COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL



MEETING MARCH 9, 2020



CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL March 9, 2020

Approve the minutes of January 6, 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, 2020

ACTION TAKEN

COMMUNICATIONS

1. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution that would authorize the approval of a fifty year land lease of City property to 7 Summits Realty, LLC for 1135, 1137H & 1161 Albany Avenue, and 425 & 426 Woodland Street.

HEARING DATE - Monday, April 20, 2020

- MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$10,000 for the Office of Community Engagement from the Hartford Foundation of Public Giving (HPFG).
- 3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. David R. Jimenez to the Hartford Board of Education. If confirmed, Mr. Jimenez would serve a term of four years.
- 4. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the city of Hartford to apply for and accept a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for \$58,750.36 for Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE).
- 5. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointments of Ben Dubow and Yahaira Escribano to the Advisory Commission on Food Policy.
- 6. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointments of Milgrid Guzman and Marcus Lawson to the Commission on Veterans Affairs.
- 7. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointments of Lindaluz Carrillo, Amanda Roy and Lizzy Lee to the Commission on Cultural Affairs.
- 8. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Communication discharging a resolution that would authorize the execution of an extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium.

REPORTS

- 9. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools to file a school construction grant application with the State of Connecticut School Construction, Grants & Review Department of Administrative Services for the project in connection with the replacement of roofing at 388 Wethersfield Avenue.
- OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Report on Ordinance Amending General Fund Appropriations to Reflect Revised Project Costs Relative to Public Improvements at Bulkeley High School.
- 11. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Report on Ordinance Amending General Fund Appropriations to Reflect Revised Project Costs Relative to Public Improvements in The Burns Latino Studies Academy.
- 12. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, Report on Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Article I, Tax Relief for the Elderly, of the Municipal Code.
- 13. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution that Batterson Park Conservancy now desires to gain approval under § 26-2 of the Code to use the name "Batterson Park Conservancy" in fundraising and publications.

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- 14. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution that authorizes and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and deliver the Access Agreement, and any and all amendments thereto legal instrument between the City and the Board of the Energy Improvement District allowing access to and use of the Site for the purposes of the Solar Panel Project.
- 15. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying substitute resolution confirming the appointment of Kerrice Reynolds and Richard Shaw to the Board of Directors for the Energy Improvement District.

FOR ACTION

- 16. Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Article I, Tax Relief for the Elderly, of the Municipal Code.
- 17. Ordinance Amending General Fund Appropriations to Reflect Revised Project Costs Relative to Public Improvements in The Bums Latino Studies Academy.
- 18. Ordinance Amending General Fund Appropriations to Reflect Revised Project Costs Relative to Public Improvements at Bulkeley High School.
- 19. Ordinance making it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product.
- 20. Resolution that would authorize the execution of an extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

21. (MAYOR BRONIN) Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Appointments of Departments Heads Requirements, Section 850 Residency requirements of the Municipal Code.

HEARING DATE - Monday, March 16, 2020

RESOLUTIONS

- (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) Resolution appointing Calixto Torres (D) to the Metropolitan District Commission.
- 23. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROSADO) Resolution requesting that the Court of Common Council select a candidate for the position of Town and City Clerk that possesses the most experience and training.
- 24. (MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILWOMAN ROSSETTI) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON) Resolution requesting to superimpose the name of Pearline Greene at the intersection of Brook Street and Albany Avenue to the intersection of Brook Street and Guilford Street to be displayed as Pearline Greene Way.

HEARING DATE - Monday, March 16, 2020

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Eric T. Lusa Acting City Clerk



March 9, 2020

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

RE: Resolution Granting Approval of a Disposition Agreement for 7 Summits Realty, LLC for 1135, 1137H & 1161 Albany Avenue, and 425 & 426 Woodland Street in the Albany Avenue-Woodland Street Project Area

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that would authorize the approval of a fifty year land lease of City property to 7 Summits Realty, LLC for 1135, 1137H & 1161 Albany Avenue, and 425 & 426 Woodland Street (collectively referred to as the "Property").

This project is a part of the redevelopment plan for the Albany Avenue-Woodland Street Project Area. As you may know, there was a Request for Proposals for the development of the Property published on February 1, 2019. The one proposal that was received in response was from 7 Summits Realty, LLC. 7 Summits Realty, LLC was selected as the Tentative Developer for the proposed project ("Project") on April 8, 2019.

The Albany and Woodland Place Project will be a mixture of Class A/B, office, retail and residential space located at the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street. The property consists of approximately 40,000 square feet of office and retail space, and 40,000 square feet of residential space along with 170 parking spaces. Additional information regarding the Project is included in this package.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

WHEREAS,

On February 1, 2019, The City of Hartford on behalf of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency (Agency) advertised a Request for Proposals for 1135, 1137H and 1161 Albany Avenue and 425 and 426 Woodland Street (the "Property") in the Albany-Woodland Street Project Area (the "RFP"); and

WHEREAS,

The RFP was published, and proposals were due on April 3, 2019. One proposal was received from 7 Summits Realty, LLC.; and

WHEREAS,

On April 18, 2019, 7 Summits Realty, LLC was selected by the City of Hartford on behalf of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency as the developer for the proposed project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS,

On January 30, 2020 at a Special Meeting of The Agency granted Initial Approval of a Disposition Agreement for 7 Summits Realty, LLC, thus granting approval to advance the Project to the Court of Common Council Approval Process; and

WHEREAS,

the Project estimated at a cost of approximately \$21,500,000 will relocate approximately 70 office jobs and create an additional 100 new retail jobs in the Community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED,

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a ground lease agreement for the Property with 7 Summits Realty, LLC or its successors or assigns for the purposes set forth above, for a term of fifty (50) years for the consideration of One (1) Dollar and other valuable consideration, with an option to extend the term or acquire the Property at the termination of the lease term, and upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor, Executive Director of the Agency and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City; and be it further

RESOLVED,

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents, including easements or rights of way for utilities, and to take such 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 the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a lease agreement with 7 Summits Realty, LLC or its successors or assigns upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor

and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City; 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 City fail to execute the aforementioned lease agreement 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 City executing such ground lease agreement and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.



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: Anti-Litter Trailer Grant

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$10,000 for the Office of Community Engagement from the Hartford Foundation of Public Giving (HPFG).

These funds will allow the City to acquire an anti-litter cleanup trailer filled with the necessary tools to complete neighborhood clean-up projects. The funds will also support the initial purchase of rakes, blowers, garbage bags, gloves, etc. that can be loaned to members of our community who come together to clean up their neighborhoods. Accepting this grant will have no revenue or expense impact on the City's General Fund.

The Office of Community Engagement is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor



INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

WHEREAS, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG) has awarded the City of Hartford \$10,000 in grant funding to acquire an anti-litter cleanup trailer; and

WHEREAS, The funds will also support the initial purchase of rakes, blowers, garbage bags, gloves, etc. that can be loaned to members of our community who come together to adopt a block and beautify their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The use of these funds supports the City's overall commitment to work alongside residents towards the beautification and maintenance of our City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept \$10,000 in grants from the HPFG to be used for the Adopt a Block Program administered by the Office of Community Engagement; 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, 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.



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: Appointment to the Board of Education

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. David R. Jimenez to the Hartford Board of Education. If confirmed, Mr. Jimenez would serve a term of four years.

Mr. Jimenez is currently a shareholder in the Hartford office of the law firm Jackson Lewis, where he serves as Co-Chair of the corporate governance practice group. In 2014, he was appointed by Governor Malloy to the Connecticut State Board of Regents for Higher Education. He is a past president and board member of the Hartford County Bar Foundation, and he also served for two years as a liaison to the American Bar Association's National Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the legal profession.

With his experience on the State Board of Regents, David Jimenez will bring an important perspective to the Board of Education as we work to build strong connections and pathways between the school system and higher learning. David also has extensive experience in the governance of large organizations as an attorney, and that will be valuable to the Board of Education as well. He is also deeply committed to the community, volunteering his time to serve a number of Hartford institutions, and I am proud to nominate him to this important position.

Ms. Jimenez earned his Law Degree from Hofstra University School of Law, and his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Texas.

His resume is attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

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

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

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

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

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



David R. Jimenez, Esq. Hartford, CT Jackson Lewis PC (860) 522-0404 jimenezd@jacksonlewis.com



DAVID R. JIMENEZ is a Principal in the Hartford, Connecticut office of the national law firm, Jackson Lewis PC, and is the Co-Chair of firm's *Corporate Governance & Internal Investigations Practice Group*.

Mr. Jimenez's law practice includes representing publicly traded corporations on various corporate matters including organizational compliance, employee whistleblower litigation, internal investigations and matters involving the Sarbanes Oxley Act, the False Claims Act, and the Foreign Practices Act. In this regard, he regularly advises corporate boards and senior management on

various high risk and corporate governance matters. Prior to joining Jackson Lewis, he was the Vice President of Employee Relations and Associate General Counsel of The Hartford Insurance Group, a global multi-line insurance company.

Mr. Jimenez is member of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Texas state Bar Associations. He also is a former member of the American Bar Association, the National Hispanic Bar Association, the American Leadership Forum, and the Barrister *Inns of Court*. He completed a two-year appointment as liaison to the ABA's national Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.

In November of 2014, Mr. Jimenez was appointed by Governor Malloy of the State of Connecticut to serve on the *Connecticut Board of Regents* which oversees Connecticut's seventeen universities and community colleges serving over 90,000 students. In 2018, he was re-appointed as a *Regent* to this Board by the newly elected Government Ned Lamont. In 2017, Mr. Jimenez was also appointed by Governor Malloy to serve on the Connecticut Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth.

Beyond his gubernatorial board appointments, Mr. Jimenez also serves as the current President of the Board of Directors of *The Hartford Stage Company*, a premier, nationally acclaimed theatre with Tony award winning productions to its credit. He is a former Trustee of *The Mark Twain House & Museum*, a leading national historic landmark in Hartford, CT, where he served on the Management Committee of the Board. He also is a past president and board member of *The Hartford County Bar Foundation*.

Mr. Jimenez received his law degree from Hofstra University School of Law, and his bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Texas.

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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: FY 2020 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE)

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the city of Hartford to apply for and accept a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for \$58,750.36 for Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE).

This grant will allow the Hartford Police Department to enforce distracted driving laws for motor vehicles drivers using handheld mobile devices. This enforcement will be citywide and it aims to decrease fatalities and injuries as a result of crashes caused by driver distraction.

The enforcement locations will include intersections and areas with consistent traffic. This grant covers all overtime costs dedicated to enforcement and provides the full fringe.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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: Appointments to the Advisory Commission on Food Policy

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Ben Dubow and Yahaira Escribano to the Advisory Commission on Food Policy.

The purpose of the Commission is to eliminate hunger as an obstacle to a happy, healthy and productive life in the city, to ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available for city residents, work to ensure that access to food is not limited by economic status, location or other factors beyond a resident's control and to ensure that the price of food in the city remains at a level approximating the level for the state.

Mr. Dubow currently serves as the Executive Chef for Bistro on Main. He is also a co-lead pastor for Riverfront Family Church and holds an MDiv from the University of Theology and Spirituality and an advanced culinary arts degree from the Connecticut Culinary Institute.

Ms. Escribano currently works for Foodshare as a Partner Program Coordinator, and she was a fellow in the Obama Foundation's Community Leadership Corps. She holds an MPA from the University of Connecticut.

Their resumes are attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

Benjamin D. Dubow

Executive Chef | Ministry | Leadership

CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Bistro on Main, Manchester, CT — Executive Chef/GM October 2017 - present

Opened restaurant in Nov 2017. Developed concept, menu, systems. Recruited and trained management team and staff team. Restaurant operates as a social enterprise, providing transitional employment to people completing the MACCchefs Culinary Jobs Training Program. (www.bistro-on-main.com)

MACC Charities, Manchester, CT — *Director of Food Services*December 2014 - October 2017

Oversee, coordinate & manage Community Soup Kitchen serving approximately 100 meals daily, Community Food Pantry serving over 400 families monthly, Regional Food Rescue Program, Food Outreach to local elementary school children; Lead Instructor for Culinary Arts Jobs Training Program (www.MACCchefs.org, www.macc-ct.org)

Blue Plate Kitchen, West Hartford, CT — Executive Chef November 2013 - December 2014

Opened restaurant and developed menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner for restaurant featuring upscale modern comfort food using fresh, local and sustainable ingredients.

Emerson Inn by the Sea, Rockport, MA — Executive Chef May 2014 - December 2014

Managed food and beverage for Inn as well as restaurant and catering operations. Menu featured farm-to-table, dock-to-chef food. Responsibilities included catering (many corporate events and weddings) as well as restaurant.

Burtons Grill, South Windsor CT & Peabody MA

September 2009 - October 2011 - Line Cook

October 2011 - September 2012 - Sous Chef

October 2012 - May 2013 - Executive Chef

Managed kitchen for restaurant averaging \$3 million in sales annually. Responsible for food cost, labor cost, staff training, inventory management, ordering, management systems, etc.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Riverfront Family Church — Co-Lead Pastor

January 2015 - Present

St. Paul's Collegiate Church, Storrs, CT — Lead Pastor January 2005 - May 2009

Storrs Community Church, Storrs, CT — Associate Pastor October 2003 - December 2004

SKILLS

Preaching, counseling, graphic design, cooking, menu development, managing P&L, teaching, instructing, Fellowship One, strategic planning.

CERTIFICATIONS
Ordained Pastor - 2004
Next Leadership Association

ServSafe Instructor Certification T.I.P.S. Certification ServSafe Certification

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Connecticut Restaurant Association

Sr. Pastor Coaching Network (Nelson Searcy) - 2008 alum

Willow Creek Association Leadership Summit - 2004 -2017

Conferences:

Willow Creek Creative Arts Conference

Willow Creek Preaching Conference

Saddleback Small Groups Conference

Saddleback Purpose Driven Conference

Saddleback Missions Conference

EDUCATION

University of Theology & Spirituality, Spokane WA (online/distance learning) — *MDiv*

August 2019 - Present

Connecticut Culinary Institute, Hartford, CT — Advanced Culinary Arts

September 2009 - December 2010

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA — *studied towards M.Div.*

January 2002 - December 2004

Classes completed include: Pastoral Counseling & Care, Church History (2), Systematic Theology, Christian Education & Worship Ministries, Church Planting, OT Survey, NT Survey, Greek I.

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT — BA-Philosophy September 1995 - December 1998

Clark University, Worcester, MA — Major -Philosophy September 1993 - May 1995

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH – board of directors, treasurer 2018-present

JORDAN PORCO FOUNDATION - co-founder

2018-present

Host annual benefit "chef's dinner" to raise money for suicide prevention

HEARD — co-founder

2019-present

Organization committed to serving the needs of the hospitality community in relation to whole health - mental, physical & spiritual

MACC Charities — President of Board

2007 - 2009

Feed Panama Program — founder/organizer

2007

Program provides lunches for 500 children daily at their school.

Hartford Catholic Worker – project volunteer 2002–2004

Jacey Courant Summer League Baseball — coach 2000

Yahaira Escribano

Education

University of Connecticut, Hartford, CTMaster of Public Administration (MPA)

08/2018—05/2019

University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT Bachelor of Arts, Urban Community Studies

08/2014—05/2018 Magna Cum Laude GPA: 3.9/4.0

Professional Experience

Foodshare

07/2019—Present

Partner Program Coordinator

- Provides direct customer service to over 200 of Foodshare's partner agencies to ensure quality and compliance with Feeding America guidelines of Foodshare's Agency Services Program.
- Identifies & assess partner agencies' needs, challenges, and successes to plan and execute action steps to increase agencies' capacity to tackle food insecurity in the Hartford county.
- Creates and implements strategic changes to improve communication and partnerships with partner
 agencies and other community organizations in order for community members receive holistic support
 services.

Hartford Promise

06/2018-06/2019

Project Coordinator- Graduate Intern

- Creates and implements strategic organizational changes to improve our partnerships and relationships with universities. This resulted in undergraduates receiving support services that led to higher retention rate.
- Identifies and assesses student records to determine who may need additional support to qualify for the place-based college scholarship.
- Communicates regularly with scholars to provide them with emotional, academic, and career support.

Foodshare

06/2018-09/2018

Community Outreach Intern

- Identified opportunities for improvement and created a guidebook including strategies to strengthen community engagement efforts.
- Employed respect and dignity as tools to amplify clients' true experiences with hunger and food insecurity.
- Lead intern for Foodshare's Mobile Foodshare program evaluation project in which I helped to collect about 2,000 survey responses from clients in Spanish and English.
- Contributed to survey design and data entry of survey responses.

University of Connecticut School of Business

08/2015-06/2018

Administrative Assistant

- Chosen to supervise and train a team of six administrative assistants to improve teamwork and increase efficiency with changing priorities for students, faculty and staff members.
- Successfully established leadership and strategic planning on a variety of events to drive student enrollment numbers up.

Hartford Health and Human Services

05/2017-11/2017

Community Health Intern

Supported Connecticut Women's and Education Legal Fund by organizing and recording over 100
adolescent health surveys to finalize The Hartford Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative's Continuous
Quality Improvement Report to measure the program's impact and improve credibility with
stakeholders. This demonstrated the program's positive impact on the city's health quality amongst
adolescence.



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: Appointments to the Commission on Veterans Affairs

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Milgrid Guzman and Marcus Lawson to the Commission on Veterans Affairs.

The Commission on Veterans Affairs will evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to alleviate veterans' difficulties in meeting basic needs, obtaining housing, employment, and comprehensive mental health assistance. They will also work to strengthen the relationship between the veteran's community and the City of Hartford through existing and new partnerships.

Ms. Guzman is an Army National Guard combat veteran. She currently serves as the veteran's service associate at Capital Community College. She holds two associate's degrees and is currently working towards her bachelor's degree in Public Health.

Mr. Lawson is an Army Veteran. He currently serves as an Associate Professor at Capital Community College where he supports LGBTQ+ and Veterans student groups. He holds a master's degree in International Studies from Central Connecticut University.

Their resumes are attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MILGRID GUZMAN

VETERANS SERVICE ASSOCIATE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I'm a dedicated Veteran Service Associate eager to pursue a career in helping out my fellow brothers and sisters in arms in any way that I possibly can. My background includes 12.5 years of military service, 3 years of veteran service work, I am bilingual. Two's degree's in General Studies and Liberal Arts and Science, and currently working on my Bachelor's in Public Health with a future recipient of a Master in Advance Practice Registered Nurse.

SKILLS

- Professional phone etiquette
- Excellent communication skills
- Articulate and well-spoken
- La Customer service-oriented
- * Accurate and detailed
- Works well under pressure
- 4 Approachable
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Fast leaner
- Highly dependable
- Fluent in Spanish

- Strategic thinker
- Attention to detail
- Word processing
- Professional and mature
- Maintains confidentiality
- Independent worker
- → Dedicated team player
- MS Office

WORK HISTORY

VETERANS SERVICE ASSOCIATE- CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE- HARTFORD, CT NOVEMBER 2019- PRESENT

- 4 Assisting veterans and military personnel with their military educational benefits.
- Enrolling veteran and military students, spouses and beneficiaries to a program for their majors.
- Helping veterans and military students who are in need of food, resources, disabilities, benefits, mental health

Raising funds to help our veterans and military students, to assist them with necessities, such as housing, food, mental health, social work, education for books and materials, field trips, conferences, leadership summits, clothing, and their families.

PRESIDENT OF VETERANS CLUB- CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE-HARTFORD, CT SEPTEMBER 2018-NOVEMBER 2019

- Helping and assisting veterans, military, spouses and dependents students with time management and their studies, such as tutoring.
- 4 In charge of the Veterans Club, with meetings, events, and veterans luncheon.
- Made a Chapter through the Student Veterans of America and the Leadership Institute, to help veterans strive and get careers and become the next generational leaders
- Continued the "Books for Vets" programs to help assist struggling veterans, military, dependents and spouse get books for their courses

ODESSA BUILDERS- PLAINVILLE, CT SUPERVISOR FOR ODESSA BUILDERS JUNE 2015-SEPTEMBER 2018

- ♣ INVOICE SUBMISSIONS
- PAYROLL
- **APPOINTMENT SETTING**
- **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Hoffman Audi Service – East Hartford, CT Service Assistant, Cashier, 05/2008 to 08/2011

Hoffman Auto Body – East Hartford, CT Supply Parts Clerk, 05/2008 to 11/2008

- Maintained a clean reception area, including lounge and associated areas.
- Screened all visitors and directed them to the correct employee or office.
- Obtained signatures for financial documents and internal and external invoices.
- Managed office supplies, vendors, organization and upkeep.
- Oversaw inventory and office supply purchases.

- Answered and quickly redirected up to five calls per every two minutes.
- Help customer resolve problems according to their bills.
- ♣ Order office supplies
- Maintained a very well-organized filling system for client personal car folders.
- Made appointments for customers.

American Honda — Windsor Locks Maintain Scanning Guns, 07/2007 to 07/2008

- Made sure that scanning guns were functioning correctly.
- Stocking and inventorying items.
- Shipping and receiving
- * Submitting reports of supplies and materials

Army National Guard Iraq, Taqquadum, Combat Deployment OIF 2004-2006 Time in Service 05/2003 to 10/2015 12.5 years, Army Combat Veteran 92 Alpha Computer Logistic Supply Specialist

- Establishes and maintains stock records and other documents such as inventory, materiel control, accounting and supply reports.
- Establishes and maintains automated and manual accounting records, posts receipts and turn-ins, and performs dues-ins and dues-outs accounting.
- Corrects error and exception documents.
- Reviews and verifies quantities received against bills of lading, contracts, purchase requests, and shipping documents.
- Unloads, unpacks, visually inspects, counts, segregates, palletizes, and stores incoming supplies and equipment.
- Maintains stock locator system and administers document control procedures.
- Repairs and constructs fiberboard or wooden containers.
- Packs, crates, stencils, weighs, and bands equipment and supplies.
- Constructs bins, shelving, and other storage aids.
- Processes requests and turn-in documents at direct support level through warehousing section.
- Processes inventories, surveys, and warehousing documents.
- Performs prescribed load list (PLL) and shop stock list (SSL)

EDUCATION

High School Diploma: General Studies, 2004

East Stroudsburg High School South - East Stroudsburg, PA

Capital Community College - Hartford, CT 2019

Associates in General Studies

Associates in Liberal Art and Science

Goodwin University 2019- Current

Bachelors in Public Health- currently attending- graduating in Summer of 2020

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Good citizens award from Capital Community College-Hartford, CT May 2019
- Certificate of Merit from Capital Community College-Hartford, CT- May 2019
- Army Achievement Medal from Department of the Army for Deployment OIF, Camp Taquaddam, Iraq- May 2006
- Certificate of Appreciation from Department of Military and Veterans Affairs-Pennsylvania- August 2008

Marcus G. Lawson

Executive Summary: To lend my expertise as a research writer to an effective team of contributors; whereby each member has a role, whereby overall stated success towards the final stage of a project is achieved. As an effective communicator who recognizes the unique talent of each contributor. I bring to the team a knack for understanding and recognizing how each member's assigned role can be a source for ready discussion, as well as a source for allowing each contributor to lend their unique skill set to a group project.

Education

Capital Community College

1993 - 1995

Hartford, Connecticut Associates in Arts

Central Connecticut State University

1999 - 2002

New Britain, Connecticut MS, International Studies

M.S. International Studies, GPA: 3.38. Studies focused on development, globalization, politics, economics and history.

Central Connecticut State University

1995-1999

New Britain, Connecticut BA, International Studies

Activities and Societies: CCSU German Club; Assistant, Ruth Boyea Women's Center, and Assistant Language Lab.

B.A., International Studies. GPA: 3.32. Studies focused on European and African history.

Work Experience

Associate Professor

2001 - Present

Capital Community College Hartford, Connecticut

Prepare and present lectures in History and Political Science. Classes include History of Black America from 1865, Political Science 103, U.S. History from 1865, and Western Civilization to 1740 and World Civilization to 1756. I also designed for online instruction Black America, U.S. History and Western and World Civilization courses.

Design and conduct workshops on advantages of using technology in classroom. Analyze, select and coordinate required material for course instruction.

Utilize various technologies to enhance presentations, such as PowerPoint, Excel and Keynote.

Faculty advisor for students on institutional programs and registration.

Served as guest lecturer in Summer 2001 and Spring 2002 to teach Global Passport to Citizenship, Germany and Reunification & Prospects at Central Connecticut State University.

Took part in panel discussion on race in Spring 2003.

Hartford Heritage Grant Project Member in 2011 to 2016.

Presented Paper at the Global Issues Conference on Social Media in October 2013 at Manchester Community College, Manchester, Connecticut

Invited to write article to Congress of Connecticut Community Colleges as faculty opinion in 2016.

Served as chair of Tenure Committee at Capital Community College in 2916.

I am student at New England Conservatory in Boston, MA from 2016 summer to present.

Publications

Human Reflections: Inspirational Expressions, Commentaries, and Sayings of Life

Amazon Kindle, 2015

The challenges and Trade-offs to Global Security in Social Media Age

Academia.edu, 2012

Reparations and Human Rights for Africa: A Congolese Case Study

Central Connecticut State University, 2003

The First Ten Years of German Reunification: Success, Failure or Political Stagnation

Central Connecticut State University, Elihu Burritt Library, 2002

War and Society

Thesis Proposal, Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College



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: Appointments to the Commission on Cultural Affairs

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Lindaluz Carrillo, Amanda Roy and Lizzy Lee to the Commission on Cultural Affairs.

The Commission is responsible for assessing the conditions and needs of the arts community and for developing arts policies for the Mayor and the Court of Common Council. In addition, the Commission will advise the Council on design matters and will review and make recommendations on works of art that are proposed to become the property of the City of Hartford.

Ms. Carrillo is a Hartford based community artist focusing on urban and visual design. She holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from The Hartford Art School.

Ms. Roy currently works for the Greater Hartford Arts Council as a Community Programs Manager. She holds a master's degree in Arts History from Central Connecticut State University.

Ms. Lee is the Director of Design at Trinity College, but also does freelance design work. She holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Parsons School of Design in New York City.

Their resumes are attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINDALUZ CARRILLO

Urban Artist & Visual Communication Designer

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B. F.A.) Visual Communication Design The Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, W. Hartford, CT May 16, 2016

Accolades

The National Society of Leadership and Success Deans List Monica Mills Achievement Awards

Projects & Urban Arts Exhibitions

Parkville Sounds Mural, Parkville Sound Studios, Hartford, CT, 2019

West Hartford Art Leauge, Group mural and exhibition, Hartford, CT, 2019

End 2 End Mural Exhibition, 3580 Wherehouse venue, Hartford, CT, 2019

Safe Route Project, Hartford Performace, Hartford, CT, 2019

Love Your Block Mural Project, Sina, Hartford, CT, 2019

Trinity International Hip Hop Festival, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 2019

Painting Workshop, Compass Youth Collaboration, Hartford, CT, 2019

Cultura Negrita, Afrolatino Community Event, Trinity College, Billings Forge Hartford, CT, 2017, 2018

CREC Impact Academy student mural, Impact Academy Hartford, CT, 2018, 2019

Hartford Youth Scholars office mural and student paint night workshop, Trinity College Hartford, CT, 2017

Urban Arts Workshop, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 2017

Hartford Arts & Activism fair, Hartford Public

Library Hartford, CT, 2016

Hartford Public Library, YouMedia, Commission Mural, Hartford, CT, 2016

Experience

West Hartford Art Leauge, West Hartford, CT Artist Instructor

Instruct art classes to 2nd and 3rd grade students

Montissori Magnet School, Computer Science temp Teacher

Instruct computer science and graphic art classes

CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, Hartford, CT Visual Instructor

Instruct graphic design to high school students

Mintz & Hoke Advertising Agency, Avon, CT Junior Art Director

Assist in creative design projects such as branding, Print and digital ads

Office of the Arts, Hartford, CT Arts and Culture Administration Internship

Assist/ design Power Point presentations and marketing materials Interact with members of the arts community Conduct research on cultural activities in cities across the region Assist with Arts Council & Arts Advisory Committee meetings, projects and events

Tracy Locke, 131 Danbury Rd, Wilton, CT Freelance Art Director

Help provide solutions within a creative team Assist in digital marketing designs for various clients

> Mobile app designs Web design layout Ad materials

Skills

Software: Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, Premiere, Microsoft word, Powerpoint, Excel

Languages: English/Spanish

Amanda Roy

BUILDING VIBRANCY IN CONNECTICUT'S CAPITOL REGION

Education central ct state university

Master of Arts History

CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelors of Science - Education Minor: Social Sciences Connecticut Teaching Endorsement 026 7-12 Social Studies

Areas of Expertise

Community Outreach
Community Program Design
Program Implementation
Arts Activation
Volunteer Management

Employment

GREATER HARTFORD ARTS COUNCIL

Community Programs Manager | May 2015 - Present

- Increased participation in the summer teen arts apprenticeship program, Neighborhood Studios, by 57% and developed guidelines to make the opportunity more available to underserved youth.
- Launched Make Music Hartford, a free community celebration of music. In the first year, Make Music Hartford included 89 free musical events, 200+ free lessons, and gave away 225 free instruments.
- Established the Arts Council's Arts Catalyst program to build the capacity of small arts organizations in the Greater Hartford region.
- Designed and implemented Art on the Streets, a downtown arts activation program providing engaging arts activities focusing on health and wellness in downtown Hartford.

CONNECTICUT HUMANITIES

Program Officer | November 2012 - May 2015

- Designed and implemented The Great CT Caper, an online, serialized mystery book for children, written by 12 Connecticut authors and illustrated by 12 Connecticut illustrators.
- Oversaw Poetry Out Loud, a statewide poetry competition that included 3,700 teens. The program is a part of the National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundations national poetry recitation competition for high school students.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE CENTER

School Program Coordinator | September 2010 - October 2012

- Developed the online re-release of Stowe's most famous work, Uncle Tom's Cabin, including 36 international scholars contributing chapter analysis.
- Redesigned school curriculum to better engage students and connect with the Common Core State Standards.
- Created the inaugural Student Stowe Prize for Writing for Social Justice. A national writing contests for high school and college students writing and taking action for social change.

Recognition & Volunteer Work

- · Hartford Business Journal "40 Under Forty" Honoree
- Leadership Development Roundtable Alumni
- . CT River Academy -Senior Capstone Mentor
- · CTGirlcott Founding committee member
- · Drinking About Museums Co-Founder, museum networking group
- · CT Kid Governor Advisory board member

WORK EXPERIENCE

| | present | Director of Design at Trinity College Hartford, CT Art director, lead designer and brand steward responsible for directing and creating environmental graphics, signage and wayfinding, print and social media graphics, advertisments, and fundraising collateral |
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| 10. 31. 2019 LIZZY LEE | 2019 2017 | Freelance Design Consultant West Hartford, CT The Webby Awards concepting, storyboarding, and illustrations for 2018 Person of the Year video animation; City Bench identity, branding, and collateral; Leers Weinzapfel & Associates environmental graphics for University of Arkansas |
| LIZZY LEE | 2016 2009 | Principal of Agnes Studio Cleveland, OH Design Principal and managing partner of graphic design studio specializing in branding, packaging, and environmental graphic design. Designed, supervised and art directed designers. Developed and executed proposals, contracts, client presentations, and production schedules. Projects included Cleveland Museum of Natural History Capital Campaign branding and fundraising print and web |
| E D U C AT I O N Parsons School of Design, NYC BFA, Communication Design academic and studio honors S K I L L S Adobe Creative Suite PowerPoint WordPress | | collateral; GE Lighting designed and co-managed national print and digital ad campaign for Reveal lightbulbs including: magazine, mobile, and web ads, directed photoshoot and behind-the-scenes video; Mitchell's Ice Cream complete rebranding: designed logo, advertising, website, in-store experience, packaging, outdoor signage, hired and directed photoshoots and collateral; St. Clair Neighborhood Development Corporation developed community art outreach and public art installation. Additional clients: Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland Kraut, Case Western Reserve University, ChamberFest Cleveland, Land Studio, The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, and Carnegie Art Museum, Pittsburgh, PA |
| R E C O G N I T I O N Community Partnership for Arts and Culture, Cleveland Prize Recipient 2011 AIGA Cleveland Biennial Awards 2011, 2013 | 2009 2007 | Exhibition Graphic Designer at the Cleveland Museum of Art Cleveland, OH Lead exhibition graphic designer and senior manager of in-house exhibition graphic design team. Designed and implemented special exhibition branding and gallery design, gallery guides, wayfinding, donor signage throughout museum. Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams of curators, educators, and museum staff. Coordinated operations among designers, copywriters, in-house production, and vendors. Developed and managed branding packages for special exhibitions and museum reopening. |
| Summerkit, North Drive Press in permanent collection at Metropolitan Museum of Art and Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY | 2006 2005 | Studio Designer at Desgrippes Gobé New York, NY Banana Republic/Gap Banana Republic body care line packaging Gapbody perfume bottle and graphic concepting |
| T E A C H I N G Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH Adjunct Instructor 2008 to 2010 | 2005 2004 | Senior Art Director at Gyro Advertising Philadelphia, PA Smartcar/Mercedes Benz 2005 U.S. Auto Show launch event concepting William Grant & Sons spirits product concepting, advertising, packaging |
| The Cooper Union School of Art, New York, NY Teaching Assistant 2001 | 2002 2000 | Studio Designer at Number Seventeen New York, NY HBO animated logo and motion graphics for children's television program Oprah Winfrey logo for SPA GIRLS identity Jean Georges Vongerichten restaurant identity and collateral for JoJo AIGA Design for Film and Television Conference collateral design |
| INTERESTS Travel Architecture Loom Weaving | 1999 1996 | Junior Designer, Intern at Doyle Partners New York, NY Martha Stewart Living product packaging and in-store signage Barnes & Noble Booksellers bn.com website design Brewery Ommegang packaging and collateral design |
| | various freelance projects | The New York Times New York, NY Op-Ed Section Illustrator Office of Paul Sahre New York, NY graphic designer North Drive Press New York, NY co-founder and graphic designer 16Oover90 Philadelphia, PA graphic designer Red Tettemer Philadelphia, PA graphic designer |

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Maly D. Rosado, Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman John Q, Gale, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

Nick Lebrón, Councilman Josh Michtom, Councilman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman James Sánchez, Councilman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Communication

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

RE: extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium.

Request to discharge the February 24, 2020 referred resolution to the Operations, Management Budget and Government Accountability (OMBGA) Committee concerning the approval and authorizing the execution of an extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maly D. Rosado

Maly D. Rosado Co-Chair OMBGA

<u>Thomas J. Clarke II</u> Thomas J. Clarke II Co-Chair OMBGA CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Maly D. Rosado, Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman John Q, Gale, Councilman

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ON AGENDA

Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a special meeting on February 24, 2020 at 5:30pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #1

Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools to file a school construction grant application with the State of Connecticut School Construction, Grants & Review Department of Administrative Services for the project in connection with the replacement of roofing at 388 Wethersfield Avenue.

The following were present: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman John Gale, and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

Also attended: Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Leigh Ann Ralls, Finance Director, John Philip, City Assessor, David Roudebush, Executive Vice President & FM of Oxygen Finance Limited, Emily

Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management and other concerned citizens.

Emily Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management explained the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools to file a school construction grant application with the State of Connecticut School Construction, Grants & Review Department of Administrative Services. Funding provided by the grant would be used to replace the roof of the Buildings and Grounds facility located at 388 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford CT.

Ms. Sifuentas shared with the OMBGA committee that the sole purpose of the grant was to cover cost associated with replacing the roof of the facility.

A discussion ensued amongst the OMBGA committee members and Ms. Sifuentas regarding the State reimbursement amount. Ms. Sifuentas shared that the reimbursement rate would be up to 40% of the cost.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Council President Maly D. Rosado to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (4-0-0 Abstain- 1 Absent- Pass)

Council President Rosado: Yes Majority Leader Clarke II: Yes Councilwoman Bermudez: Absent

Councilman Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Surgeon: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Maly D. Rosado

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Thomas J. Clarke II Co-Chair OMBCA

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January 27, 2020

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

RE: State Grant Application Approval

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the Board of Education to apply for and accept a grant from the State of Connecticut for a public-school building project to assist with the roofing of 388 Wethersfield Avenue. This facility, which serves as a grounds and maintenance storage and office building, has a roofing system which exceeds twenty years of age, which puts the building at risk.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 10-283, any town desiring a grant for a public-school building project may, by a vote of its legislative body, authorize the Board of Education to apply to the State of Connecticut for a grant. Passing this resolution will help ensure that our school infrastructure remains safe, stable and in good operating condition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

INTRODUCED BY: Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL City of Hartford, January 27, 2020

WHEREAS, The long term plans and objectives of the Hartford Public Schools include the continued use of the Buildings & Grounds facility at 388 Wethersfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The existing roofing system exceeds twenty years a roofing system which exceeds twenty years of age, which puts the building at risk; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 28, Article IX, Section 28 -189 et seq. of the Hartford Municipal Code, the Hartford School Building Committee is authorized to develop plans and specifications for school building projects, to include the project in connection with the replacement of roofing at Buildings and Grounds, located at 388 Wethersfield Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-283, any town desiring a grant for a public-school building project may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the Board of Education to apply to the State of Connecticut for a grant; and

WHEREAS, Applications for such grants under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-283 shall be made by the superintendent of schools; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools to file a school construction grant application with the State of Connecticut School Construction, Grants & Review Department of Administrative Services for the project in connection with the replacement of roofing at Buildings and Grounds.

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
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Maly D. Rosado, Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman John Q, Gale, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

Nick Lebrón, Councilman Josh Michtom, Councilman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman James Sánchez, Councilman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a special meeting on February 24, 2020 at 5:30pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

<u>Item #3</u>

An ordinance amending the General Fund Appropriations to reflect revised project costs relative to public improvements at Bulkeley High School (Mayor Bronin).

The following were present: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman John Gale, and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

Also attended: Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Leigh Ann Ralls, Finance Director, John Philip, City Assessor, David Roudebush, Executive Vice President & FM of Oxygen Finance Limited, Emily Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management and other concerned citizens.

Emily Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management explained the ordinance concerning amending the General Fund Appropriations to reflect revised project cost associated with Bulkeley High School.

Ms. Sifuentas shared with the OMBGA committee that the State of Connecticut had originally authorized \$149mm for project cost. Subsequent to a Special CT General Assembly Session in July 2019, authorization by the State was granted to convert the relocation project of the Board of Education to Bulkeley High School project to a complete renovation project with an additional \$5mm to bring the total cost of the project to \$154mm. In addition, an increased reimbursement rate was also granted from 85 % to 95%.

A discussion ensued amongst the OMBGA committee members and Ms. Sifuentas regarding the State reimbursement, estimated date for the Board of Education to relocate and the estimated date of completion of the entire project. Ms. Sifuentas shared that the reimbursement rate would be 95% of the cost, the Board of education is expected to relocated by the summer of 2020 and the estimated date of completion for the project would be 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Council President Maly D. Rosado to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (4-0-0 Abstain- 1 Absent- Pass)

Council President Rosado: Yes Majority Leader Clarke II: Yes Councilwoman Bermudez: Absent

Councilman Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Surgeon: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Maly D. Rosado

Maly D. Rosado Co-Chair OMBGA

Thomas J. Clarke II

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CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Maly D. Rosado, Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman John Q, Gale, Councilman

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Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a special meeting on February 24, 2020 at 5:30pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #2

An ordinance amending the General Fund Appropriations to reflect revised project costs relative to public improvements at Burns Latino Studies Academy (Mayor Bronin).

The following were present: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman John Gale, and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

Also attended: Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Leigh Ann Ralls, Finance Director, John Philip, City Assessor, David Roudebush, Executive Vice President & FM of Oxygen Finance Limited, Emily Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management and other concerned citizens.

Emily Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management explained the ordinance concerning amending the General Fund Appropriations to reflect revised project cost associated with Burns Latino Studies Academy.

Ms. Sifuentas shared with the OMBGA committee that the State of Connecticut had originally authorized \$47.7mm for the code violation project cost. She also added that subsequent to a Special CT General Assembly Session in July 2019, authorization was granted to convert the Burns Latino Studies Academy code violation project to a complete renovation project with an additional \$3mm bringing the total cost of the project to \$50.7mm with an increased reimbursement rate from 85 % to 95%.

A discussion ensued amongst the OMBGA committee members and Ms. Sifuentas regarding the State reimbursement amount, estimated date of completion and safety concerns of the students during construction. Ms. Sifuentas shared that the reimbursement rate would be 95% of the cost and the estimated date of completion would be 2023. In addition, the project would be completed in phases so that the students would not have to be affected by the construction project.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Council President Maly D. Rosado to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (4-0-0 Abstain- 1 Absent- Pass)

Council President Rosado: Yes Majority Leader Clarke II: Yes Councilwoman Bermudez: Absent

Councilman Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Surgeon: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Maly D. Rosado

Thomas J./Clarke II Co-Chair OMBGA

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Maly D. Rosado, Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman John Q, Gale, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

Nick Lebrón, Councilman Josh Michtom, Councilman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman James Sánchez, Councilman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a special meeting on February 24, 2020 at 5:30pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

<u>Item #5</u>

An ordinance amending Chapter 32, Article I, Tax Relief for the Elderly, of the Municipal Code (Mayor Bronin).

The following were present: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman John Gale, and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

Also attended: Adam Cloud, City Treasurer, Leigh Ann Ralls, Finance Director, John Philip, City Assessor, David Roudebush, Executive Vice President & FM of Oxygen Finance Limited, Emily Sifuentas, Financial Controls Manager of ARCADIS/O&G/C&R Program Management and other concerned citizens.

John Philip, City Assessor explained the ordinance amending Section 32-18 of the Municipal Code in an effort to request an extension of the Elderly Tax Relief Program for taxes that are due on the Grand List of October 1, 2019. Since 1982, the program has continued annually in order to lessen the tax burden on Hartford homeowners who are 65 years of age and older.

Mr. Philip shared with the OMBGA committee that income limits have also increased thereby granting additional seniors to qualify and take advantage of the opportunity which is specific to home owners as shown below:

| | Current | Recommended |
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| | Income Limits | Income Limits |
| Unmarried | \$50,350 | \$52,850 |
| Married | \$57,550 | \$60,400 |

A discussion ensued amongst the OMBGA committee members and John Phillip regarding the number of last year's participants and State reimbursement. Mr. Philip informed the committee that 667 residents took advantage of the program and that there was no State reimbursement.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon and seconded by Councilman John Gale to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (5-0-0 Abstain- 0 Absent- Pass)

Council President Rosado: Yes Majority Leader Clarke II: Yes Councilwoman Bermudez: Yes

Councilman Gale: Yes

Councilwoman Surgeon: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Maly D. Rosado

Maly D. Rosado

Thomas J. Jarke I Co-Chair MBGA



CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a Special Meeting on February 19th, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #3

(Council President Rosado) (Majority Leader Clarke II) (Councilman Lebron) (Councilman Gale) (Councilwoman Rossetti) (Councilwoman Surgeon) (Councilman Sanchez) (Councilwoman Bermudez) (Councilman Michtom) Resolution that Batterson Park Conservancy" now desires to gain approval under Section 26-2 of the Code to use the name "Batterson Park Conservancy" in fundraising and publications. (Item #10 on the 1/27/20 Agenda)

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti, Committee Member John Gale Also present were: Walter Veselka- Director of Department of Public Works, Shubhada Kambli - Sustainability Coordinator from the Mayor's Office, Cynthia Lauture from Corporation Counsel and other concerned citizens.

Neil Connors founding board member of the proposed Batterson Park Conservancy gave a presentation regarding the value and benefits of revitalization/reopening of Batterson Park. He also spoke of Representative Matt Ritter's role in gathering surrounding town officials from Farmington and New Britain to be part of the discussion. In addition, Rep. Ritter is highly supportive of obtaining State funding to assist with this project. The Conservancy is seeking approval pursuant Section 26-2 of the Code to use the name "Batterson Park Conservancy" in fundraising and publications with Batterson Park Conservancy for the purposes of raising funds and public education about Batterson Park. Walter Veselka, DPW Director indicated that he is currently preparing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

A motion was made by Committee member Gale to move item with a favorable recommendation to full council; Second by Committee Chair Rossetti

Vote Taken (2-0. 1 Absent. Pass)

Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti: Yes Committee Member Nick Lebron: Absent Committee Member John Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn E. Rossetti

Chair, PWPR&E Committee

| ITEM# | _ON AGENDA |
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INTRODUCED BY:

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti City of Hartford, January 27, 2020

Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez Council President Maly D. Rosado Majority Leader TJ Clarke II Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon Councilman Nick Lebron Councilman James Sanchez Councilman Joshua Michtom Councilman John Q. Gale

WHEREAS, In 1928, the City of Hartford Water Department donated a 165-acre former drinkingwater reservoir and 765 acres of nearby and surrounding watershed land to the City's Department of Parks when these lands were abandoned as a source of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of residents of the City of Hartford (the "City") thereafter enjoyed use of the Batterson Park Reservoir now "Batterson Pond" for swimming, fishing, picnicking and hiking primarily from the 1930's until the 2015; and

WHEREAS, The City is still the owner of some of the remaining land and reservoir parcels that came to be known as Batterson Park and Batterson Park Pond located in the towns of Farmington, New Britain and Plainville (located approximately 10 miles from the center of Hartford), as well as certain buildings located on these parcels and now retains the land area known as the 262 acre "Batterson Park Pond" parcel, the 51 acre "Camp Courant" parcel, the 163 acre "Deadwood Swamp" parcel, and the 32 acre "Hospital Rock" parcel; and

WHEREAS, Currently the Batterson Pond parcel contains a number of structures and was the only area developed as active park recreation space while the other parcels have been used for flood retention, passive open space, and limited passive recreation such as hiking (with the exception of the parcel leased to Camp Courant); and

WHEREAS, The dislocation of Batterson Pond from the City and its residents poses significant barriers to use and unique management challenges; and

WHEREAS, With few city visitors and little political representation or advocacy, Batterson Park did not have a strong user constituency to advocate for its maintenance or improvement until now when a team of volunteer Hartford residents and non-residents working in conjunction with members of the Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission ("PRAC") established a "Friends" park caretaker and conservancy group similar to those already established at Elizabeth Park, Keney Park, Bushnell Park and Goodwin Park; and

WHEREAS, That "Friends" group has now received federal 501(c)(3) non-profit designation in the name of "Batterson Park Conservancy" and whose primary function as a non-profit land conservation organization is to conserve and protect Batterson Park and primarily Batterson Pond through public education, park maintenance, programming and eventual rehabilitation of facilities to restore it to a true regional destination park; and

WHEREAS, As part of its maintenance and conservancy efforts the Batterson Park Conservancy wants to begin fundraising activities on behalf of the Batterson Pond acreage; and,

WHEREAS, The Batterson Park Conservancy has identified the following limited goals for 2020-2021 such as making repairs to the bathroom and picnic areas, mowing certain areas for walking and recreational use, bringing in fresh beach sand, providing lifeguards on summer weekends, and coordinating some possible joint programming with Camp Courant; and

WHEREAS, The Batterson Park Conservancy now desires to gain approval under § 26-2 of the Code to use the name "Batterson Park Conservancy" in fundraising and publications, and affirms that (1) Membership in Batterson Park Conservancy is open to all residents of the city without regard to race, color, creed or nationality; (2) there are no fees for initiation and membership in Batterson Park Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The Batterson Park Conservancy further affirms that fundraising efforts will be focused regionally, with no solicitation of institutional support from Hartford based charitable institutions; and

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut through Representative Matt Ritter has expressed interest in a state funded one-time rehabilitation of Batterson Park.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor may enter into an agreement with Batterson Park Conservancy for the purposes of operations and management of Batterson Park, and be it further

RESOLVED, that agreement with Batterson Park Conservancy may include the towns of New Britain, Farmington, and any other neighboring communities to Batterson Park who wish to join such an agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor shall grant approval pursuant to § 26-2 of the Code to use the name "Batterson Park Conservancy" in fundraising and publications with Batterson Park Conservancy for the purposes of raising funds and public education about Batterson Park.

ALDERMAN CHRIS ANDERSON At Large

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ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER

Member

Committee on Administration, Finance and Law Audit Committee

February 18, 2020

Mayor Bronin and the Hartford City Council 550 Main St Hartford, CT 06103

Honorable Mayor Bronin and Hartford City Council members,

I write in support of Batterson Park Conservancy's efforts to restore the park to its former glory. As a vital regional asset, the park's vacancy is not just Hartford's problem. It's a problem for all of us—of wasted investments, of missed opportunities to preserve our natural resources, and a lack of access to beachfront recreation for some of central Connecticut most disadvantaged communities.

The first step is granting Batterson Park Conservancy the ability to fundraise so our communities can rally together to open the doors of the park once again. The next steps we can take, in part, together. Although Hartford and New Britain often compete for limited state funds, we are natural allies. Batterson Park is an opportunity to flex our regional muscles as we share resources for a common goal—and the common good. I hope it will be the first of many such steps.

Together we can accomplish something that would not be possible alone, especially considering the fragile economic condition of our communities. But there are many allies in this cause. I am one among many in New Britain and promise to use my capacity as Alderman to promote cooperation throughout the process of restoring Batterson Park.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson

Alderman At Large, City of New Britain

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THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON





February 19, 2020

City of Hartford Court of Common Council 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Mayor Bronin and Court of Common Council,

On behalf of the Town of Farmington, please accept this letter as our support of the Batterson Park Conservancy's plan to operate Batterson Park with a conservancy-based model and to use available state funding to restore the park and beach. Their work is both worthwhile and exciting.

A private public partnership to conserve and protect Batterson Park and its adjoining parcels through public education, park maintenance, programming and utilizing fundraising to support the park in perpetuity is good for Hartford and good for the region. Batterson Park is both a community and regional asset that should be preserved.

Farmington fully supports the efforts of the Batterson Park Conservancy. We hope that the City of Hartford will continue to support their plan and efforts.

Sincerely,

C.J. Thomas

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Farmington Town Council Chair

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Farmington Town Manager



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR THE HONORABLE ERIN E. STEWART

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February 19, 2020

Members of the Court of Common Council and Public Works Committees,

I am writing to express my support of the resolution presented to you this evening by The Batterson Park Conservancy.

The current state of Batterson Park is an issue that is deeply troubling to me and it is a concern that needs to be addressed. As Mayor of the City of New Britain, I firmly believe in the mission advocated by The Batterson Park Conservancy and pledge to work with them in any way possible to return Batterson Park to its former grandeur.

Unfortunately, over the course of the last decade, we saw significant decreases in visitors from Hartford and as a result, a lack of political representation or advocacy for Batterson Park. Without a strong Hartford user constituency, very few in Hartford advocated for its continued maintenance or improvement. Consequently, the surrounding communities of New Britain and Farmington, the primary beneficiaries of the park's facilities, were left without any political recourse to sustain the park's operations.

Though never owned or operated by the City of New Britain, Batterson Park has a long history of serving the greater New Britain community and was a focal meeting point for family focused recreational activities. Thousands of New Britain residents enjoyed use of Batterson Pond for swimming, fishing, picnicking and hiking annually — and the void left, after its closure in 2015, is still felt in our community to this day.

The City of New Britain welcomes the actions of The Batterson Park Conservancy and its mission to conserve and protect Batterson Park and primarily Batterson Pond through public education, park maintenance, programming and eventual rehabilitation of facilities to restore it to a true regional destination park.

We pledge to be a regional partner in private fundraising efforts, volunteer rehabilitation efforts, and park promotional efforts. I urge you to strongly to adopt this resolution.

Sincerely,

Erin E. Stewart

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Mayor, City of New Britain

Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti, chair of the DPW, Parks and Environmental Committee
Councilman Nick Lebron
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez

Dear Councilwoman Rossetti, Councilman Lebron and Councilwoman Bermudez:

I am very much in support of the newly formed Batterson Park Conservancy as the manager, operator and overseer of Batterson Park. I have worked with Neil Connors, Allison Cappuccio and others from the beginning of their journey to create a "friends/conservancy group" for this park. Ironically, I grew up in New Britain and used the park as a youngster, so I have firsthand knowledge of what Batterson Park can be again. It is a jewel, a conservationist's dream, and a unique "beach land" owned by the City of Hartford, within the center of our state. The park needs funding, management and passion to bring it back to its glory days. The Batterson Park Conservancy will do that. It will take time; it will take incremental steps; and it will take money.

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy was formed in 1977, as the Friends of Elizabeth Park, by a small group of dedicated neighbors, both urban and suburban, to save the historic rose garden from almost certain demolition. The Conservancy did this rose bed by rose bed. As city funding for parks continued to dwindle, the Conservancy continued to pick up the work once completed by the park department. At one time, there were over 50 gardeners in Elizabeth Park. Today there is one gardener and one maintainer. Today the Conservancy raises money, hires staff, contractors, and consultants, and oversees the volunteer program to maintain all the gardens, the greenhouses and much of the grounds. We collaborate with city officials: the DPW Director, DPW Deputy Director, the Park Superintendent, the City Forrester, the Development and Permit department.

In addition, the Conservancy has overseen over \$12M in capital improvements. Currently, the old brownstone bathroom building (c. 1933) is being renovated into a visitor center and resurfacing of a gravel parking lot (\$1M), a new Fern Street entrance and paved walk ADA compatible (\$120K). The new Walbridge Entrance was completed a year ago (\$125K). Our next major capital improvement will be a \$1.5M restoration and modernization of the three 1898 Greenhouses. I see Batterson Park Conservancy doing capital improvements as they grow and develop.

Because of our work, Elizabeth Park is on the National Register of Historic Places and one of the Top Tourist Attractions in Connecticut and is home to America's Oldest public Rose garden. We recently achieved Arboretum status, another honor to Hartford Park's system.

I see this as the future of the Batterson Park Conservancy. Nothing gets done in parks without money, passion and commitment; and the Batterson Park Conservancy hit the trifecta already. This group has gone from Zero to Sixty in such a short time and will continue that momentum. Will it be easy? If something is easy, it is not worth doing. No, it will be hard work. Already, the leadership of the Batterson Park Conservancy has built bridges with City of New Britain and the Town of Farmington to contribute to the care of the park. Collaboration is the key in improving parks: with citizens, with community groups and, in this case, with other municipalities. For this alone, I admire the Batterson Park Conservancy. For this reason and others, I have agreed to accept the Vice President of Batterson Park Conservancy.

Urban parks cannot survive without the support of the community. The cities just do not have the budget for park maintenance today vs. the old days. Hartford, along with many cities in the past 30-40 years, depends on the neighborhood and support/friends groups for funding, capital project improvements, maintenance and management. The gold standard for a nonprofit overseeing the operations of a park is the Central Park Conservancy. This organization manages Central Park, concurs with the City of New York on the overall strategy, capital projects, and operations. But the day to day management is the Central Park Conservancy.

The Batterson Park Conservancy would be great partners and asset to the City park department and bring Batterson Park back to its glory days.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kraczkowsky

Incoming Vice President, Batterson Park Conservancy

Batterson Park Conservancy REVITALIZING A LOST LEGACY

Special Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee Meeting

Wednesday February 19th, 2020

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1879-2015: Creation to Closure

1879

Batterson Pond is built as a drinking water reservoir for Hartford residents

1950s

The pond thrived, attracting as many as 230,000 people a year to boat, fish and splash in its water.

1992

Hartford's Parks
Master Plan
recommends
preserving
Batterson Park,
calling it "a
unique
wilderness
experience for
city residents."

2014

The Capital City
Parks Guide
Identifies
Batterson as an
Identity Park due
to its strong
historic legacy
and regional
draw;
recommends

PARK CLOSED IN TREMSING

2016

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Hartford closes Batterson park to the public

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Batterson Park is established as a public park under Hartford's Mayor Walter E. Batterson

1988

West Hartford purchases 67 acres of the park for \$8M, which is used to establish the Hartford Parks Trust Fund

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Green Ribbon
Task Force
submits report to
Mayor Pedro
Segarra
recommending
several initiatives
to revitalize
Hartford's park
system

Post 2015 Closure: Decay and Neglect

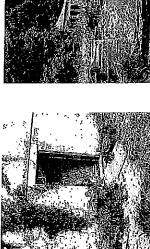


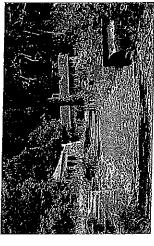
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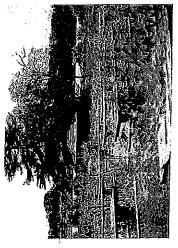
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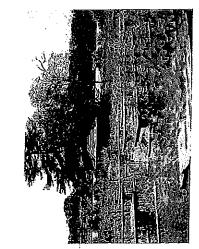
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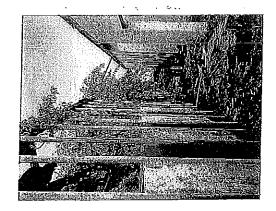
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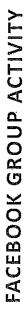


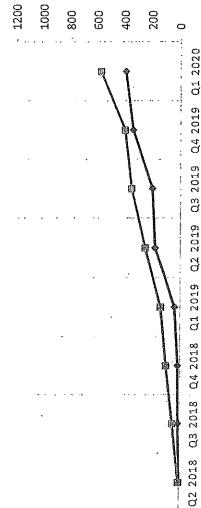




Recent Online Advocacy

- Since it's founding in early 2018, the Batterson Park Facebook group has shown steady growth in both membership & active engagement reigniting public support to rebuild and re-open the Park.
- Batterson Park Conservancy has expanded online presence to Instagram, offering multiple social media platforms for fundraising & community partnership.





Early 2018:
Group Founded
"Friends of
Batterson Park"

Early 2019:
Group Name
Changed to
"Batterson Park
Conservancy"

Early 2020: Record Membership (579) Record Activity (396) SOES US CONTRACTOR SON THE CONTR

Conservancies allow cities to get such parks off the books financially, so that cities 'Innited funds can be invested in neighborhood parks."

Aaron IVI. Renn (Manhartan Institute)-

Lower capital expenditures for the City of Hartford municipalities, and both public/private donations & Taxpayer costs offset by funding from surrounding grants

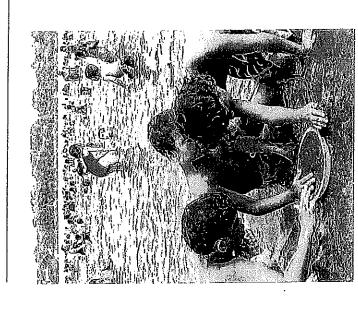
Conservancies have a proven track record in Connecticut

In Hartford: Elizabeth Park Conservancy, Bushnell Park Conservancy

In CT: The Nature Conservancy, CT River Conservancy, Avalonia Land Conservancy, Edgerton Park Conservancy, etc.

Batterson Park Conservancy

A community vision



Guiding Principle

and strong citizen leadership in combination with private philanthropy are fundamental to Batterson Park Conservancy was founded on the core belief that community engagement sustaining the open space that Batterson Park offers in order to preserve this legacy for future generations of park visitors.

Mission

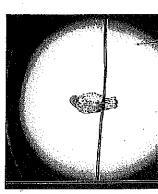
cooperate private-public relationship, public education, park maintenance, programing and continuing use of Batterson Park by the citizens of the Hartford Capital Region. Through a private fundraising Batterson Park Conservancy aspires to improve the accessibility and Batterson Park Conservancy Inc. is dedicated to restore, preserve, and provide for the quality of the park for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

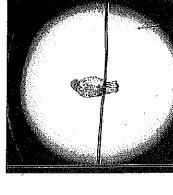
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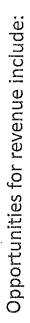
- Ensure clean and safe environment such that the Hartford Capitol Region may come and utilize the outdoors.
- To promote Batterson Pond as a regional destination park.
- To create and maintain Batterson Park as a publicly accessible beach.
- To create and maintain facilities that supports Batterson Park Conservancy
- To reinvest back into the park and community through creative and innovative means.

Positive Community Impacts

- Safe, family friendly location for both active and passive enjoyment
- Expanded access for Hartford residents, including Camp Courant attendees
 - The creation of a Regional destination park for Connecticut communities
 - "Cooling" effects for residents during times of excessive heat
- Increased opportunities for recreation & health-related activities
 - Safer, cleaner water source for rare & migrating birds





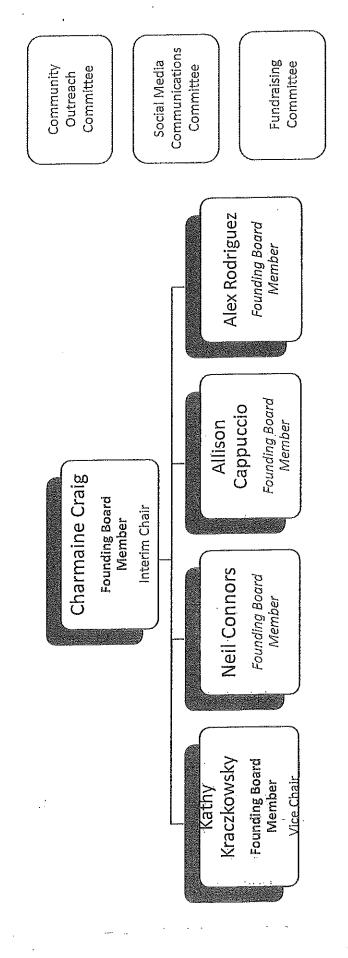


- ✓ Food trucks and concession stand ✓ Kayak/Canoe rentals
 - ✓ Parking & entrance fees
 - ✓ Events space



Batterson Park Conservancy - Board of Directors

And Supporting Committees



Cost to Reopen Batterson Park

Total vs Phased Reopening

City of Hartford Total Park Restoration Estimate

Demolition & rebuild of structures

Addition of entrance features and signage

New pavilions, bathrooms & additional structures

Repaving & repainting

Site furnishings

Landscaping and masonry

Tree removal & replanting

Water quality treatment & aeration of beach

Security cameras

\$7,276,080

Batterson Park Conservancy Phase 1 Restoration Estimate

Demolition of unsafe structures

Minimal paving & concrete

Beach/Sand Grading/replenishment

Water quality treatment

Site Furnishings

Security cameras

Tree removal

\$2,078,523

Stages of Restoration



Restore beach area, volunteer clean up, purchase new sand.

cleanup, tree removal, picnic benches, (state Major park grounds funded)

Water treatment to swimmable levels.

paddleboat rentals, fundraising events Revenue: Kayak & food trucks,

Camp programming Partner with Camp. Courant to expand

instali temporary bathroom area while building demolition underway.

basketball and tennis Begin restoration of park amenities, i.e. courts.

private parties, food Revenue: Company truck and/or beer outings, picnics,

Renovate facilities. concession area. bathrooms and including new

transportation options, existing bus routes. explore adjusting Expand public

Expand trail network to provide open access to entire pond

restaurant vendor for possible Batterson "Pond House". Revenue: Solicit



Active use and revenue generation

Open for passive use

Renovate rebuild and restore



Annual Operating Costs

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| Expense Type | Managed Operation | City of Hartford Operation |
| Direct Labor | \$97,088 | \$165,111 |
| Management/Overhead | \$50,000 | \$15,000 |
| Maintenance | \$169,250 | \$6,500 |
| Utilities | \$6,500 | \$6,500 |
| Insurance | \$30,000 | TBD |
| Contingency | \$24,000 | \$35,586 |
| Capital Reserve | \$175,000 | \$175,000 |
| Total Operating Cost | \$551,838 | \$566,447 |
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as new projects & renovations scale

*Variable cost model to be applied

amounted to \$7,400/year, or 8% of

parking admission fees still

the Hartford Parks system total

revenue that year.

In 2005, even when the park was already in decline, Batterson Park

Source: Budget provided by City of Hartford DPW

Stakeholder Support & Fundraising Opportunities

Supporting Public Officials

Erin Stewart: New Britain Mayor

Kathleen Blonski: Farmington Town Manager

Cl Thomas: Farmington Town Council President

Matt Ritter: Majority leader, CT House of

Representatives

McKinley Albert: Executive Director of Hartford's Camp Courant (outgoing)

Marilyn Rossetti: Hartford City Council

Surrounding Municipalities public support

City of New Britain

City of West Hartford

Town of Farmington

Town of Avon

Supporting Business (committed)

Mainstream Canoe & Kayak (New Hartford, CT)

Potential Corporate Sponsors

Aetna, Cigna, United Health, Whole Foods, The Hartford Courant, etc.

Including: Grants, Community Service, Matching Donations

Facts About Batterson Park

- Batterson Pond was built in 1879 as a drinking water reservoir for the city of Hartford. $\widehat{\dashv}$
- Hartford's Mayor Walter E. Batterson established it as a public park in 1928, once the water department turned over the unused land to the city. Mayor Batterson was the son of James Goodwin Batterson (23 February 1823–18 September 1901) who founded Travelers Insurance Company in 1863. $\widehat{\sim}$
- 3) The Pond has a mean depth of 14 feet and a maximum depth of 20 feet.
- Batterson Pond is 143 acres large; this does not include the surrounding park lands. 4
- The pond thrived into the 1950s, attracting as many as 230,000 people a year to boat, fish and splash in its water." "The Parks System of Hartford, Connecticut: Renewing a Historic Legacy" $\widehat{\Omega}$
- in 1960 Camp Courant relocated to Batterson Park in Farmington. On September 29th that year, the Hartford City Council authorized a five-year lease to Camp Courant for the space for \$1.00 per year. The lease payment remains the same today. ଡ
- In 1988, a portion of park lands were sold to the town of West Hartford, the proceeds were used to establish the Hartford Parks Trust Fund. \sim
- The park has been closed to the public since 2015; the state-run boat launch remained open. $\widehat{\infty}$
- As recently as 2017, Batterson Pond was stocked by CT DEEP with 275 juvenile catfish. It has been stocked with walleye and carp in past seasons. ত
- CT DEEP has observed that the Pond and surrounding wetlands provide native habitat for the endangered Northern Harrier, a predatory bird. 6

Prior Restoration Plans

Hartford Parks Master Plan (1992) recommendations

- Improve pedestrian access, picnic facilities and related amenities to enhance passive and group uses. Expand programs emphasizing nature and ecology
- Public transportation options should be expanded and publicized...to bring those without private transportation to
- Focus active uses on swimming while open areas for free play...no expensive, highly developed sports fields or courts are required for this park.
- Develop a circuit walk around the pond to allow free access to the entire park. When the path is designed, then location, alignment and grade should be resolved to prevent unwanted runoff from entering the lake.
- Relocate maintenance facility to provide a more secure interior courtyard for equipment and to provide a facility schematic plan seeks to upgrade this experience for city residents." that seems a more appropriate scale and character for the surrounding residential community. wilderness experience for city residents. The Batterson Park "This park serves a unique purpose as a natural water and

Prior Restoration Plans, cont'd

Green Ribbon Task Force (2011) recommendations

- Establish an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and explore the feasibility of adapting the City Parks Trust Fund to serve as the entity capable of soliciting and receiving contributions.
- Continue to push for regional solutions to parks funding challenges and work with the state to establish a 'regional
 asset district' that would provide regional funding for destination parks like popular city parks.

the city. Just a short ride away is a place where Hartford families can "Batterson Park provides a slice of the country without even leaving enjoy a 'staycation' of swimming, camping and hiking.'" -Mayor Pedro Segarra

Prior Restoration Plans, cont'd

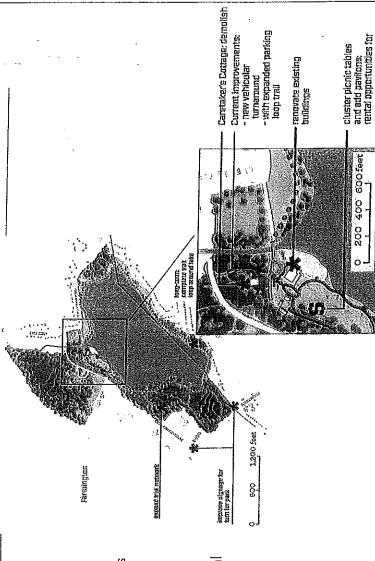
Capital City Parks Guide (2014)

Concept Principles:

 Increase revenue generation opportunities without increasing maintenance/operational burden. Identify 3rd party vendor opportunities, and contract for parks to receive portion of revenue.

Concept Elements:

- 1. Vendor opportunity for revenue generation and expanded programming (without additional capital spending or maintenance efforts required). (short to mid-term)
- 2. Renovate main buildings; demolish Caretaker's Cottage (long-term)
- 3. Expand trail network (long-term)



Letters of Support

Mayor Erin Stewart (New Britain)

Alderman Chris Anderson (New Britain)

Kathy Kraczkowsky on behalf of Elizabeth Park Conservancy

Mckinley Albert, Director of Camp Courant

*Additional letters of support from residents and group members also provided



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Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a Special Meeting on February 19th, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #1

Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution that authorizes and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and deliver the Access Agreement and any and all amendments thereto legal instrument between the City and the Board of Energy Improvement District allowing access to and use of the Site for the purposes of the Solar Panel Project. (Item #5 on the 1/13/20 Agenda

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti, Committee Member John Gale Also present were: Walter Veselka-Director of Department of Public Works, Shubhada Kambli - Sustainability Coordinator from the Mayor's Office, Cynthia Lauture from Corporation Counsel and other concerned citizens.

Shubhada Kambli -Sustainability Coordinator, gave an overview and background of the Energy Improvement District (EID). The EID statutory mission is to promote projects in Hartford that both increase energy efficiency and further commerce and industry. The EID has issued an RFP for the design, engineering, construction and maintenance of a photovoltaic power system, consisting of solar panels, to be installed at the former landfill at 180 Liebert Road. EID is requesting authorization from the City to execute and deliver a site access agreement. A discussion followed with Tom Swarr, EID board member and committee members.

A motion was made by Committee member Gale to move item with a favorable recommendation to full council; Second by Committee Chair Rossetti

Vote Taken (2-0. 1 Absent. Pass)

Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti: Yes Committee Member Nick Lebron: Absent Committee Member John Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn E. Rossetti

Chair, PWPR&E Committee



January 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: City of Hartford Energy Improvement District Board Solar Panel Project

Dear Council President Rosado,

The City of Hartford's Energy Improvement District Board (the "Board"), in accordance with its statutory mission to promote projects in Hartford that both increase energy efficiency and reliability and further commerce and industry, issued a request for proposals for the design, engineering, construction, and maintenance of a photovoltaic power system, consisting of solar panels (the "Project"), to be installed on the former landfill at 180 Liebert Road in Hartford. This project, while similar to the existing solar array at the capped landfill, would be unique in that it has the potential to offer fixed cost green power to residents of Hartford.

The Board must enter into a number of legal instruments to carry out the Project including, but not limited to, a power purchase agreement, a site access agreement, and/or an interconnection agreement with its selected vendor. Additionally, given that the City owns the former landfill, the appropriate legal instrument will have to be entered into by and between the City and the Board relative to allowing access to and use of this site for the purposes of the Project.

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to execute and deliver a site access agreement and to take such other actions as would effectuate and/or further the Project.

The Office of Sustainability is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

550 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Telephone (860) 757-9500 Facsimile (860) 722-6606

INTRODUCED BY:

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

City of Hartford, January 13, 2020

WHEREAS, In August of 2016, pursuant to state statute, the Hartford Court of Common Council (the "Council") created, by ordinance, the City of Hartford Energy Improvement District (the "District"), consisting of the entire area within Hartford's municipal boundaries, and the District board (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, The Board, which is comprised of residents, business representatives, and city staff, is both able to distribute energy and required by state statute to promote projects in the District that both increase energy efficiency and reliability and further commerce and industry therein; and

WHEREAS, The Board issued a Request for Proposals (the "RFP") for the design, engineering, construction and maintenance of a photovoltaic power system (the "Solar Panel Project") to be installed on the former Hartford landfill located at 180 Liebert Road in Hartford (the "Site"), which Site is owned by the City of Hartford (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, The Board must enter into a number of legal instruments with the selected vendor to carry out the Solar Panel Project including, but not limited to, a Power Purchase Agreement and/or an Interconnection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Given that the Site is owned by the City, the appropriate legal instrument will have to be entered into by and between the City and the Board allowing access to and use of the Site for the purposes of the Solar Panel Project (the "Access Agreement"); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council hereby authorizes and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and deliver the Access Agreement, and any and all amendments thereto, and to take such actions, upon and subject to such terms and conditions that the Mayor or his designee and the Office of the Corporation Counsel deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City, in order to effectuate and/or further the Solar Panel Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any other documents and to take such other actions, upon and subject to such terms and conditions that the Mayor or his designee and the Office of the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City, in order to effectuate and/or further the Solar Panel Project; 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 or his designee fail to execute and deliver 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 or his designee executing and

delivering such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor or his designee and the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD 550 MAIN STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Nick Lebron, Councilman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman James Sánchez, Councilman Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman John Q. Gale, Councilman Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

Report

March 9, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President City of Hartford 550 Main Street, Room 208 Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation & Environment (PWPR&E) Committee held a Special Meeting on February 19th, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #2

Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Kerrice Reynolds and Richard Shaw to the Board of Directors for the Energy Improvement District. (Item # 4 on the 2/10/20 Agenda)

The following were present: Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti, Committee Member John Gale Also present were: Walter Veselka-Director of Department of Public Works, Shubhada Kambli - Sustainability Coordinator from the Mayor's Office, Cynthia Lauture from Corporation Counsel and other concerned citizens.

Both Mayoral appointees to Board of Directors for the Energy Improvement District Kerrice Reynolds and Richard Shaw were asked by Committee Chair Rosetti and Committee Member Gale to explain about their background and interest in serving on the EID board. They were also commended for their support and willingness to serve.

Attached substitute resolution reflects amendments regarding Richards party affiliation and corrected address.

A motion was made by Committee member Gale to move item with a favorable recommendation to full council; Second by Committee Chair Rossetti

Vote Taken (2-0. 1 Absent. Pass)

Committee Chair Marilyn Rossetti: Yes Committee Member Nick Lebron: Absent Committee Member John Gale: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn E. Rossetti

Chair, PWPR&E Committee



February 10, 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: Appointments to the Energy Improvement District Board of Directors

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Kerrice Reynolds and Richard Shaw to the Board of Directors for the Energy Improvement District for the City of Hartford.

Established by city ordinance, and in accordance with applicable state statutes, the Energy Improvement District shall prepare and implement a comprehensive plan to develop and finance projects that will distribute energy resources throughout the district efficiently and reliably and to the benefit of Hartford area residents.

Ms. Reynolds currently works as a community program manager for CT Rides where she develops, promotes, and implements a range of programs geared towards increasing access to, and utilization of, public transportation. She holds a master's degree in social work from Fordham University.

Mr. Shaw has over twenty-five years of experience in the energy industry. He currently serves as the Vice President of Operations for the Hartford Steam Company and holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Manhattan College.

I am pleased to appoint Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Shaw to the Energy Improvement District for the City of Hartford and am confident they will serve our city well. Their resumes are attached for your review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

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SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, and through the Court of Common Council, the City of Hartford established the Energy Improvement District in 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Improvement District shall prepare and implement a comprehensive plan to develop and finance projects that will distribute energy resources throughout the district efficiently and reliably and to the benefit of all Hartford area residents; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Improvement District is a nine-member board with directors appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Court of Common Council for a term of four years, which shall expire on the first Monday of February of the year of expiration; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Kerrice Reynolds and Richard Shaw to the Board of Directors for the Energy Improvement District for the City of Hartford; now, therefore be it

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

Kerrice Reynolds (D) – Vacancy 102 Wyllys Street, Hartford, CT 06106 For a term expiring February 5, 2024

Richard Shaw (R) – Business Partner Vacancy 60 Columbus Blvd, Hartford CT, 06103 For a term expiring February 5, 2024



February 10, 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: Elderly Tax Relief Program

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration, please find an ordinance amendment of Section 32-18 of the Municipal Code. This amendment will extend the Elderly Tax Relief Program to elderly Hartford homeowners for taxes due on the Grand List of October 1, 2019 and increase the income limits for eligibility.

The Court of Common Council established the Elderly Tax Relief Program, authorized under Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes, in 1982. The program has been continued annually in order to lessen the tax burden on Hartford homeowners who are 65 years of age and older. Last year, hundreds of households in our city benefitted from this program.

This year we recommend increasing the income limits to \$52,850 for an unmarried person and \$60,400 for a married couple, which correspond to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Bronin

Mayor

550 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Telephone (860) 757-9500 Facsimile (860) 722-6606 Introduced by:

Mayor Luke A. Bronin

HEADING AND PURPOSE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF HARTFORD

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF HARTFORD February 10, 2020

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

That Chapter 32, Article I, Tax Relief for the Elderly, of the Municipal Code be amended as follows:

Chapter 32 - TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 32-18. - Tax relief for the elderly.

- (a) Any person who is liable for taxes assessed on real property located in the City, which real property is occupied by such person as his personal residence, whether such person is an owner of the real property or is liable for taxes therein under the provisions of G.S. § 12-48 as a tenant for life or for a term of years, shall be allowed to pay said taxes quarterly without interest or penalty and entitled to tax relief in the form of a tax credit, provided that the:
 - (1) Person is sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or his spouse is sixty-five (65) years of age or over and resides with such person, or the person is sixty (60) years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer who would have qualified for tax relief under this program at the time of his death;
 - (2) Person has been a resident of the City of a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the application for relief;
 - (3) Property for which the tax credit is claimed is the legal domicile of such person and is occupied by such person for at least one hundred eighty-three (183) days of each year;
 - (4) Person's qualifying income individually, if unmarried, during the calendar year preceding the claim for tax relief, shall not exceed <u>fifty-two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$52,850)</u> or jointly, if married, not exceed <u>sixty thousand four hundred dollars (\$60,400)</u>.
 - Qualifying income is defined as adjusted gross income (Internal Revenue Code guidelines) plus tax-exempt interest, dividend exclusions, gifts, bequests, social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, and income from all other tax-exempt sources, but not including any credits received under this program;
 - (5) Person shall have applied for property tax relief under any other existing state benefits programs for which he may be eligible; and
 - (6) Person makes application for tax relief afforded under this program biennially with the City Assessor no earlier than February first, nor later than May fifteenth.

- (b) The amount of the tax credit afforded under this program shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a residential property of three (3) dwelling units or less and one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for a residential property of four (4) dwelling units. In any case where title to such real property is recorded in the names of more than one (1) taxpayer, the amount of credit shall be provided in accordance with the fractional share such eligible owner holds in the property.
- (c) The City Assessor is hereby authorized to implement this program, and to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper administration of this program. He may designate agents to act in his name in collecting applications for this program.
- (d) The City Assessor shall determine eligibility for tax relief under this program. He shall compute the amount of credit due each qualified taxpayer, make proper record thereof, and inform the City tax collector of his determination.
- (e) If any person entitled to the tax credit afforded under this program dies or sells the real property on which the tax credit is granted, any credit previously allowed shall be disallowed to the extent of the portion of the fiscal year remaining following the date of death or sale of the property, except where such death or sale results in a surviving spouse, otherwise eligible, acquiring the interest formerly held by the taxpayer.
- (f) The tax relief afforded under this program to a taxpayer in no event shall, together with any relief received by such residents under the provisions of G.S. §§ 12-129b to 12-129d inclusive, 12-129h, and 12-170aa, exceed, in the aggregate, seventy-five (75) percent of the tax which would, except for G.S. §§ 12-129b to 12-129d inclusive, 12-129h, and 12-170aa, and this program, be laid against such taxpayer.
- (g) The City hereby waives any right to establish a lien which it may have under the provisions of G.S. § 12-129n(f).
- (h) Affidavits, applications or other documents presented in support of the application for tax relief shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed except in connection with an investigation of fraud or other misrepresentation as to eligibility.
- (i) The total of all credits granted under the provisions of this program shall be limited to ten (10) percent of the total real property tax levied in the City in the preceding fiscal year. If the total of all credits which would be granted except for this section exceeds an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total real property tax levied in the City in the preceding fiscal year, then each such credit shall be reduced on a pro rata basis so that the total credits equals ten (10) percent of the total real property tax assessed.
- (j) This section shall apply for taxes due on the list of October 1, 2019, only.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

(Code 1977, § 31-19; Ord. No. 10-83, §§ A—J, 3-14-83; Ord. No. 4-84, 2-14-84; Ord. No. 1-85, 1-16-85; Ord. No. 2-85, 1-16-85; Ord. No. 38-86, 11-24-86; Ord. No. 2-88, 1-11-88; Ord. No. 38-88, 6-27-88; Ord. No. 4-89, 2-14-89; Ord. No. 6-90, 3-12-90; Ord. No. 25-90, 6-11-90; Ord. No. 3-91, 1-28-91; Ord. No. 1-92, 1-13-92; Ord. No. 45-92, 12-14-92; Ord. No. 15-94, 2-28-94; Ord. No. 1-95, 1-23-95; Ord. No. 3-96, 1-22-96; Ord. No. 61-96, 12-16-96; Ord. No. 2-98, 1-12-98; Ord. No. 1-99, 1-11-99; Ord. No. 1-00, 1-24-00; Ord. No. 1-01, 1-25-01; Ord. No. 2-02, 1-14-02; Ord. No. 63-02, 1-13-03; Ord. No. 01-04, 1-12-04; Ord. No. 20-04, 12-13-04; Ord. No. 01-06, 1-9-06; Ord. No. 01-08, 1-14-08; Ord. No. 03-09, 2-9-09; Ord. No. 01-10, 1-11-10; Ord.

No. 01-11, 1-10-11; Ord. No. 05-12, 4-9-12; Ord. No. 02-13, 2-25-13; Ord. No. 02-14, 3-24-14; Ord. No. 04-15, 3-23-15; Ord. No. 05-16, 5-23-16; Ord. No. 13-17, 3-27-17; Ord. No. 02-18, 4-9-18)



January 27, 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: Burns Latino Studies Academy Ordinance Appropriation

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance appropriating \$50,700,000 for the planning, design, and construction of renovations and improvements to Burns Latino Studies Academy.

During the July 2019 Special Session, the State of Connecticut General Assembly authorized the conversion of the code violation project at the Burns Latino Studies Academy to a renovation project and placed the project on the school building project priority list. The reimbursement rate for the project was also increased from 80% to 95%.

Before moving forward, the Board of Education has requested that an appropriation ordinance be adopted in order to be able to apply for the State Construction Grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

Introduced by:

Introduced by: Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

HEADING AND PURPOSE AN ORDINANCE MAKING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT REVISED PROJECT COSTS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BURNS LATINO STUDIES ACADEMY PROJECT NO. 064-0312 RNV.

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF HARTFORD

January 27, 2020

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

- Section 1. As authorized by the State of Connecticut, the sum of \$47,700,000.00 is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the "City") in the General Fund in support of public improvements in the Burns Latino Studies Academy Project No. 064-0312 RNV (the "Project"), which additional sum will increase the estimated project costs in the Project to \$50,700,000.00.
- Section 2. The estimated useful life of the Project is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$50,700,000.00. The cost of the Project is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants for a full renovation at 95% reimbursement rate.
- Section 3. The balance of any appropriation not needed to meet the cost of the Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Court of Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including the Project authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future capital ordinances) for which an appropriation has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of the appropriation authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.
- Section 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.
 - Section 5. The Mayor and City Treasurer, in the name of the City, are hereby authorized

to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, (c) appoint any other consultants or professionals as required and (d) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this ordinance.

Section 6. The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others.

Leigh Ann Rawls, Director of Finance ATTEST:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

Eric Lusa, Acting Town & City Clerk

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.



January 27, 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: Bulkeley High School Ordinance Appropriation

Dear Council President Rosado,

During the July 2019 Special Session, the State of Connecticut General Assembly authorized the placement of the Bulkeley High School renovation project on the school building project priority list. The reimbursement rate for the project was set at 95% and the authorized project cost at \$149 Million. As was previously done at Weaver High School, the Office of School Construction Grants & Review has indicated that the renovation project and the previously approved Board of Education office relocation to Bulkeley are to be combined as a single project. This will result in a total project budget of \$154 Million.

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance revising the appropriation to \$154,000,000 for the combined planning, design, and construction of renovations and improvements to Bulkeley High School.

This ordinance would approve the project and authorize the Board of Education to submit a school construction grant application to the State Department of Education. However, the Board of Education has requested that an appropriation ordinance be adopted in order to be able to apply for the State Construction Grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin Mayor

> 550 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Telephone (860) 757-9500 Facsimile (860) 722-6606

Introduced by:

Introduced by: Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

HEADING AND PURPOSE AN ORDINANCE MAKING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT REVISED PROJECT COSTS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BULKELEY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 064-0313 RNV.

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF HARTFORD

January 27, 2020

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

- **Section 1.** As authorized by the State of Connecticut, the sum of \$149,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the "City") in the General Fund in support of public improvements in the Bulkeley High School Project No. 064-0313 RNV (the "Project"), which additional sum will increase the estimated project costs in the Project to \$154,000,000.00.
- **Section 2.** The estimated useful life of the Project is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Project is <u>\$154,000,000.00</u>. The cost of the Project is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants for a full renovation to occur with a 95% reimbursement.
- Section 3. The balance of any appropriation not needed to meet the cost of the Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Court of Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including the Project authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future capital ordinances) for which an appropriation has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of the appropriation authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.
- Section 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.

| Section 5. The Mayor and City Treasurer, in the name of the City, are hereby authorized to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, (c) appoint any other consultants or professionals as required and (d) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this ordinance. |
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| Section 6. The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others. |

| Leigh | Ann | Rawls, | Director | of Finance |
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| ATTE | ST: | | | |

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

Eric Lusa, Acting Town & City Clerk

| This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption. |
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Introduced by: Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke, II Councilman John Q. Gale

HEADING AND PURPOSE

| COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL |
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| CITY OF HARTFORD |
| January 27, 2020 |

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

SECTION I. FINDINGS

The Hartford Court of Common Council finds that:

- (1) Documents obtained during litigation against the tobacco industry reveal that tobacco companies have used fruit, candy, and alcohol flavors as a way to target youth. Tobacco industry documents stated that "sweetness can impart a different delivery taste dimension which younger adults may be receptive to," that "[i]t's a well-known [sic] fact that teenagers like sweet products," and that flavored products would have appeal "in the under 35 age group, especially in the 14-24 group."
- (2) Marketing and public health research shows that flavors such as fruit, candy, and alcohol hold an intense appeal to minors and young adults. The presence of flavors such as menthol in tobacco products can make it more difficult for adult tobacco users to quit. Moreover, menthol cigarettes in particular have a disproportionate health impact on youth, as well as members of racial and ethnic populations, the LGBT community, and people of low socio-economic status.
- (3) Forty-one state attorneys general sued a tobacco company selling flavored cigarettes, arguing that it was violating the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement by targeting youth. The settlement of that litigation included an agreement that the tobacco company stop marketing flavored cigarettes.
- (4) The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009 prohibits the manufacture and sale of flavored cigarettes, except menthol cigarettes. No federal prohibition exists for flavored non-cigarette tobacco products.
- (5) Jurisdictions such as the States of New Jersey and Massachusetts; New York City; Providence, Rhode Island; and Chicago, Illinois have passed restrictions on the sale of flavored tobacco products. The authority of state and local governments to restrict the sale of these products has been upheld by federal courts.
- (6) Accordingly, the City Council finds and declares that the purpose of

this ordinance is to protect public health and welfare by reducing the appeal of tobacco to minors and reduce the likelihood that minors will become tobacco users later in life.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

As used in this ordinance:

- (a) "Electronic smoking device" means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, ecigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any component or accessory of such a product, whether or not sold separately and also includes any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine. Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- (b) "Flavored tobacco product" means any tobacco product that contains a taste or smell, other than the taste or smell of tobacco, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to, or during the consumption of, a tobacco product, including, but not limited to, any taste or smell relating to menthol, mint, wintergreen, chocolate, cocoa, vanilla, honey, or any candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, menthol tobacco cigarettes are not included in this definition.
- (c) "Person" means any natural person, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation, or other legal entity, including an employee of a legal entity.
- (d) "Tobacco product" means any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to, a cigarette, any electronic smoking device as defined in this section and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; and the term "tobacco product" includes any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product including but not limited to filters, rolling papers or liquids used in electronic smoking devices. The term "tobacco product" does not include drugs, devices or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Tobacco product shall not include a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus made from tobacco.

SECTION III. PROHIBITION ON SALE

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product.

A public statement or claim made or disseminated by the manufacturer of a tobacco product, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such tobacco product, that such tobacco product has or produces a taste or smell other than tobacco shall constitute presumptive evidence that the tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product.

SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

It is a violation for any person to fail to comply with the requirements of this ordinance. If a person is found to have violated this ordinance, the person shall be charged an administrative penalty as follows:

- 1. First violation. The Hartford Department of Health and Human Services shall impose a civil fine of at least five hundred dollars (\$500).
- 2. Second violation within thirty-six (36) months of a first violation. The Department shall impose a civil fine of at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).
- 3. Third violation within twenty-four (24) months of any preceding violation. The Department shall impose a civil fine of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall constitute grounds for the denial of, refusal to renew, suspension of, or revocation of any food, liquor, tobacco, or other business license issued by the city. Any fines collected under this ordinance shall be used for implementation and enforcement of the ordinance.

SECTION V. ENFORCEMENT

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Developmental Services, Division of Licenses and Inspections, shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance. All tobacco retailers shall be subject to such compliance checks as shall be determined by said departments to be reasonable and necessary to obtain compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any circumstances, is held invalid, the remaining portions shall be considered severable, and shall be given effect to the maximum extent possible.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after its publication.



February 24, 2020

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

RE: License Agreement-Hartford Athletic - Chase Lot

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that would authorize the execution of an extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium. The City-owned land at 260 Huyshope Avenue (the "Property") is also known as the Chase Lot. A parcel map and description of the property is attached as Exhibit A.

Hartford Athletic is currently operating under a Stadium Use Agreement dated February 25, 2019 with the City for the use of Dillon Stadium. The Use Agreement provides for HA's use of the Property for parking purposes to accommodate the needs of people attending events. Last season, HA utilized the Property for parking under a June 1, 2019 license agreement which ended on December 31, 2019. Per the license agreement, the term shall be extended to ten (10) years subject to approval by the Hartford Court of Common Council.

The license agreement would provide HA with a long-term parking solution that will help to ensure the club's continued success in the City. The Department of Development Services and Corporation Counsel are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

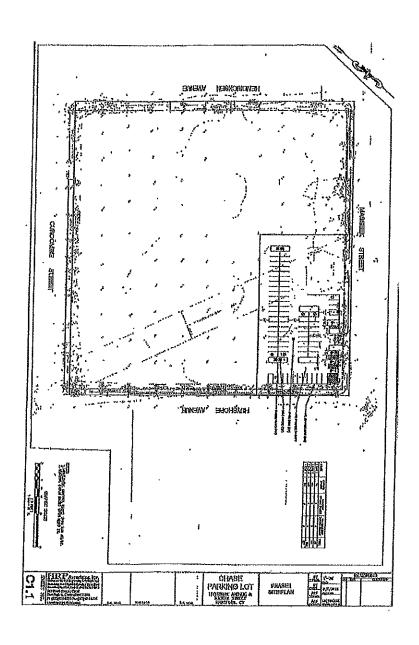
Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

550 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Telephone (860) 757-9500 Facsimile (860) 722-6606

Exhibit A

A certain parcel of land located at 260 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, CT, bounded by Masseek Street to the North, Huyshope Avenue to the East, Curcombe Street to the South and Hendricxsen Avenue to the West, as more particularly depicted on the map below.



INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, February 24, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford ("City") owns a certain parcel of land at 260 Huyshope Avenue also known as the "Chase Lot" in close proximity to Dillon Stadium, totaling approximately six acres (collectively, the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Athletic which has utilized the Property for parking for sporting events under a license agreement with the City since June 1, 2019 for a six (6) month term ending on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, As provided within the 2019 license agreement, the Hartford Athletic has the option to extend the license agreement with the City for an additional ten (10) years to continue utilizing the Property for parking subject to approval by the Hartford Court of Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the new license agreement would provide Hartford Athletic with a long-term parking solution that will help ensure the club's continued success in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Terms of the Licensing Agreement are set forth in a Term Sheet attached hereto, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, subject to review and approval of the Term Sheet, to enter into a non-exclusive license agreement with the Hartford Athletic, LLC, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents, and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction, upon approval of the Term Sheet; 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 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 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.



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,

Luke A. Bronin

Mayor

550 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Telephone (860) 757-9500 Facsimile (860) 722-6606 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.

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Council President Maly D. Rosado

March 9, 2020

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council will appoint Calixto Torres (D), 6 Harwich Street, Hartford, CT to the Metropolitan District Commission to a term ending December 31, 2022.

Introduced by:

Court of Common Council

Council President Maly D. Rosado

March 9, 2020

WHEREAS, The position of Town and City Clerk has become vacant due to the resignation of John Bazzano;

WHEREAS, The Town and City Clerk is responsible for preparing Court of Common Council agendas, publication of the Journal of Official Minutes and the provision of certified copies of any proceedings of the Council;

WHEREAS, The Town and City Clerk is also responsible for maintaining all land, voting, elections/primaries and military records; property ownership, voter registration cards, landlord certificate of registration, liquor applications and permits, claims against the City; Domestic Partnership Registration, Airplane Registration; issuance of various licenses, such as dog, hunting, fishing;

WHEREAS, The position of Town and City Clerk is in charge of administration of the Absentee Ballot Program and certifying notary publics;

WHEREAS, The position of Town and City Clerk is required to act as guardian of the City seal, affixing it only to proper and valid municipal documents;

WHEREAS, The position of Town and City Clerk requires specific professional experience and training which is critical to the execution of the above duties and responsibilities;

RESOLVED, That the Hartford City Council shall select the candidate for the position of Town and City Clerk who possesses the most experience and training to properly execute these critical responsibilities.

INTRODUCED BY:
Majority Leader TJ Clarke II
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL City of Hartford, March 9, 2020

WHEREAS, Born in Myersville, Mississippi on April 23, 1928, Pearline Greene migrated to Connecticut at a young age in search of opportunities and a positive environment in which to raise a family; and

WHEREAS, As such, she found her way to Hartford in 1945 and rented rooms in boarding houses until she was able to purchase her home at 192 Brook Street in the mid-1950s. It is this house that became the gateway to the north that many of her 13 brothers and sisters (and their families) used as a starting point as they, too, migrated to Connecticut in search of better opportunities compared to what was being afforded to them in the south. As more family came to Connecticut, Ms. Greene purchased a second multi-family house on Mather Street to aid them in getting a positive start in the Hartford area; and

WHEREAS, Not being one who waits for others to make things happen, Ms. Greene found that it was important to play an active role in the community that she lived. As such, she became active in the Pliny Street Block Association as well as the Clay-Arsenal Neighborhood Association. Through these groups, she aimed to improve the quality of life for the residents of these neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Greene also advocated for Civil Rights and was active in the NAACP and the Progressive Democratic Women's Club. Through these organizations she fought for equality when it came to educational opportunities as well as employment. In doing so, she became keenly aware of the political process and began working with elected officials to make continuous improvements within the City of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Pearline Greene not only recruited countless residents to register to vote, but would often give people rides to the polls, invite them to various community meetings, and served as a resource as she helped them to get their needs met. This eventually led her to run for political office where she was elected to Hartford's Democratic Town Committee alongside political legends such as Boce Barlow, Ella Cromwell, Wilbur Smith, and Abraham Giles (to name a few); and

WHEREAS, She was re-elected numerous times and was active with Hartford's Democratic Town Committee for over 20 years until her retirement in 1992. Through the years she assisted with the election of New England's first African-American Mayor, Thirman L. Milner, as well as Hartford's first African-American female Mayor, Carrie Saxon Perry; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work on the local level, Ms. Greene also served as a licensed foster-care provider with the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families. In this role, she opened her home to countless children who were in State custody. Many of the children remained in contact with her even after being returned to their families or being placed in permanent living situations. Through her work in the foster care system, she was recognized in

1999 as an Outstanding Foster Parent and was asked to serve as a mentor/buddy for new foster parents who came into the system; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the foster care system, Ms. Greene had an affinity for those who were less fortunate and she went out of her way to make life better for them. As such, in the early 1980s she was instrumental in assisting with the opening of My Sister's Place on Pliny Street. My Sister's Place is a home for homeless women with children. Additionally, Ms. Greene frequently visited the sick and shut-in and would bring her highly sought-after homemade soup, cornbread, and "friendship" cake; and

WHEREAS, Being a member of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Ms. Greene was very active by serving as President of the Deaconess Board, Treasurer of the Usher Board, Assistant Class Leader, and Member of the Courtesy/Hospitality Ministry. Additionally, she served as Treasurer of the Trellis Temple #663 I.B.P.O.E. of W. Because of her staunch stance on education, the organization has named an educational scholarship in her honor; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Pearline Greene passed away leaving behind an outstanding legacy and memories left with her four daughters, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, several foster sons/daughters, countless family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council superimpose the name of Pearline Greene at the intersection of Brook Street and Albany Avenue to the intersection of Brook Street and Guilford Street to be displayed as Pearline Greene Way.