its investigation and provide its findings and recommendations within a forty-five day (45) period, unless that time is extended pursuant to the provisions of this section.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

(Ord. No. 29-92, 6-22-92; Ord. No. 8-00, 3-27-00; Ord. No. 51-03, 12-8-03; Ord. No. 05-06, 4-10-06; Ord. No. 20-06, 6-12-06)

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Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

The City of Hartford provides three City employees, the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief, with City vehicles for twenty-four-hour use and it is in the interest of all residents that any accidents involving City vehicles and the damage or injuries resulting therefrom are properly investigated.

It is in the interest of the City that City vehicles are used safely and appropriately, and the Court of Common Council enacted an ordinance governing City vehicles, Sec. 2 – 860, in 2013. the Chief Operating Officer of the City indicated in an email to the Court of Common Council on June 29, 2020, that the City was not fully in compliance with that ordinance, inasmuch as the City vehicle provided to the Police Chief was not equipped with a global positioning system.

The Police Chief was involved on May 31, 2020, in an accident resulting in damage to the City-provided vehicle he was operating, which accident was not reported to State Police or local law enforcement when it occurred, nor timely investigated by an independent authority at any time, nor reported to the Court of Common Council until June 26, 2020; therefore, be it hereby enacted that the above-mentioned ordinance shall be amended as provided herein.

Respectfully submitted, Councilman Joshua Michtom

Introduced
by:

Councilman Joshua Michtom

HEADING
AND
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2, ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 2-860 MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE.

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

July 13, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

That Section 1-5 of the Municipal Code of Hartford shall be amended as follows:

The following ordinance is modified by the addition of underlined material.

Sec. 2-860. - [Motor vehicles policy.]

(A) Use of City Vehicles. It shall be the policy of the City of Hartford that motor vehicles will be provided to only the following City employees on a twenty-four-hour basis, but only if such vehicles are equipped with a global positioning system as detailed in paragraph (D), below. None of the City employees listed below shall be provided with a motor vehicle unless such vehicle is equipped as required by this Section:

- Mayor of the City of Hartford.
- Police Chief of the City of Hartford Police Department.
- Fire Chief of the City of Hartford Fire Department.

(B) No City of Hartford employee shall be provided a motor vehicle of any kind on a twenty-four (24) hour basis unless the Court of Common Council specifically authorizes the use of the motor vehicle in a resolution solely for the purpose of granting authorization for twenty-four (24) hour usage.

(C) The City of Hartford shall determine the taxable benefit of the use of a motor

vehicle owned by the City and shall report said benefit to the appropriate state and federal authorities. The City of Hartford's determination of the taxable benefit shall be a matter of public record.

(D) Every vehicle owned by the City of Hartford shall be equipped with a global positioning system with the capabilities to identify the location of any vehicle and to determine its mileage usage.

(E) Whenever any of the City employees listed above is operating or traveling in a motor vehicle provided on a twenty-four-hour basis and such vehicle is involved in any accident resulting in property damage, including damage to that vehicle, or injury, including injury to occupants of that vehicle, the City employee to whom that vehicle was provided shall, if the incident occurred outside Hartford, report the incident immediately to the local police of the town where the incident occurred, or to the State Police, or to such other law enforcement agency as has jurisdiction in that place, or, if the incident occurred in Hartford, report the incident to the State Police, so an independent investigation can be completed.

(F) Within seven days of the incident described in (E) above, the City employee to whom the vehicle was provided shall notify the Mayor, the Chief Operating Officer, and all members of the Court of Common Council of the incident, via email, including the following information:

- The time, date, and location of the incident;
- The names of everyone who was in the vehicle at the time of the incident;
- Whether anyone was injured and if so, the names of the injured parties and the nature of their injuries, inasmuch as that information is known;
- Whether property was damaged and if so, the names of the property owners and the nature of the damage, inasmuch as that information is known;
- A brief description of the incident;
- The case number or similar record number assigned to the incident by the law enforcement agency that investigated as provided above, or, if the law enforcement agency contacted declined to investigate, the name of the agency and the representative of that agency who indicated to the City employee that there would be no investigation;
- Any documents generated by the responding law enforcement agency with regard to the incident;
- If any criminal charges resulted from the incident, either against the City employee or any other person, the nature of those charges;
- Such other information and / or documents as the City employee deems relevant to explain and detail the incident.

The City employee shall be under a continuing obligation to provide further information concerning the incident to the parties listed above, as soon as that information becomes available.

(G) No vehicle provided to a City employee on a twenty-four-hour basis shall be used for any personal trip to any location more than fifty miles outside the City of Hartford without prior consent of the Mayor or the Chief Operating Officer and prior notice to the Court of Common Council.

(H) Failure to comply with any of the requirements of paragraphs (E) – (G) shall result in the forfeiture of the use of the City vehicle for one year. Such failure of compliance shall be determined by a vote of the majority of the Court of Common Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilman James Sanchez
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon
Councilman John Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford serves as the Capital City for Connecticut and a hub to the region for employment, education, and social services; and

WHEREAS, The population of Hartford is approximately 125,000, but as the capital city we effectively serve Hartford County which has a population of over 1 million; and

WHEREAS, According to Data Haven, over forty percent of Hartford residents do not have access to reliable personal transportation and thus rely on public transportation and/or walking and biking to navigate the city; and

WHEREAS, Over the last several years there has been a noticeable increase in the use of ATVs, red light running, vehicle accidents, speeding, and more throughout the city, all of which puts at serious risk the lives of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA), within the Connecticut Department of Transportation, is charged with the promulgation of regulations establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals, devices, signs, and markings for public highways/roadways; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council calls upon the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly to sponsor a bill requiring that OSTA conduct a public safety study to ensure that Hartford is taking advantage of every opportunity to protect our streets from reckless drivers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in conducting its study, OSTA shall work with local traffic authorities in developing its findings and in making recommendations, and that such study with recommendations shall be completed and submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly on or before June 1, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Town and City Clerk shall provide certified copies of this Resolution to the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly forthwith.

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, At its duly called meeting of June 22, 2020, the Court of Common Council adopted, "An Ordinance Concerning the Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020"; and

WHEREAS, In the adoption of said ordinance, a tax of 1 with 0.3115 of a mill (1.3115) mills on the ratable estate within the Hartford Business Improvement District, also known as the Hartford Special Services District, was set; and

WHEREAS, The mill rate established in said ordinance was in error, having been transposed from the previous Tax Levy Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The intent was to establish a rate of 1.32 mills, as unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Hartford Business Improvement District on March 10, 2020; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Town and City Clerk is hereby directed to correct the Tax Levy Ordinance to reflect that "a tax of 1 with 0.32 of a mill (1.32) mills on the ratable estate within the Hartford Business Improvement District, also known as the Hartford Special Services District", to substitute said corrected ordinance for the ordinance previously adopted with a copy of this Resolution attached thereto, and to distribute same as appropriate.

INTRODUCED BY:

Maly D. Rosado, Council President
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader
Councilman James Sanchez
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilman John Gale
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez
Councilman Joshua Michtom

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford experienced rioting between 1966 and 1969; and

WHEREAS, In 1969 three individuals and four organizations filed a discrimination suit against then Hartford Police Chief Thomas Vaughn and senior members of the Hartford Police Department leadership; and

WHEREAS, The suit alleged that the Hartford Police Department had conducted an illegal campaign of violence, intimidation and humiliation against Hartford's African American and Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the litigation was settled and a consent decree was established wherein the Hartford Police Department agreed 1) to establish new processes and procedures for the review of citizen complaints regarding the conduct of Hartford Police officers, and, 2) Hartford Police Officers would conduct their interactions with citizens without the use of profane or derogatory terms; and

WHEREAS, During the period since the settlement the Consent Decree and the related negotiations between the Plaintiffs and the City of Hartford have resulted in additional procedures and programs for the recruitment of Hartford residents with the goal of having the racial make-up of the Hartford Police Department more accurately represent the make-up of the residents of the City of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, During the last few months, our nation has been ethically and morally racked by the murder of people of color by members of different police departments around the country; and

WHEREAS, These murders have resulted in rioting and civil unrest in all corners of our nation; and

WHEREAS, The Cintron v. Vaughn Consent Decree and the related communication and negotiations between the Plaintiffs and the Hartford Police Department is one of many tools to foster racial and disciplinary progress in the Hartford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Such avenues of reform and progress in how our City polices its communities is necessary and critical especially at this time in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, The Cintron v. Vaughn Consent Decree is scheduled to "sunset" on October 31, 2020; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council urges the Administration to request that the Federal Court not “sunset” the Consent Decree until more progress has been made in the effective review and discipline of officers when they violate the Hartford Police Department’s code of conduct and standing orders as they apply to interactions with Hartford residents, accountability measures are secure, and significantly more progress is made in having the racial make-up of the Hartford Police Department reflect that of the City of Hartford.

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez
Councilman Josh Michtom
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilman John Q. Gale
Councilman James Sanchez
Majority Leader T.J. Clarke

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13th, 2020

RESOLUTION TO ASSIST WITH THE CITY OF HARTFORD PARK'S FIELD RESERVATION PROCESS

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford implemented the MyRec Field Reservation system four years ago to reserve park fields in Hartford, and

WHEREAS, The field reservation process allows for a there to be three categories for seasons which include fall, winter and summer, and

WHEREAS, The field selection process involves there be some public meetings between groups, as well as for permit submittal and additional meetings as warranted, if conflicts for field use remain, and

WHEREAS, While the current MyRec system has been a good first step for reserving fields, it has been noted during City Council Committee meetings as well as City Council public testimony, that there are challenges within the current field reservation use, as expressed by park advocates including the Parks Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC), as well as Hartford group leagues themselves, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Recreational division have been working closely, the best way they possibly can, to help the community and assist with field reservation for groups, and

WHEREAS, Limited number of personnel and the need to meet other immediate department obligations, places unexpected constraints on field reservation requests, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford's DPW has a precedent in hiring a third party contractor to manage fields such as is the case specifically with Hartford's golf fields (via contract with Guilmet Golf, LLC); now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the current field reservation process warrants a more robust and direct in-person interface in addition to the MyRec software; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a more comprehensive policy by DPW be put in place to best help navigate the needs of the community to become effective by winter of FY 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, The Hartford Court of Common Council requests there be a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a third party contractor to assist with managing the City of Hartford's park fields reservation process, as an addition to MyRec.

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez
Councilman Josh Michtom
Council President Maly Rosado

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13th, 2020

RESOLUTION TO FOR A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WITH EMERGE CT

WHEREAS, Shortly after adopting the City of Hartford budget for, Fiscal Year 2020, the Court of Common Council completed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) its Year Five Annual Action Plan for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in order to receive entitlement funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs, and

WHEREAS, On May 28th, 2019, Hartford City Council unanimously voted favorably on the approval of several activities and allocation of funds to be incorporated into the City of Hartford's Year Five Annual Action Plan, and

WHEREAS, Among the list of approved activities and allocations was a Jobs Training Program for Hartford Homeless & Re-entering Population listed under the, "Other Eligible Activities" Non-Public Service line item, to within Development Services with \$162,666.70 approved funds allocated, and

WHEREAS, During the summer of 2019, Hartford City Council voted to support the creation of a Pilot Program for Hartford's re-entry population, homeless and unemployed, to potentially utilize Amos House in Providence Rhode Island's "A Hand Up Program" as a reference model to create a pilot program for re-entry and homeless individuals in Hartford, and

WHEREAS, During the fall of 2019 and throughout the winter of 2020, the "Hand Up Hartford Work Group" met to discuss the scope of need, project management and to connect with additional stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, The Hand Up Hartford Work Group has received direct facilitation from the City of Hartford's Central Grants Office in meetings with direction from the administration, and

WHEREAS, The Hand Up Hartford Work Group membership comprises of diverse stakeholders within the Hartford community including advocates, employment specialists, social workers, mental health professionals, formerly homeless individuals and individuals whom have experienced incarceration, a Hartford Police officer, elected officials and representatives from the City of Hartford's office of Development Services, and

WHEREAS, In October of 2019, the NAACP promulgated a nationwide campaign to land jobs for one million formerly incarcerated people. The campaign launch was held at Southern Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, During his term, Governor Ned Lamont formed a state Department of Correction Industry and Business Advisory Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Hand Up Hartford Work Group has received presentations and has been in communication with Emerge CT, a social enterprise based out of New Haven, CT, and

WHEREAS, Emerge CT is a certified home improvement contracting company that provides employment to those individuals whom have experienced incarceration by providing them with carpentry and landscaping work while also offering mental health services, direct access to trauma informed groups, as well as academic tutoring and long-term job placement, and

WHEREAS, Emerge CT with the support of the Hand Up Work Group, is interested in presenting their program to the Hartford City Council, and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That EMERGE CT, may provide a presentation at the next City Council's Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting, whereby the date and time of such meeting shall be determined by the Hartford City Council President in accordance with Council Rules.

INTRODUCED BY:
COUNCILMAN JOSH MIGHTOM
COUNCILWOMAN WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford requires a process for its residents to complain of police misconduct when necessary, and that such complaints must be adjudicated quickly and impartially; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed certain changes to the existing Civilian Police Review Board with the stated goal of making that body more effective and responsive; and

WHEREAS, that body cannot be truly independent and responsive to the needs of residents if it comprises only or mostly members selected by the Mayor, who also selects the Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, that body cannot be effective in representing the particular needs of the communities most impacted by overpolicing and police misconduct; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Court of Common Council shall create a process whereby the Mayor must choose a majority of the members of the Civilian Police Review Board from among candidates nominated by community organizations specifically focused on serving communities impacted by overpolicing, with a list of such organizations to be determined by the Council; and further

RESOLVED, that the Civilian Police Review Board shall comprise at least two members who are under the age of 26 when they are appointed and at least one member who has previously been incarcerated after a criminal conviction or an adjudication of juvenile delinquency.

INTRODUCED BY:
COUNCILMAN JOSH MIGHTOM
COUNCILWOMAN WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE MAYOR TO SUSPEND THE POLICE CHIEF FROM ALL DUTIES AND RELIEVE HIM OF HIS WEAPON AND HIS CITY-ISSUED VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the City of Hartford, Jason Thody, was involved in a motor vehicle accident on May 31, 2020, in or near the town of Haddam, CT; and

WHEREAS, another motorist witnessed Chief Thody driving erratically and called 911 to report that he believed the operator of the Chief's City-issued vehicle, which the witness identified to a 911 operator by its license plate number, was intoxicated; and

WHEREAS, the recording of the 911 call was made public by the Connecticut State Police on July 7, 2020 (at <https://www.cspnews.org/post/5-31-incident-in-haddam>), and that recording detailed the witness's observations, including that the Chief's vehicle struck a guardrail at approximately 60 miles per hour and did not stop; that the Chief's vehicle was being operated dangerously and that the operator was "all over the road" and appeared unable to stay between the lines on the roadway; that the Chief's vehicle nearly struck two motorcyclists; and that the Chief's vehicle was traveling fast enough that the 911 caller, who was following at 65 miles per hour, could not keep up, on a rural highway where the speed limit was 45 or 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's behavior while driving on that date, if it was as described by the 911 caller, was dangerous and reckless; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's behavior, if it was as described by the 911 caller, raises serious concerns about his judgment; and

WHEREAS, the publication of the 911 call placed the City of Hartford on notice of the likelihood that one of its employees, to wit, Police Chief Thody, had operated a City-issued vehicle in a dangerous and reckless manner, and such notice could subject the City to liability if the City were to take no preventive action and Thody were to again drive recklessly and cause damage or injury to a third party; and

WHEREAS, the Chief's behavior, if it was as described by the 911 caller, raises serious concerns about his fitness to serve as the City's head law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Independent Audit Commission of the City of Hartford is currently investigating this incident and will hold a hearing on the incident later this month; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Court of Common Council calls upon the Mayor to suspend Police Chief Jason Thody from all job duties and relieve him of his City-issued weapon and City-issued vehicle until such time as the Independent Audit Commission completes its investigation and the Mayor or the Court of Common Council can take the appropriate action in response to the findings of that investigation.

INTRODCEDED BY:

Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilman John Gale
Councilman Josh Michtom
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez
Council President Maly D. Rosado

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, July 13, 2020

***RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RENT RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
STRUGGLING DUE TO THE PANDEMIC***

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont 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, both the World Health Organization and US Centers for Disease Control have declared the disease a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that has community spread meaning it can be passed from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Public Health has to date confirmed over 45,782 coronavirus cases in the state with 2,589 in the City of Hartford, and statewide, as of the 29th of June there have been 4,263 deaths due to the disease and at least 159 deaths in our city; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order 7H on March 20th to close all non-essential business operations in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Hartford Courant has reported continuously that businesses are struggling to survive due to their limitations imposed on their operations during the pandemic and the first phase of reopening; and

WHEREAS, both the CT office of the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and Central Area Chamber of Commerce report business closings are on the rise across Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) has shown that business losses are deeper in small businesses with fewer employees than those defined by the SBA and many are not recipients of PPP and other loan or stimulus payments from the federal, state and city government; and

WHEREAS, HEDCO, Inc. and the City of Hartford have provided a small business loans specifically targeted toward businesses in the state of Connecticut that are run by women and minorities and are located in low income areas as defined by US Census tracts; and

WHEREAS, undocumented residents in Hartford and CT are least likely to have received the federal and state aid available and, although the state has begun a program to provide for their basic needs, there is no complementary program to address the business needs of undocumented residents of CT; and

WHEREAS, a wave of business closings will adversely affect Hartford, reducing the availability of necessary products and jobs, and will surely cause an economic downturn on a large scale, and a wave of evictions in commercial rental properties would hasten the emptying of commercial corridors that is already beginning to happen occur Hartford's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the failure of our small businesses will cause a hardship to city property owners who provide them with rental space, potentially leading to mortgage defaults and failure to pay city property taxes;

Therefore, let it be hereby

RESOLVED: This Court of Common Council calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide immediate and ongoing rent relief for those small businesses that have been closed or suffered reduced business during the current pandemic and which have not been able to access sufficient economic relief through any government program, paying particular attention to those businesses that are owned by women, people of color, undocumented residents who are doing business in census tracts of the city that are defined as low income; according to the guidelines set out by HEDCO.

This rent relief should address commercial rent on small businesses with annual sales under \$500,000, who can demonstrate that they are at risk of eviction or foreclosure due to the pandemic and its economic impacts.