

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
March 27, 2017

Approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 27, 2017 & March 13, 2017

ACTION TAKEN

COMMUNICATIONS

1. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a license agreement with Hartford Northend Little League, Inc. authorizing their operation of the concession at Keney-Waverly Park.
2. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution concerning authorization to accept a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation to be used for tree-related activities at Keney-Waverly Park and Simpson-Waverly School.
3. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution concerning authorization to accept a Municipal Brownfield Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development.
4. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution authorizing the to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) under the Local Prevention Council Grant Program
5. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
6. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
7. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of two members to the Hartford Redevelopment Agency
8. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution concerning the appointment of two members to the Golf Oversight Commission.
9. MAYOR BRONIN, with accompanying resolution requesting support from the Court of Common Council for the submission of an application for an Innovation Places Implementation Grant.
10. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a Firestat Report for February 2017 from Fire Deputy Chief Hudson.
11. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a Compstat Report for the week of March 12, 2017 - March 18, 2017 from Police Chief Rovella
12. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a resolution requesting that the Hartford Police Department works in conjunction with the Court of Common Council to evaluate current policies and initiatives for community engagement and discuss potential improvements to existing procedures in order to continually improve future engagement and community relations.
13. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a resolution requesting the city owners of all rentable properties to makes it by any means mandatory to secure renter's insurance that would cover rented occupants, their property and displacement expenses associated with unintended catastrophe. This mandatory coverage may be secured inclusive of lease agreement by owner or secured and maintained by individual renter/occupant.
14. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a resolution requesting that the Hartford Police Department create a mentoring program for Hartford residents focusing on all aspects.
15. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a resolution to establish a secured bank account at the Hartford Police Federal Credit Union designated as "Friends of the Mounted Unit" for future donations to continue to maintain and care for the mounted unit.
16. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, Communication concerning a presentation made by the Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA) and HEDCO, Inc. in reference to the Community Development Block Grant.

REPORTS

17. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying substitute resolution requesting monthly reports from the office of the Chief Operating Officer concerning updates from all departments currently under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer to include, but not limited to, financial recommendations and projections from the Chief Operating Officer (COO) as to each department being overseen.
18. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that the Hartford Court of Common Council work with the Mayor and his administration and engage with the Center for the Study of Economics who has in-depth experience with research and implementation of LVT programs to determine the feasibility of Hartford moving toward a LVT by targeting designated areas with a defined neighborhood study along with researching options for stronger tax policy with regard to vacant/blighted parcels.
19. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting the City of Hartford to create the Pratt Street Pilot in which the revenue from new parking meters installed on Pratt Street be specifically designated to fund visible street activation and tangible streetscape beautification, that can be directly tied back to parking meter payment through the use of subtle plaques or other similar signage and that that this revenue will be held in a City-managed restricted fund for this purpose.
20. OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, with accompanying substitute resolution regarding members of the City Council of 2016 acting transparently and as stewards on behalf of Hartford and without regard to political connections and political party benefits, and conduct factual review and consider rescinding prior Council resolutions.
21. PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection for energy efficient streetlights.
22. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that Lorenzo Blake's application to the Police Civilian Review Board be processed within 30 days.
23. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, Communication concerning an Ordinance amending Chapter 22, Section 22-25 concerning Parking Violation Notices of the Municipal Code.
24. QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting that the current members of the police civilian review board have their terms renewed.
25. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, with accompanying substitute resolution by the Court of Common Council urging President Trump to continue the policy initiated by President Obama to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and to immediately end all aspects of the United States' economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba including restrictions on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens.
26. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, with accompanying resolution requesting the Mayor's office to create a clear, objective, and timely system for deciding on an applicant's worthiness of commission participation.

FOR ACTION

27. Resolution with accompanying report authorizing the sale of City-owned property at 704 Park Street, 31 Lawrence Street and the execution of an agreement to forgive an outstanding City loan on the property.
28. Resolution with accompanying report concerning the appointment of two (2) members to the Civilian Police Review.
29. Ordinance Amending Section 17-55 - 17-70 (Reserved) to Allow Facility Requirements and Procedures for Nail Salons of the Municipal Code.
30. Substitute Ordinance creating a Registry of Owners of Residential Rental Property Amending Chapter 18, Section 150 of the Hartford Municipal Code.

31. Resolution with accompanying report requesting that all present and future sales of City's Capital Assets, such as livestock or canine should be presented to the Court of Common Council for approval before any transaction is completed.
32. Ordinance amending Chapter 22, Section 22-25 concerning Parking Violation Notices of the Municipal Code.
33. Ordinance amending Chapter 32, Article 18 of the Municipal Code concerning extending the Elderly Tax Relief Program for taxes due on the list of October 1, 2016.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

34. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) Ordinance amending Municipal code concerning all Establishments that Sell Alcoholic Beverages
HEARING DATE - Monday, April 17, 2017
35. (COUNCILMAN DEUTSCH) Ordinance Amending Section 17-55 - 17-80 to Establish Facility License, Requirements and Procedures for Barbershops and Nail Salons of the Municipal Code.
HEARING DATE - Monday, April 17, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

36. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II) Resolution requesting the administration to provide the Council with a detailed report on how HB 7050 impacts the residents, elected officials and the operations of the City of Hartford.
37. (MINORITY LEADER BERMUDEZ) Resolution recommending that the Hartford Delegation of elected officials Support SB 11, HB5314, HB5539, and HB6518 insisting on measures to ensure Racial Equity in ownership and employment of new Cannabis related business and, that Development Services produce an economic impact study on the opportunities for economic development, revenue, and employment for the City of Hartford in the event that Cannabis becomes a legal industry in CT.

Attest: John V. Bazzano City Clerk



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 1 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Keney-Waverly Concession Agreement

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to enter into a license agreement with Hartford Northend Little League, Inc. ("HNLL") authorizing their operation of the Keney-Waverly Field House (the "Concession") at Keney-Waverly Park (the "Park").

HNLL has a long and successful history operating the Concession in conjunction with their activities on the baseball fields at the Park. They have been doing so for about 16 years and both the City and HNLL wish to execute a license agreement to govern the operation of the Concession by HNLL. The Concession provides a variety of food and non-alcoholic beverages to Hartford families and youth that play at the Park, and HNLL agrees to apply for and receive all required permits from City agencies for this purpose. HNLL further agrees to maintain the Concession in a clean, litter free condition and to maintain public access to the restrooms, which are located within the Concession, during the operating hours of the Concession.

The proposed term of the agreement is five years. HNLL will be required to, among other things, reserve ten percent (10%) of the gross annual revenues realized by HNLL from its operation of the Concession solely for the purpose of helping to pay for the care and maintenance of the baseball fields at the Park. Currently, HNLL grosses approximately \$5,000 per season from operation of the Concession, which would result in their investment of about \$500 per year in maintaining the fields. Staff of the Department of Public Works and Corporation Counsel are available to assist you in your review of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford (the "City") is the owner of a building known as the Keney-Waverly Field House (the "Concession"), which is located within Keney-Waverly Park (the "Park"); and

WHEREAS, Hartford Northend Little League ("HNLL") has a long and successful history operating the Concession, and wishes to operate the Concession under a license agreement with the City in conjunction with HNLL's activities on the baseball fields at the Park; and

WHEREAS, The City and HNLL have negotiated a license agreement relative to the operation of the Concession (the "Agreement"), with a maximum term of five (5) years, under which Agreement HNLL will be required to, among other things, reserve ten percent (10%) of the gross annual revenues realized by HNLL from its operation of the Concession solely for the purpose of helping to pay for the care and maintenance of the baseball playing fields at the Park, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby empowers and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver the Agreement upon and subject to such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the City's Office of the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City; 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 above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor 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.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 2 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Arbor Day Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$20,000 from the Arbor Day Foundation to be used for the tree-related activities described below.

Approximately 50 trees and shrubs will be purchased and planted in Keney-Waverly Park and at Simpson-Waverly School, with the assistance of KNOX, Inc. and volunteers from the Hartford Promise Zone. In collaboration with Knox, a public education effort about trees and the tree planting project will be undertaken and the City Forester will provide training to Hartford residents on the proper care of trees. The project will be promoted in the community through social media and other networks.

The City acknowledges that the care, maintenance and replanting of trees in City parks and on other public properties is essential to maintaining the ecosystem and a healthy environment for City residents and visitors. The Foundation grant will assist us in accomplishing this goal. The City has sponsored other similar activities involving the planting of trees in City parks that were funded by public and private foundations.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford (the "City") is the owner of more than 2,200 acres of parkland, many of which are of historical significance; and

WHEREAS, The care, maintenance and replanting of trees in City parks and other public properties is essential to maintaining a healthy environment for City residents, its visitors, and the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, The City frequently applies for grants of money to assist in its tree management and public education efforts; and

WHEREAS, The City, through its Department of Public Works, has applied for a TD Green Streets Program Grant of \$20,000 (the "Grant") from the Arbor Day Foundation to fund the planting of trees and shrubs at Keney-Waverly Park and at Dr. Frank T. Simpson-Waverly Elementary School (the "Project"), to conduct a public education effort about trees and the Project in collaboration with KNOX, Inc., to provide training by the City Forester to City residents on the proper care of trees, to engage volunteers from the Hartford Promise Zone to assist in the Project, and to promote the Project through social media and other networks; and

WHEREAS, The City's application for the Grant has been approved, and an agreement has been provided to the City (the "Grant Agreement") to effectuate and/or further the purposes of the Grant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby empowers and authorizes the City to accept the \$20,000 grant from the Arbor Day foundation, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is empowered and authorized to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement upon and subject to such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the City's Office of the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor or his designee is hereby empowered and 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 above transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor 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.



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Mayor

ITEM # 3 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Municipal Brownfield Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$605,000 Municipal Brownfield Grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development.

Funds will be used for remediation of Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) and soils at City owned property located at 175 Mather Street in the Clay-Arsenal Neighborhood. Following remediation, the property will be sold to the abutting property owner for development of a parking lot to support approximately 220 units of housing adjacent to the property.

The project will be managed by the Department of Development Services' Economic Development Division which submitted the request to DECD as part of the agency's Round 10 Remedial Action and Redevelopment Municipal Grant Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford (City), acting by and through the Department of Development Services (DDS), has been awarded a Grant in the amount of \$605,000 to be administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's ("DECD") Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development to support the remediation of Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) and soils at City Owned property located at 175 Mather Street (Property) in the Clay Arsenal Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The focus and the purpose of the project is to facilitate the remediation of the Property that will then be sold to the abutting property owner for the development of a parking lot to support approximately 220 units of adjacent housing; and

WHEREAS, The funding that has been secured by the City through DECD will be utilized to secure the necessary consultants, contractors and firms that will be required to lead and execute the project, including, but not limited to, environmental and general contracting services; and

WHEREAS, The City will work with DECD to prepare a financial assistance proposal based upon a commitment to insure that the project funds are utilized to secure the necessary consultants and services to implement the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept \$605,000 in funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and to enter into a contract with DECD for the purposes outlined above; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is 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 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.



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 4 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Local Prevention Council Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to apply for and accept a grant of \$8,972.55 from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) under the Local Prevention Council Grant Program. The grant is managed for DMHAS by the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council (CASAC).

In order to be eligible to receive such grants, a community must establish a Local Prevention Council (LPC) to develop drug abuse prevention initiatives at the local level with the support of the chief elected official. The goals of an LPC are to increase public awareness of drug abuse prevention and stimulate the development and implementation of prevention activities primarily focused on youth. By resolution dated February 13, 2013, the Court of Common Council designated the Hartford Commission on Addiction and Public Health (CAPH) to serve as the City's LPC.

The purpose of the LPC Grant Program is to work with youth and the community to facilitate the development of culturally competent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) abuse prevention and joint behavioral health promotion initiatives of LPCs within communities and with the support of chief elected officials. The overall goal is to increase public awareness of the prevention of ATOD abuse.

In developing the City's LPC project, the Hartford Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation solicited input from the Hartford Commission on Addiction and Public Health. Funds will be used to provide training in prevention of youth substance abuse and other dangerous behaviors to adults and professionals who work with young people and their families. Assessment of community needs has been specified by DMHAS as one of their priorities for the LPC Program. Therefore, grant funding will also be utilized to conduct an anonymous survey with Hartford youth regarding their experiences and feelings about tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and various activities. The survey will be administered by the Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC) which has been recommended by CASAC and has extensive experience in conducting and administering the survey elsewhere in Connecticut.

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), through the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council (CASAC), provides funds under the Local Prevention Council (LPC) Grant Program to municipalities in the Capital Region to increase public awareness of the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) abuse, and to develop initiatives to facilitate the development of culturally competent ATOD abuse prevention initiatives of LPCs with the support of chief elected officials, and

WHEREAS, As a condition of receipt of this funding, a municipality must have a Local Prevention Council (LPC), focused on goals such as increasing awareness and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council, by resolution dated February 13, 2013, designated the Hartford Commission on Addiction and Public Health as the City's LPC, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been awarded an LPC grant of \$8,972.55 which will be utilized for a project through which training is provided to professionals and other adults who work with young people and their families and for an anonymous survey of Hartford youth regarding their experience and feelings about tobacco, alcohol, drugs and other activities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant of \$8,972.55 from the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services through its Local Prevention Council Grant Program for use toward purposes set forth and approved under the grant, and be it further

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

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 5 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission-

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my appointment of Kevin T. Henry as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is an essential part of Hartford City Government. The Commission is responsible for preparing and approving Hartford's Plan of Conservation and Development (One City, One Plan) at least every ten years. It prepares the City's Capital Improvement Program, reviews all resolutions and ordinances that relate to public land and buildings, and is the decision-making body for planning and zoning matters for the City of Hartford.

Attorney Henry is a partner with the law firm of Kevin Joiner, LLC and was formerly the Vice President of Hartford Partnership with the Metro-Hartford Alliance. In that capacity, he worked with the Office of the Mayor on community and economic development and revitalization of Hartford neighborhoods and was project manager for the HYPE program (Hartford Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs). He is an active volunteer in Hartford and is currently serving on the boards of the Jacob Lewis Fox Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford. His resume is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for adopting the City's Plan of Conservation and Development, preparing the Capital Improvement Program, and making decisions on planning and zoning within the city, and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of seven regular members and three alternates and Mayor Luke A. Bronin has appointed Kevin T. Henry as an alternate member, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual to the Planning & Zoning Commission as follows:

Kevin T. Henry (D) 487 Main Street, Hartford 06103

Appointed as an alternate member to a term expiring on the first Monday in February 2018
(Replacing Anthony R. Shannon)



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 6 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my appointment of Rosendo Garza, Jr. as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The ZBA is composed of five regular members and three alternates. The regular members serve five-year terms and the alternates serve three-year terms. The ZBA hears and decides appeals of actions taken by the zoning official and hears and decides requests for special exemptions, exceptions, and variances to Hartford's zoning regulations, always assuring that the public safety and welfare is secured.

Attorney Garza earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law and is an Associate with Day Pitney LLP. He handles complex commercial litigation and represents pro bono clients in housing and juvenile matters. Major Garza has served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves since 2002 and is currently the Assistant Officer-in-Charge of the Readiness Support Program at Fort Devens. He is a member of the Hispanic Bar Association and is Secretary of the Board of Directors of Saint Thomas the Apostle School. His resume is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is composed of five members and two alternates and is charged with hearing and deciding appeals of zoning orders and requests for special exemptions and exceptions to Hartford's zoning regulations, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Rosendo Garza, Jr. as an alternate member, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Rosendo Garza, Jr. (D) 210 Terry Road 06105
Appointed to a term expiring in 2020
(Filling a vacancy)



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 7 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Redevelopment Agency Appointments

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Philip Rigueur and Meghan E. Freed as members of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency.

The Redevelopment Agency consists of seven members who serve five-year terms. The Agency is responsible for creating and implementing Redevelopment Plans which include demolition, rehabilitation, or construction of structures, facilities, streets, parks and utilities in deteriorated areas of Hartford. It is a key player in the revitalization of Hartford and its neighborhoods.

Mr. Rigueur earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cornell University and began his career with the City of Ithaca/Cornell University Partnership where he developed neighborhood planning initiatives. He is presently Vice President for Distribution Strategy at Aetna, Inc. He has experience in real estate development, financing, and management. Ms. Freed earned a Juris Doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law and is managing partner with Freed Marcroft LLC. She is active in the community life of Hartford, including serving as the President of the Board of Incorporators of The iQuilt Plan, Vice Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and member of the Metro Hartford Alliance and the CT Women's Council. Resumes for both appointees are attached.

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The Hartford Redevelopment Agency is responsible for creating and implementing Redevelopment Plans, in accordance with State law, which plans are essential to revitalizing Hartford and its neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Luke A. Bronin has appointed Philip Rigueur and Meghan E. Freed as members of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individuals to the Hartford Redevelopment Agency as follows:

Philip Rigueur (U) 2 Woodside Circle, Hartford, 06105
Appointed to a term to expire on May 24, 2021
(Filling a vacancy)

Meghan E. Freed (D) One Linden Place, Unit 406, Hartford 06106
Appointed to a term to expire on May 24, 2020
(Replacing David Jorgensen)



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 8 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Appointments to Golf Course Oversight Commission

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my appointment of Jackson G. Gemmell and Michele Parrotta to the Golf Course Oversight Commission.

The purpose of the Commission is to ensure that the operations, maintenance and improvement of Hartford's Keney Park and Goodwin Park Golf Courses meet the expectations of constituents and patrons. The Commission consists of nine members who shall serve four year staggered terms. The membership shall represent the "Friends" groups in each park, golf leagues, and youth and shall also include individuals with experience in professional fields such as accounting, public administration, golf course management, financial analysis, and landscape architecture or design.

Mr. Gemmell holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in special education and was a special education teacher for 37 years. He also coached a variety of youth sports, including golf. He is currently a member of the Behind the Rocks/Southwest Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. Ms. Parrotta holds a Juris doctor degree and is an attorney with the firm of Parrotta & Firtel LLC. She works extensively in the fields of real estate, leasing, development, construction and property management. She is a member of the Connecticut Women's Council and a former member of the board of directors of the YWCA of the Hartford Region. Their resumes are attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, The Golf Course Oversight Commission was established to ensure that the City's Keney and Goodwin Golf Courses are operated, maintained and improved in a manner that will meet the expectations of constituents and patrons, and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of nine members who serve four-year staggered terms, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Luke A. Bronin has appointed Michele Parrotta and Jackson G. Gemmell to the Golf Course Oversight Commission, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Golf Course Oversight Commission:

Michele Parrotta (D) 71 Scarborough Street, Hartford 06105
For a term to expire December 22, 2020
(Replacing Oswald Grant)

Jackson G. Gemmell (D) 46 Harvard Street, Hartford 06106
For a term to expire December 22, 2020
(Replacing Charles DeLeo)



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

ITEM # 9 ON AGENDA

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Innovations Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution indicating support for an application to be submitted to CTNext for an Innovation Places Implementation Grant.

The application itself will not be submitted by the City; nor will the City be the fiduciary agent for the application. However, the grantor has requested an indication of support from the Hartford Court of Common Council. The grant instructions require that the application include "*Letters of support including one from the municipality's chief elected official including evidence that the municipality's legislative body has voted to support the decision to apply to the innovation places program*".

Department of Development Services staff have been working with a group of innovators and entrepreneurs and agencies that work with innovators and entrepreneurs, as a planning group, to position the City to take advantage of State funding for the development of Innovation Places. Innovation Places are communities that attract, support, and nurture innovators and entrepreneurs. Other regions have found that an effective Innovation Place starts a virtuous cycle where more innovation begets more innovation, resulting in more jobs and an improved economy.

In the fall of 2016, the planning group applied for and received an Innovation Places Planning Grant that addressed both Hartford and East Hartford. Funds from that grant have been used to develop a proposal for an Innovation Places Implementation Grant. I will be submitting a letter of support for this application and I encourage the Council to signify their support by adopting the attached resolution. Since the application is due April 1, 2017, I respectfully ask that the Council act on the resolution at its March 27th meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, Connecticut Public Act No. 16-3 established a competitive Innovation Places grant program, and

WHEREAS, The Innovation Places program is managed by CTNext and seeks to support entrepreneurs and leaders developing places that will attract the talent that high-growth enterprises need, and

WHEREAS, The Innovation Places planning committee applied successfully for an Innovation Places Planning grant for Hartford and East Hartford in Fall 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Grant funds have been used to evaluate the innovation ecosystem to identify strengths and challenges and to develop strategies to attract and support innovators and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, An Innovation Places Implementation grant application may be submitted to CTNext for funds to support the initiatives identified in the planning phase; and

WHEREAS, The initiatives that are proposed to be part of the Implementation grant will build upon our region's strengths in the insurance industry, healthcare, and aerospace/advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, The initiatives proposed are consistent with One City One Plan, the City's Plan of Conservation and Development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council supports the submission of an application for an Innovation Places Implementation Grant.

Court of Common Council

ITEM #

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Communication

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center. The committee was presented a Firestat Report for February 2017 from Deputy Chief Hudson.

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHRC, and other concerned citizens.

A brief overview was given on current training initiatives, retirement status, vacancies, recruitment status update, and the professional development program.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II (KLM)

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

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Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

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ITEM # 11 ON AGENDA

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March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center. The committee was presented a Compstat Report for week of March 12, 2017-March 18, 2017 from Chief Rovella.

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of

the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHRC, and other concerned citizens.

A brief explanation was giving of the week's stats while the committee members looked over the stat packets. Chief Rovella noted that the Compstat meeting for this month on Thursday March 30th has been canceled.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II (KHM)-

Council President Clarke II
Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

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Councilman Sanchez
Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

ITEM # 12 ON AGENDA

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March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL TO EVALUATE CURRENT POLICIES AND INITIATIVES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING

PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE FUTURE ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS. (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHRC, and other concerned citizens.

Co-Chair Sanchez stated he has pending meets to conduct more research and evaluation with other organizations therefore he would like to postpone this item.

A motion to postpone was made by Co-Chair Sanchez and seconded by Committee member Jennings.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II (KJM)

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

[Signature]

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

(KS)

REPLACEMENT

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilman James Sanchez

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 13, 2017

WHEREAS, Hartford's police officers ensure public safety and protection and place their lives on the line while performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, Violent crimes also put the lives of Hartford citizens at risk; and

WHEREAS, Hartford police officers have positive interactions with citizens every day; and

WHEREAS, There has been increased tension between police and the people they serve both in Connecticut and across the country; and

WHEREAS, The recent deaths of numerous law enforcement officers and first responders in the United States are examples of the danger they face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Recent police shootings resulting in the deaths of numerous citizens across the country have led to anger, fear, frustration, and grief felt by many; and

WHEREAS, Both civilians and law enforcement are influenced by the words and actions of leaders stationed at all levels of the government; and

WHEREAS, The incident that occurred on June 4th, 2016 was met with premature conclusions before facts were brought forward and the investigation was complete. Nineteen police officers were accused of noncompliance in a criminal investigation of the incident conducted by Connecticut State Police; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of June 5th, 2016 an internal investigation was initiated by Chief Rovella. Throughout the investigation, regular updates were provided to the public, media and community at large. Information and video footage provided by outside agencies was promptly disseminated to the public, media and community as soon as it became available; and

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2017, the day it was requested, Chief Rovella honored the Civilian Police Review Board's request to release the names of the nineteen Hartford police officers that did not consent to be interviewed by the Connecticut State Police. This is the officers' Constitutional Right under The 5th Amendment of the Constitution. While the nineteen Officers did not go in for an oral interview with the Connecticut State Police, all the nineteen officers did provide a written report, which were submitted to the Connecticut State Police; and

WHEREAS, All nineteen officers were interviewed by Hartford Police Internal Affairs investigators as part of the internal administrative investigation. In addition, all nineteen officers fulfilled their mandatory obligations in this matter. Though officers are under no obligation to respond to investigations by outside agencies, they provided complete cooperation during the internal investigation; and

WHEREAS, Hartford was nationally recognized in 2015 for progress it has made in community policing and community involvement since the 2014 introduction of the 21st Century Policing Task Force; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council supports the Hartford Police Department to continuously build on the community policing model to help reduce crime and strengthen community trust and engagement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford works to develop strategies that encourage residents to build relationships with law enforcement and become more connected to the Hartford Police Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Police Department works in conjunction with the Court of Common Council to: evaluate current policies and initiatives for community engagement and discuss potential improvements to existing procedures in an effort to continually improve future engagement and community relations. Ultimately, the Hartford Police department is working toward the common goal of creating true collaboration and understanding between officers and residents.

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March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OWNERS OF ALL RENTABLE PROPERTIES TO MAKES IT BY ANY MEANS MANDATORY TO SECURE RENTER'S INSURANCE THAT WOULD COVER RENTED OCCUPANTS, THEIR PROPERTY AND DISPLACEMENT EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH UNINTENDED CATASTROPHE. THIS MANDATORY COVERAGE MAY BE SECURED INCLUSIVE

**OF LEASE AGREEMENT BY OWNER OR SECURED AND MAINTAINED BY
INDIVIDUAL RENTER/OCCUPANT. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II)**

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHRC, and other concerned citizens.

Co-Chair Sanchez stated he would like to recommend the committee to postpone on this item until Corporation Council can get more information on the legalities of enforcing a resolution of this type.

A motion to postpone was made by Co-Chair Sanchez and seconded by Committee member Jennings.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II, (KLM).

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

James Sanchez (KS)

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

INTRODUCED BY:
Council President Thomas J. Clarke II

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 13, 2017.

RESOLVED, the Court of Common Council requests the owners of all rentable property to maintain the minimum requirement of property and casualty insurance to cover the structural damages on buildings within city limits; and be it further

RESOLVED, the owners of all rentable properties within city limits makes it by any means mandatory to secure renter's insurance that would cover rented occupants, their property and displacement expenses associated with unintended catastrophe. This mandatory coverage may be secured inclusive of lease agreement by owner or secured and maintained by individual renter/occupant.

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March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CREATE A MENTORING PROGRAM FOR HARTFORD RESIDENTS FOCUSING ON
ALL ASPECTS. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE II)**

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHC, and other concerned citizens.

Chief Rovella requested this item to be tabled for a month or two so he can give the committee better statistics to show the progress of the recruitment process.

A motion to postpone was made by Committee member Jennings and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II. (KLM).

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

[Signature] *(KS)*

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

INTRODUCED BY:

Council President Thomas J. Clarke II

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 13, 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford, in an effort to hire city residents for the Hartford Police Department, and to make the application process accessible for applicants, hereby enters this resolution for the creation of the Hartford Police Department Mentoring Program (HPDMP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford has maintained high confidence in its Police Department and strongly believes having qualified candidates from our city serves as our cultivating duty as city officials to invest in our own development by utilizing our own natural resources to accomplish a healthy diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford continues to stand by its police department and the creation of such a program strengthens our resolve to continue on the path of sustainable growth; and

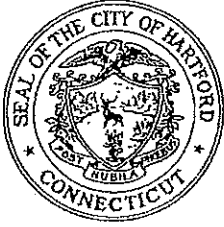
RESOLVED, To create a Hartford Police Department mentoring program for Hartford residents focusing on all aspects of the examination but not limited to:

- Oral
- Written
- Physical Agility
- Background

ITEM # 15 ON AGENDA

Court of Common Council

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March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SECURED BANK ACCOUNT AT THE HARTFORD POLICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DESIGNATED AS "FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTED UNIT" FOR FUTURE DONATIONS TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND CARE FOR THE MOUNTED UNIT.

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHRC, and other concerned citizens.

Co-Chair Clarke stated that the horses are in the hands of the Governor's Foot Guard and that the police union is determining if they want to go forward with establishing this bank account for when they are in a more positive condition financially.

A motion to postpone was entertained by Co-Chair Clarke II. A motion to postpone was made by Co-Chair Sanchez and seconded by Committee member Jennings.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II. (KLM)

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

James Sanchez (JS)

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

INTRODUCED BY:
Council President Thomas J. Clarke II

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, September 12, 2016

WHEREAS, It is essential that the Hartford Police Department maintain community relations and outreach and the Mounted Unit succeeds at such outreach by making themselves available to the community thru events, parades and function as well as everyday operations throughout the various neighborhood within the city.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford should accept private donations in the amount of twenty (20) thousand dollars to maintain and care for the two (2) remaining horses, and any remaining fund balance can be used to offset personnel cost now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Council supports the acceptance of the private donation of twenty thousand dollars to maintain two (2) of the four (4) horses; and be it further

RESOLVED, There should be the establishment of a secured bank account at the Hartford Police Federal Credit Union designated as Friends of the Mounted Unit for future donations to continue to maintain and care for the mounted unit as well as to offset any additional personnel cost.

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COMMUNICATION

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Legislative Affairs Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to receive a presentation from two organizations that receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): the Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA) and HEDCO, Inc.

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Gale and Councilman Concepción.

Julio Mendoza was present to speak on behalf of SAMA and began by sharing the trainings that SAMA provides to its members. He shared that there is computer training, which covers

Microsoft Word, Outlook, Publisher, online banking, accounting, and legal entity classification. Trainings typically last ten weeks but sometimes last eleven or twelve weeks, as classes progress at the pace of the merchants and take the time needed to ensure that merchants are comfortable with the material. They have a marketing training program, which addresses social media marketing, as well as First Aid certification and ServSafe. Those are also available in Spanish. WIC workshops are also provided, especially for technical assistance. SAMA received \$162K in CDBG funds this year as part of their \$310K overall budget. This year they have requested \$182K.

Chairman Gale asked how many members SAMA has, to which Mr. Mendoza responded that they have approximately 300 members, about 180 of which are located in the City. He also shared that their organization is not just for Hispanic merchants and they partner closely with HEDCO. Chairman Gale then asked about number of employees, which Mr. Mendoza replied that SAMA employs ten individuals.

Fernando Rosa and Kim Hawkins were present on behalf of HEDCO. Mr. Rosa began by sharing that CDBG funds support HEDCO's business resource center, their revolving loan fund for merchants, and their Merchants' Coordinator in the North End of Hartford. He shared that the City requested that HEDCO take on this role in the North End. He also shared that the maximum loan given through the loan fund is \$50k.

Ms. Hawkins shared that the Business Resource Center was established in 2006 to help individuals understand what needed to be done. HEDCO works with many minority contractors and assist with OSHA certifications, and provide 10-hour trainings for residents and employers and 30-hour trainings for project managers. They also assist with blueprint reading.

Chairman Gale asked if they worked with the stadium at all, and Ms. Hawking replied that HEDCO worked with both the stadium and with schools. He then asked about involvement with the Bowles Park project, which Ms. Hawking replied that they work with the Minority Construction Council and are trying to identify people to work with the Bowles Park, Westbrook, and Weaver projects.

Mr. Rosa shared that many rely on HEDCO to provide a credit line for jobs that they take on. Ms. Hawkins shared that if an individual is receiving a loan, they receive technical assistance a minimum of once per month. She further shared that there are currently 14 businesses in incubators at HEDCO. She explained that incubator spaces are for merchants that do not have the capital for a storefront. Chairman Gale asked if they have any trouble finding qualified Hartford people for contracting jobs. Mr. Rosa spoke to the state-funded Minority Business Assistance Programs and preparing contractors to bid on large projects.

Councilman Concepción asked Mr. Mendoza how many businesses SAMA trains annually; Mr. Mendoza shared that there are 14-15 businesses per class. He then asked if HEDCO charges for incubator spaces; Ms. Hawkins replied that there is no fee for the first 6 months to a year. He

inquired as to whether or not HEDCO had a relationship with reSet, which they do not. He asked if SAMA had created any sort of "buy local" campaign to support their merchants. Mr. Mendoza shared that he has used his own network to connect businesses and provided an example in which Hartford Hospital purchases from Park Hardware. Mr. Mendoza also spoke to their façade project and camera system, which includes 64 cameras, 10 of which include plate recognition, and they share access to those cameras with the Hartford Police Department.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Majority Leader, John Q. Gale

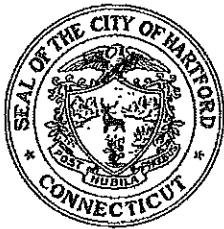
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ITEM #

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room 208
Hartford, CT. 06103

Dear Council President Clarke II and Members of the Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a meeting on March 20, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #1

Council President Clarke II with accompanying resolution requesting monthly reports from the office of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) concerning updates from all departments currently under the COO supervision to include, but not limited to, financial recommendations and projections from each department.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman Sanchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also in attendance were Chief Operating Officer Bonnie Malley, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Melissa McCaw, City Assessor, John Philip, constituents Alyssa Peterson and other concerned citizens.

Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President explained the resolution concerning a request from the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to provide monthly reports from all departments in an effort to keep abreast of all departmental affairs. Council President Clarke II expressed the importance of communicating pertinent information in an expeditious manner.

Discussion ensued amongst the committee members and Bonnie Malley, COO pertaining to content and timing of report due dates. Committee members agreed that ongoing communications concerning high level significant operational issues would be communicated to City Council that represent challenges they should be aware of. In addition, communications pertaining to successes should be included as well.

A motion was made by Majority Leader Julio Concepción and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item with a substitute resolution to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (6-0-0 Pass)

Chairwoman Thames: Yes
Councilwoman Bermudez: Yes
Councilman Clarke: Yes
Councilman Concepción: Yes
Councilwoman Jennings: Yes
Councilman Sanchez: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY:
Council President Thomas J. Clarke II

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, March 27, 2017.

WHEREAS, Being the voice of the taxpayers, residents and electors, the Court of Common Council should be continually kept abreast of the departmental affairs for the City of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, In order for the Court of Common Council to be fully engaged in inter-departmental activities we hereby requests quarterly reports from the Office of the Chief Operating Officer concerning updates from all departments currently under the supervision of the Chief Operating officer (COO); and be it further

RESOLVED, The reports should include, but not limited to, financial recommendations and projections from the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and these reports should be submitted to the respective Council Committees but not limited to all Council Members.

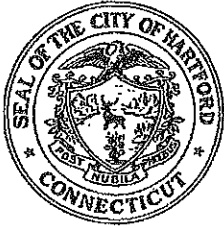
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ITEM #

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President
Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader
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Larry Deutsch, Councilman
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James Sánchez, Councilman
Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Councilwoman
Jo Winch, Councilwoman

Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room 208
Hartford, CT. 06103

Dear Council President Clarke II and Members of the Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a meeting on March 20, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #3

Councilwoman Thames, Majority Leader Concepcion and Assistant Majority Leader Gale with accompanying resolution requesting that the Hartford Court of Common Council work with the Mayor and his administration and engage with the Center for the Study of Economics with research and implementation of Land Value Tax (LVT) programs to determine the feasibility of Hartford moving toward a LVT by targeting designated areas with a defined neighborhood study along with researching options for stronger tax policy regarding vacant/blighted parcels.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader

Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman Sanchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also in attendance were Chief Operating Officer Bonnie Malley, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Melissa McCaw, City Assessor, John Philip, constituents Alyssa Peterson and other concerned citizens.

Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee explained the resolution concerning City Council, the Mayor along with his administration to engage the Center for the Study of Economics (CSE) to determine the feasibility of Hartford moving toward implementing Land Value Tax (LVT) Programs targeting designated areas with a defined neighborhood study in addition to researching options for a stronger tax policy pertaining to vacant/blighted properties. Councilwoman stated that CSE has the in-depth experience with research and implementation of LVT programs with other municipalities including projects with the City of Hartford.

Councilwoman Thames describes the LVT program as an economic concept with the basic idea of taxing land at a higher rate than buildings and other land improvements to provide tax relief for developed commercial and residential parcels, development incentives for non-residential parcels, and to recoup the increase in land values created by government investment in infrastructures, transportation, public safety, schools etc. She informed the committee that the cost was nominal (approximately under \$2,000) along with the importance of exploring long term options and incentives for development.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jennings and seconded by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (6-0-0 Pass)

Chairwoman Thames: Yes
Councilwoman Bermudez: Yes
Councilman Clarke: Yes
Councilman Concepción: Yes
Councilwoman Jennings: Yes
Councilman Sanchez: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilwoman Glendowlyn L.H. Thames
Julio A. Concepción
Councilman John Q. Gale

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 13, 2017

WHEREAS, the Land Value Tax (LVT) is an economic concept, with the basic idea of taxing land at a higher rate than buildings and other improvements to the land; and

WHEREAS, the LVT goals are to provide tax relief for developed commercial and residential parcels, development incentives for non-residential parcels, and to recoup the increase in land values created by government investment in infrastructure, transportation, public safety, schools, etc.; and

WHEREAS, under the current tax structure, the city of Hartford taxes land and improvements at equal rates (74.29 mills) according to their taxable values based on assessments ratios of 32% for residential parcels up to three units and 70% for commercial/industrial and multi-family properties (four units and up); and

WHEREAS, 70% of real property tax revenues are from building/improvements and 30% from land; and

WHEREAS, in general this acknowledged as a disincentive to redevelop older commercial and multi-family properties (four and up) or indeed build new construction without costly subsidies and abatements; and

WHEREAS, research has suggested moving toward a LVT provides several benefits which include:

- provides market incentive to develop land quickly rather than speculate;
- increases tax burden on blighted and abandoned properties creating an incentive for action;
- promotes density in the urban core which supports neighborhood commercial corridors (encouraging upstairs redevelopment);
- encourages homeowners to show improvements (and obtain permits) with less fear of taxes spiking up;
- lowers the tax burden on poorer residents (it is a very progressive tax);
- decreases urban sprawl, disinvestment and depopulation of neighborhoods to name a few; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hartford Court of Common Council work with the Mayor and his administration and engage with the Center for the Study of Economics who has in-depth experience with research and implementation of LVT programs to determine the feasibility of Hartford moving toward a LVT by targeting designated areas with a defined neighborhood study along with researching options for stronger tax policy with regard to vacant/blighted parcels.

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ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Councilwoman
Jo Winch, Councilwoman

Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room 208
Hartford, CT. 06103

Dear Council President Clarke II and Members of the Council:

The Operations, Management, Budget, and Government Accountability Committee held a meeting on March 20, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #2

Majority Leader Concepción (Co-sponsored by Council President Clarke II, Assistant Majority Leader Gale, Councilman Sanchez, Councilwoman Thames and Councilwoman Winch) with accompanying resolution requesting the City of Hartford to create the Pratt Street Pilot in which the revenue from new parking meters installed on Pratt Street be specifically designated to fund visible street activation and tangible streetscape beautification, that can be directly tied back to parking meter payment using subtle plaques or other similar signage and that this revenue will be held in a city-managed restricted fund for this purpose.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members President Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader Julio Concepción, Minority Leader

Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman Sanchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also in attendance were Chief Operating Officer Bonnie Malley, Director of Management, Budget & Grants, Melissa McCaw, City Assessor, John Philip, constituents Alyssa Peterson and other concerned citizens.

Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader explained the resolution concerning the creation of the Pratt Street Pilot in an effort to generate revenue for the city from new parking meters installed on Pratt Street. The revenue would specifically be used to fund tangible streetscape beautification, visible street activation and maintenance solely for Pratt Street. Councilman Concepción explained that the Hartford Parking Authority would be responsible for transferring funds to the City on a quarterly basis where the funds would be maintained in an isolated restricted City account.

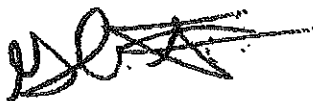
Discussions ensued amongst the committee members pertaining to how the revenue would be monitored and the effectiveness of the pilot measured. Councilman Concepción stated that the high tech new meters were able to be programmed in a way to isolate revenue for any particular time frame. Councilwoman Thames stated that a survey from the property owners and merchants would be an option to provide information to access the success of the Pratt Street Pilot Program.

A motion was made by Council President Thomas J. Clarke II and seconded by Councilwoman Jennings to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (6-0-0 Pass)

Chairwoman Thames: Yes
Councilwoman Bermudez: Yes
Councilman Clarke: Yes
Councilman Concepción: Yes
Councilwoman Jennings: Yes
Councilman Sanchez: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

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Glendowlyn L. H. Thames
Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

INTRODUCED BY:

Majority Leader Julio A. Concepción

CO-SPONSORED BY:

Council President Thomas J. Clarke II

Assistant Majority Leader John Q. Gale

Councilman James Sanchez

Councilwoman Glendowlyn Thames

Councilwoman rJo Winch

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, March 13, 2017

WHEREAS, a working group made of property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders have been meeting regularly to discuss how to leverage the recent investment of \$980,000 of capital improvements on Pratt Street; and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to create a vibrant commercial corridor that is suited for outdoor retail and dining, live music, pop-up retail and more; and

WHEREAS, short-term parking options are needed for customers of Pratt Street businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Pratt Street Pilot would give the City the opportunity to investigate the potential benefits of tying a specific new revenue streams to the commercial corridors that generate them; now, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford create the Pratt Street Pilot in which the revenue from paid transient parking installed on Pratt Street be specifically designated to fund visible street activation and tangible streetscape beautification, that can be directly tied back to parking revenue through the use of subtle plaques or other similar signage; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this revenue will be transferred to the City on a quarterly basis by the Hartford Parking Authority and isolated in a City account restricted for these purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the City work in collaboration with the Hartford Parking Authority, the Hartford Business Improvement District, Pratt Street property owners, merchants, and other parties to apply the funds to achieve the agreed upon purposes; and, be it further

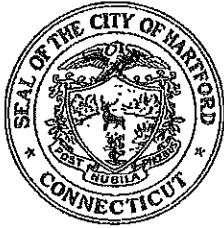
RESOLVED, that the Pratt Street Pilot will be effective for one year after passage and that a vote may be taken by Council to continue the initiative for a time period to be determined; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that City of Hartford will work with merchant associations and neighborhood revitalization zones and use the results of this initiative to explore expanding the project into commercial corridors in the City.

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ITEM # 20 ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD
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rJo Winch, Councilwoman

Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
550 Main Street, Room 208
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear Council President and City Council Members:

The Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee held a Special meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

Item #8

Councilman Deutsch, with accompanying resolution regarding members of the City Council of 2016 acting transparently and as stewards on behalf of Hartford and without regard to political connections and political party benefits, and conduct factual review and consider rescinding prior Council resolutions.

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, committee members Council President Thomas J. Clarke II, Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman Cynthia Jennings, Councilman James Sánchez, non-committee council members Assistant Majority Leader John Gale and Councilman Larry Deutsch.

Also present were, Bonnie Malley, Chief Operating Officer, Darrell Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, Charisse Snipes, Acting Chief Information Officer, Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, John Philip, City Assessor, Brian Mathews, Director of Housing, Kimberly

Oliver, Director of Families, Children, Youth, and Recreation, Jamie Bratt, Director of Development Services, Kiley Gosselin, Deputy Director of Development Services, Elisa Hobbs, Sr. Project Manager, Economic Development, Tonja Nelson, Program Supervisor of Development Services, Eloy Toppin, Project Manager of Procurement, Jacob Veres, MHIS, Johnathan Laz, MHIS, Judge Robert Killian, Annette Sanderson, Executive Director Housing Authority, Anthony Cavallaro, President of Airport Rd. Auto Body, Elliot Ginsberg, President and CEO of CCAT along with team members Daniel Salazar, Todd McClutchy, Senior Vice President JHM Group, Ramon Flores, President El Mercado, constituents Alyssa Peterson, Hyacinth Yennie, Victoria Fennell, and other concerned citizens.

Councilman Larry Deutsch explained the initial referred item to the OMBGA committee has been replaced to reflect a resolution concerning proof of residency. Discussions ensued amongst the committee members regarding clarification of qualifying factors and specifics. The list below provides highlights key dates while the referral was in committee.

- May 9, 2016 Item referred to the OMBGA committee
- May 16, 2016 Replacement on agenda for referral received by OMBGA committee
- March 6, 2017 Replacement on agenda with OMBGA committee voting favorably
- March 20, 2017 Substitute resolution introduced at the OMBA committee

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bermúdez and seconded by Councilman Sánchez to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Vote Taken: (5-0) on 3/6/17

Committee Members

Chairwoman Thames: Yes

Councilwoman Bermúdez: Yes

Councilman Clarke: Yes

Councilman Concepción: Absent

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Glendowlyn L. H. Thames

Chairwoman of Operations, Management, Budget and Government Accountability Committee

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY
Larry Deutsch, Councilperson

Court of Common Council
27 March 2017

WHEREAS, the Hartford Code of Ordinances mandatorily ("shall") requires council and mayoral employee appointees to maintain continuous residency pursuant to Sec. 2-850; and

WHEREAS, continuous and/or accurate home residency in Hartford is also a critical factor in making council or mayoral appointments to board and/or commissions that can last four or six years, and for which Hartford residency is claimed during process of appointment as a City representative on a board or commission, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Operating Officer facilitated a Hartford Audit Commission 2016 residency investigation by obtaining residency affidavits from mayoral and council appointed employees, which were accepted and voted on at the October 2016 Audit Commission meeting; and

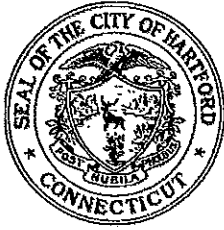
WHEREAS, the originally-adopted Council resolution called for inclusion as well of residency statements for Council or mayoral appointments to board and/or commissions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's office shall include a signed place of residency affidavit along with resume when submitting any future proposed appointee to a board or commission for Council approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hartford City Council will also obtain place of residency affidavits for all current Council or mayoral nominations to boards and/or commissions with the same established format.

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REPORT

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March 27, 2017

Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President and City Council Members
Hartford Court of Common Council
Hartford City Hall
550 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Dear President Clarke and City Council Members:

The Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 1 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

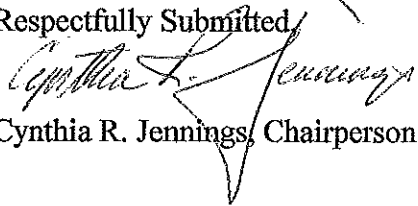
The following were present: Councilwoman Cynthia R. Jennings (Committee Chairperson), James Sanchez (Councilman), John Q. Gale (Assistant Majority Leader and Councilman), James DelVisco (Corporation Council), Nicholas Salemi, Kenneth Mc Clary, Brian Mc Cray, Susan Negrelli and Chris Stone(all form MDC) Jack Hale (Tree Commission Chairman), Thomas Baptist, David Tanner and Daniel Ham (COH/ DPW), Richard Heldmann, Dr. Mark Mitchell (CT. Coalition for Environmental Justice, Luis Caban, Alyssa Peterson, Sara Bronin (COH /PZ), William Di Bella (Chairman MDC) and Haywood R. Hicks (Executive Assistant to Councilwoman Cynthia R. Jennings).

1. Communication from Mayor Bronin, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a \$ 5,000,000 grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for energy efficient street lights. (Item # 4 on Agenda)

This item was a resolution sent by Mayor Bronin requesting City Council favorably consider authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant in the amount of \$ 5,000,000 from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for energy efficient streetlights.

A motion was made by Councilman Gale and seconded by Councilman Sanchez to recommend favorably that the City be authorized to accept the grant of \$ 5,000,000 from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The vote was unanimously in favor of the resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia R. Jennings, Chairperson

Committee Member Votes:

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes

Councilman Sanchez: Yes

Councilman Gale: Yes



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

February 14, 2016

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Energy Efficient Streetlight Grant

Dear Council President Clarke:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$5,000,000 from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) for energy efficient streetlights.

The DEEP grant will allow the City to convert all streetlights (approximately 8,420) to Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology. LED equipment provides equivalent lighting at reduced levels of energy consumption, and offers a greater service life. The City projects annual savings of \$1.8 million per year on electric utility bills, and additional savings on bulb replacement for the extended life of the bulbs. This is a one-time grant and no matching funds are required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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

INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, February 14, 2017

WHEREAS, The City has received a grant commitment letter from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) authorizing an allocation of \$5,000,000 for the City of Hartford to convert all of its streetlights to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting to conserve energy, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works estimates the monthly electricity cost savings after the conversion at \$152,000 per month or \$1.8 million per year, and

WHEREAS, The extended service life of LED Technology will yield further savings over time, through reduced maintenance and bulb replacements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute, with the State of Connecticut, a Personal Services Agreement for financial assistance in the amount of \$5.0 million to complete the conversion of City of Hartford streetlights to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting, and be it further

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

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

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

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

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Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT LORENZO BLAKE'S APPLICATION TO THE POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD BE PROCESSED WITHIN 30 DAYS. (MINORITY LEADER BERMUDEZ)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHRC, and other concerned citizens.

Minority Leader Bermudez noted that Mr. Blake sent his resume to the Council and asked Mr. Blake if he wanted to add any additional words.

Lorenzo Blake stated in light of trying to serve all communities in Hartford, through this process he has learned that having this committee totally in the hands of the Mayor is problematic. Unless he gives his ok, no citizen of Hartford that has interest of being on the board has any way forward. Lorenzo Blake stated he thinks in addition to resolving the issues of having a full board that we should consider revising and pursuing the charter change because this is not going anywhere. He stated he submitted his original application back in November of last year and it's not until he's asked to come to these meetings that he hears anything further about his application. Mr. Blake thinks that would discourage a lot of citizens wanting to be on these boards because unless you're diligent nothing is going to change, no information given.

Co-Chair Clarke II stated that he has asked the Mayor's office that they put forth Mr. Blake's appointment to fill one of the vacancies because he does by way of party affiliation meet the requirements. It is not up to the Council; we must wait to see if any action takes place.

Minority Leader Bermudez stated she would like the committee to take into consideration an amendment of this resolution so that it could specifically state that Council would like Lorenzo Blake's name recommended to the Police Civilian Review Board Commission, a formal recommendation to the mayor's office for consideration.

A motion was made by Committee member Jennings and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation and for the Council to submit Lorenzo's name to an amending resolution to be forwarded to the Mayor.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke, II. (KLM)

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

D Sanchez (KS)

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

RESOLUTION TO PROCESS LORENZO BLAKE'S APPLICATION TO THE CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW
BOARD

INTRODUCED BY:
MINORITY LEADER WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

Court of Common Council
City of Hartford Feb 14th, 2017

WHEREAS, City commissions are a vital part of public participation in city governance

WHEREAS, Hartford Resident Lorenzo Blake submitted his application to be on the Hartford Civilian Review Board

RESOLVED, Lorenzo Blake's application to the Police Civilian Review Board be processed within 30 days

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Jo Winch, Councilwoman

Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22-25 CONCERNING PARKING VIOLATION NOTICES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR BRONIN)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildaliz Bermudez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHHRC, and other concerned citizens.

A motion was entertained by Co-Chair Clarke II and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez to send this item favorable to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke, II (KLM)

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

Jan San (KS)

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

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Report

March 27, 2017

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President &
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street Room #208
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Quality of Life & Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Southend Wellness Center to discuss the following referred item:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD HAVE THEIR TERMS RENEWED. (MINORITY LEADER BERMUDEZ)

The following were in attendance: Co-Chair T.J. Clarke II, Co-Chair James Sanchez, and Committee member Cynthia Jennings. Also in attendance were Minority Leader Wildalíz Bermúdez, Attorney Michael Perez, Attorney Gina Varano, Deputy Fire Chief Hudson and Lieutenant Ortiz of the Hartford Fire Department, Chief Rovella and Officer Faienza of the Hartford Police Department, Kenya Smith of the Hartford Parking Authority, Colin Billings of the Southwest & Behind the Rocks NRZ, Hyacinth Yennie of the MARG NRZ, Mark Jenkins of GHRC, and other concerned citizens.

Co-Chair Clarke II explained how the Council had noted that they would like certain members to be retained as board members to further the continuity of the board. Advised by Corporation Council that we could amend the City's ordinance so we could have Council appointees and further grow the number of board members to an odd number of members. Co-Chair Clarke II continued to explain how Council was ill advised, that they received an inaccurate interpretation of the charter regarding potential Council appointments to the Police Civilian Review Board.

Minority Leader Bermudez stated she would like to withdraw this resolution. A motion was made by Committee member Jennings to pass this resolution onto Council for a favorable recommendation so it could be properly withdrawn and seconded by Co-Chair Sanchez.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Co-Chair Clarke II— yes

Co-Chair Sanchez— yes

Member Jennings— yes

Member Winch— not present

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Clarke II (KIM)

Council President Clarke II

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

[Signature] *[Signature]* *(KIM)*

Councilman Sanchez

Co-Chair of the QLPS Committee

REPLACEMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE INTEGRITY OF OUR POLICE FORCE

INTRODUCED BY:
MINORITY LEADER WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ
COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA JENNINGS
COUNCILMAN DR. LARRY DEUTSCH

Court of Common Council
City of Hartford Feb 14th, 2017

WHEREAS, Members of the Hartford Police Department are entrusted to conduct themselves with the utmost integrity and transparency, when dealing with the public; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has created a Police Civilian Review Board for the express purpose of considering civilian complaints against police personnel; and

WHEREAS, There is a pending complaint involving alleged excessive use of force by members of the Hartford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Three of the current members of the Police Civilian Review Board, have been serving on the Board, and responsible for reviewing the complaints in question regarding excessive use of force by Hartford Police Personnel; and

WHEREAS, The current members have had their hands tied because there were not enough members appointed to the Board to call a quorum and to handle the business of the Police Civilian Review Board; and

WHEREAS, Removal of the three members of the Police Civilian Review Board that are currently reviewing the facts and circumstances regarding complaints against Hartford Police Personnel, would frustrate the purposes of this Board; and

WHEREAS, Removal of those three individuals in the middle of a police investigation regarding excessive force, could imply that their removal was done to affect the outcome or scope of the ongoing excessive force complaint and ongoing investigation, and would work in direct opposition to transparency and would not serve to further trust between the police and the community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all three members of the Police Civilian Review Board currently involved in the review and investigation of police personnel charged with excessive use of force, shall be retained on the Board, until the final outcome of the excessive force investigation in question; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these three members of the Police Civilian Review Board shall have their membership supplemented with additional members, so that a quorum can be reached by the Police Civilian Review Board; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the members currently serving on the Board will not have their terms interrupted until the outcome of the police investigation in question.

ITEM # 25 ON AGENDA

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March 27, 2017

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550 Main Street Room #208
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Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Legislative Affairs Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

(COUNCILMAN DEUTSCH) RESOLUTION BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL URGING PRESIDENT TRUMP TO CONTINUE THE POLICY INITIATED BY RESIDENT OBAMA TO BUILD A NEW, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TO IMMEDIATELY END ALL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED STATES' ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO CUBA BY U.S. CITIZENS. (ITEM #22 ON AGENDA)

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Gale, Committee member Concepción, and Committee member Deutsch.

Councilman Deutsch stated the importance of supporting economic ties and trade that would be beneficial to both Cuba and the United States. Chairman Gale asked about the clause endorsing a conference in New York City and the committee decided to strike that clause from the resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Concepción and seconded by Councilman Gale to favorably send this item as amended to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 3-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Gale—Yes

Member Concepción— Yes

Member Deutsch—Yes

Member Jennings—Not Present

Member Thames—Not Present

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Majority Leader John Q. Gale
Chairperson of the LAC Committee

INTRODUCED BY
Larry Deutsch

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
March 27, 2017

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba; and

Whereas, on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barak Obama and Cuban President Raúl Castro agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations between the two countries; and

Whereas, despite executive actions by President Obama easing certain regulations, the U.S. embargo continues to be in place as do restrictions on travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba;

Whereas, trade between the United States and Cuba benefits both countries, particularly in the areas of agriculture and medicine;

Whereas, an end to the embargo would enable Hartford area enterprises to collaborate with Cuba's advanced bio-technical and medical research institutions in the areas of drug development, clinical tests, genetics, and medical devices, thus enhancing economic development and employment opportunities in our region;

Whereas, on October 20, 2016, the Hartford City Council welcomed Miguel Fraga, first secretary of the newly opened Cuban Embassy in Washington, D.C., to our city; now therefore be it

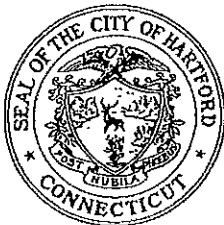
Resolved, that the Hartford City Council urges President Trump to continue the policy initiated by President Obama to build a new, cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, that the Hartford City Council urges Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the United States' economic, commercial, and financial embargo against Cuba including restrictions on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman John Larson and Senators Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy, and other appropriate officials.

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Dear Council President and Members of the Council:

The Legislative Affairs Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO CREATE A CLEAR, OBJECTIVE, AND TIMELY SYSTEM FOR DECIDING ON AN APPLICANT'S WORTHINESS OF COMMISSION PARTICIPATION. (MINORITY LEADER BERMUDEZ) (ITEM #33 ON AGENDA) REPLACEMENT

The following committee members were in attendance: Chairman Gale and Committee member Concepción. Also in attendance was Councilwoman Bermudez.

Councilwoman Bermudez introduced her resolution and explained that she was seeking a better process for applications to boards and commissions in the City of Hartford. She shared that there are currently 134 appointees whose terms have expired. She gathered her information largely through conversations with the community as well as status inquiries and learned that the Commission on Cultural Affairs has

two pending applications, one that has been pending for over six months and one for over a year. There are currently over 30 commissions in existence, many of which are defunct, and not all of them necessarily need to be continued.

Chairman Gale asked Councilwoman Bermudez whether or not there is an inclusion in her resolution for the Mayor to recommend which commissions should continue or be terminated. She responded that it is not included but can be added. She suggests an immediate response thanking applications for their submissions, such that they know their application has been received. She also recommends a 90-day processing of applications and a digital applications and software to notify chairs of applications to their board or commission. Finally, she stated that bilingual applications should be available and suggested adding to her resolution that applications include a submission date as well as a signature to serve as a residency affidavit.

Thea Montanez, Chief of Staff to Mayor Bronin, stated that she appreciated the points made and agreed that the process needs improvement. She voiced that the administrative functions are largely a resource issue as they have only one part-time staffer to handle boards and commissions in addition to her other responsibilities. An automated system would also require resources that the City does not have at present. She shared that there are currently 30 outstanding applications.

Committee member Concepción asked about the current procedure. Ms. Montanez stated that the applications are available online to print, that receipt is confirmed and they are currently taking a phased approach to reviewing applications. She said that she supported the 90-day suggestion and would integrate it. Chairman Gale asked if a 24-hour turn around was realistic for confirming receipt and she stated that it is realistic if an automated system was in place but not with the manual system that exists. He also asked if it was possible to accomplish a digital application within twelve months. Ms. Montanez stated that she was not sure and would speak with the COO, Bonnie Malley, as well as with MHIS. Chairman Gale asked about notifying the respective chairs, to which Ms. Montanez stated that she did not have a strong opinion either way and was fine with the chairs being notified. Chairman Gale finally requested that a "hold" status be communicated to those applicants who were not yet being reviewed as a result of the phased approach.

A motion was made by Councilman Concepción and seconded by Councilman Gale to send this item to full Council for their approval.

Vote taken 2-0:

Committee Member Votes:

Chairman Gale—Yes

Member Concepción— Yes

Member Deutsch—Not Present

Member Jennings—Not Present

Member Thames—Not Present

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Majority Leader John Q. Gale
Chairperson of the LAC Committee

REPLACEMENT
RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT PROCESS

INTRODUCED BY:
MINORITY LEADER WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

Court of Common Council
City of Hartford Feb 14th, 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford commissions are a vital part of public participation in city governance; and

WHEREAS, our current City of Hartford process for commissions has produced numerous defunct commissions and does not have a defined path to appoint individuals in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, ensuring a robust commission system is of benefit to the city and it's residents; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 30 commissions and of those, 134 commissioner terms have expired; now, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's office will create a clear and objective system for deciding an applicant's worthiness of commission participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's office will henceforth respond to the receipt of an application within 24 hours of receipt to alert the applicant that their application has been received; and be it further

RESOLVED, That within a period of 90 days a decision be made on the interested applicant, with a clear reason for support or denial, with a quarterly correspondence of such decisions made sent to the Court of Common Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That applicants will be processed as they are received and in a timely fashion specific to each applicant, not forcing one person to wait until others apply; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's office will push forward any and all current applicants to a decision within 30 days of this resolution's passage; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Mayor's office create a digital system to receive and track all applications in a transparent manner that allows for residents to see the status of their application at all times; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all applications be available in both spanish and english.