

**HEARING NOTICE  
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE BULKELEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 300 WETHERSFIELD AVENUE.

- AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017.
- GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017.
- AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT AGGREGATING \$50,199,720 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,199,720 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

COPIES OF THE ORDINANCES ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN AND CITY CLERK FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

ATTEST:

JOHN V. BAZZANO  
CITY CLERK



**LUKE A. BRONIN**  
MAYOR

Dear Fellow Hartford Residents:

Last year, I said that the City of Hartford stood at a moment of tremendous opportunity and tremendous challenge. Today, the opportunities are even more obvious. And the challenges are even more urgent.

Though we are a small city, we have strengths that few cities our size can claim. We are the employment center for the region, with nearly one hundred thousand people commuting to Hartford for work every day. We're a sports town - proud host of UCONN basketball and hockey, the Wolf Pack, and now the Hartford Yard Goats. We are a center of arts and culture, with world-class producing stages, a symphony, the state's largest performing arts center, a magnificent art museum, great restaurants, the Mark Twain house, the new Coltsville Historic National Park, and countless community arts and cultural institutions.

In just a few months, UCONN's downtown campus will open its doors for thousands of students. One year from now, Hartford will once again have commuter rail service to New Haven and Springfield. The Capital Region Development Authority continues to spur investment in housing and other commercial development. We continue to have a corporate community that recognizes that Hartford is their partner, and worthy of their support.

For all those reasons and many more, I believe with all my heart that Hartford can once again be a vibrant and strong heart of this region of a million people, with everyone in Hartford sharing in our city's rise.

And yet, at the same time, Hartford still faces the largest budget crisis in our city's history.

In the face of that crisis, the budget I am proposing is a bare bones budget. It focuses on basic services only. It assumes no new borrowing for this fiscal year. It makes additional reductions in city-funded services, beyond the deep cuts made last year. It includes millions of additional savings, such as a new energy contract and renegotiated building leases.

And yet despite providing only basic functions that are essential for our city, the budget I am proposing would have a \$49 million gap between revenues and expenditures, without significant changes in the State budget.

Why is our budget so far out of balance? Comparing this year's budget to last year, our costs increase because of rising debt service payments, higher required pension contribution, inflation in health care costs, costly legal judgments from years past, and the absence of serious concessions from our labor unions, with the exception of the Hartford Fire Fighters Association.

But the much bigger reason for Hartford's budget crisis is this: you cannot run a city on the tax base of a suburb. The City of Hartford has less taxable property than our suburban neighbor, West Hartford. More than half of our property is non-taxable.

What is the solution to Hartford's fiscal crisis? Today, an across-the-board property tax increase cannot be the answer. Because our businesses - the employers and job creators who we need to compete to retain



**LUKE A. BRONIN**  
**MAYOR**

and attract - already pay the highest property taxes in the state. And deeper cuts should not be the answer. Because to cut more deeply into vital services is not the recipe for recovery or growth.

The reality is this: No comprehensive solution will be possible without a new partnership with the State of Connecticut. If the State of Connecticut steps forward to offer that partnership, we will be able to take advantage of the generous commitment of \$10 million a year from our three large local insurance companies, Aetna, The Hartford, and Travelers. That commitment demonstrates how important Hartford's strength is to our major employers.

In the coming weeks, we must give every ounce of energy we have to building that partnership, and secure that support - because the crisis we face cannot be solved at the local level alone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

**TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF HARTFORD**

**April 17, 2017**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD THAT:**

On the City October 1, 2016 Grand List, there be and is hereby granted a tax of seventy-four with 0.29 of a mill (74.29) mills on the dollar to be levied upon the ratable estate within the City of Hartford of the inhabitants of said City and all others liable to pay taxes therein, including all estates situated or taxable within the territory added to the limits of the City by any Acts or Resolutions of the General Assembly heretofore passed. Said taxes shall become due on July first, two thousand seventeen (July 1, 2017) and payable on said date in whole or in equal semi-annual installments from that date, namely: July first, two thousand seventeen (July 1, 2017) and January first, two thousand eighteen (January 1, 2018), except as otherwise provided in Section 32-18 Tax Relief for the Elderly of the Municipal Code, and except that any tax not in excess of one hundred dollars shall be due and payable in full on the first day of July, two thousand seventeen (July 1, 2017). If any installment of such tax shall not be paid on or before the first day of the month next succeeding that in which it shall be due and payable, the whole or such part of such installment as is unpaid shall thereupon be delinquent and shall be subject to the addition of interest at the rate and in the manner provided for in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The total amount of any such tax may be paid at the time when the first installment thereof shall be payable.

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**Darrell V. Hill, Chief Financial Officer & Finance Director**

**ATTEST:**

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**Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor**

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**John V. Bazzano  
Town & City Clerk**

# GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

## THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

### CITY OF HARTFORD

April 17, 2017

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD:

Section 1. The following appropriations for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 are hereby made in the General Fund:

<b>General Government:</b>	<b><u>Appropriation</u></b>
Mayor's Office	795,870
Court of Common Council	571,047
City Treasurer	445,933
Registrars of Voters	421,390
Corporation Counsel	1,539,609
Town and City Clerk	777,269
Internal Audit	490,980
Office of Chief Operating Officer	806,865
Metro Hartford Innovation Services	2,996,431
Finance	3,737,413
Human Resources	1,246,558
Office of Management and Budget	763,786
Families, Children, Youth & Recreation	3,258,979
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b><u>17,852,130</u></b>
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Fire	37,901,180
Police	43,967,277
Emergency Services and Telecommunications	3,682,721
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b><u>85,551,178</u></b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Public Works	<u>12,265,601</u>
<b>Development Services</b>	
Development Services	<u>3,157,225</u>
<b>Health and Human Services</b>	
Health and Human Services	<u>4,603,664</u>
<b>Benefits and Insurances</b>	
Benefits and Insurances	<u>96,229,626</u>

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	<u>Appropriation</u>
<b>Benefits and Insurances</b>	
Benefits and Insurances	<u>96,229,626</u>
<b>Debt Service</b>	
Debt Service	<u>58,591,375</u>
<b>Non-Operating Department Expenditures:</b>	
Non-Operating Department Expenditures	<u>42,564,571</u>
<b>Municipal Total</b>	<u>320,815,370</u>
<b>Total Education</b>	<u>284,008,188</u>
<b>Hartford Public Library Total</b>	<u>8,100,000</u>
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<u>612,923,558</u>

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**Darrell V. Hill**  
**CFO/Director of Finance**

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**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

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**John V. Bazzano**  
**Town and City Clerk**

Copies to: Mayor, Chief Operating Officer, Corporation Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Management, Budget and Grants, Municipal Code, Superintendent of Schools, Director of Public Works, City Treasurer, Development Services, Economic Development, Emergency Services and Telecommunications, Fire Chief, Hartford Board of Education, Hartford Parking Authority, Director of Health and Human Services, Housing, Director of Human Resources, Internal Audit, Library, Metro Hartford Innovation Services, Office of Children Family Recreation, Police Chief, Probate Court, Registrars of Voters, Tax Collector/Assessor, and Town and City Clerk.

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ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC  
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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD:

Section 1. The sum of \$50,199,720 is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the "City") for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of the various public improvements and equipment hereinafter listed (as more fully described in the narrative description of such improvements and equipment in the City of Hartford CIP Project Commentary dated April 17, 2017), including legal, administrative and related costs (the "Projects"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid and proceeds from the Hartford Parks Trust Fund:

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

Replacements and Upgrades to Various School Facilities	\$1,923,000
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PUBLIC SAFETY:

City-wide Radio System Improvements	1,000,000
Police Camera Systems and Related Equipment	982,720
Vehicles, Technology and Other Equipment	2,819,000
Firing Range Renovations & Safety Enhancements	600,000

PARKS AND RECREATION:

City-wide Bathroom Buildings at Parks	250,000
Colt Park Improvements	450,000
Walter "Doc" Hurley Statue	250,000
Neighborhood Environmental Improvements	1,000,000
Riverfront Park – Walk and Bike Path	1,500,000
Colt Park – Athletic Fields	1,500,000

HARTFORD PARKS TRUST FUND PRIORITY LIST:

City-wide Park Signage	2,000,000
Sidewalks – Elizabeth, Colt and Sigourney	300,000
Lighting and Sidewalks – Bushnell East and West	1,000,000
Pope Park – Baseball Field	750,000
Goodwin Park – Tennis Courts	200,000
Keney Park – Vine Street ADA Improvements	250,000
Pond Dredging – Goodwin, Pope and Bushnell	2,500,000
Replace Playscapes – (6 Parks)	2,000,000

Keney Park – Gates and Fences	100,000
Goodwin Park – Golf Course Irrigation System	2,500,000
Park Lighting (6 Parks)	1,100,000
Security Cameras (7 Parks)	600,000
Basketball Courts (6 Parks)	450,000
Automate Spray-Pads (13) and Irrigations Systems (5 Parks)	200,000
Park Concessions Improvements (4 Parks)	600,000
Hyland Park - "Cal Ripken Field" Lighting	500,000
Forest Sustainability	100,000
Hiking Trails – Keney Park and North Branch Park River	400,000
Goodwin Park – Entrance	150,000
Park Beautification	250,000

PUBLIC WORKS:

City-wide ADA Improvements	2,000,000
City-wide Fencing	150,000
Milling and Paving	2,000,000
Sidewalks	500,000
Street Signage	350,000
Street Lights	300,000
Traffic Calming	250,000
Streetscapes	1,250,000
Street Signalization	1,200,000
Bridge Repairs	500,000
Refuse Carts	250,000
Flood Control	1,000,000
Oil Tanks	250,000
Citywide Security	250,000
Roof Replacement	500,000
Municipal Facilities Renovations	1,400,000
Energy Projects	1,250,000
Building Demolition	250,000
Library Security and Efficiency Improvements	1,500,000

DEVELOPMENT:

Neighborhood Anti-Blight & Housing Revitalization	2,000,000
Federal/State Grant Matching Funds	225,000
Redevelopment and Implementation (property acquisition, redevelopment, building demolition)	2,000,000
Emergency Demolition Funds	200,000
Document Conversion	300,000
Growing Hartford Businesses	1,500,000
Planning and Economic Development	350,000
Participatory Budgeting	250,000

Total	\$50,199,720
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**Section 2.** The estimated useful life of the Projects is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Projects is \$50,199,720. The cost of the Projects is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants and the Hartford Parks Trust Fund.

**Section 3.** To meet said appropriations, \$50,199,720 bonds of the City, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). Said bonds may be issued in one or more series in the amount necessary to meet the City's share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amount of any State and Federal grants-in-aid therefor and proceeds from the Hartford Parks Trust Fund, or the actual amounts thereof, and the anticipated time of receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, financing, legal and other costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or such other amount or whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Section 4.** The bonds, or any series thereof, may be issued and sold by the Mayor and City Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation or private placement, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least three days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor and the City Treasurer.

**Section 5.** The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

**Section 6.** The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of State grants-in-aid for the Projects. The notes shall be issued and sold in the manner as shall be determined by the Mayor and City Treasurer. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Treasurer, have the City seal affixed, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut. The notes and any renewals thereof shall mature and be payable not later than the end of the fiscal year during which the proceeds of State grants-in-aid in anticipation of which the Notes have been issued are received. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of the notes, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon receipt of the State grants-in aid, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any of the notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

**Section 7.** The balance of any appropriation or the proceeds of any bonds not needed to meet the cost of any Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including Projects authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future bond ordinances) for which an appropriation and bond authorization has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of bonds authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.

**Section 8.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete a Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.

**Section 9.** The issuance of bonds and notes authorized hereunder is within every debt limitation prescribed by law.

**Section 10.** The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Projects with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the City. The Tax Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Tax Exempt Obligations.

**Section 11.** The Mayor, the City Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of certain events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

**Section 12.** The Mayor and City Treasurer, in the name of the City, are hereby authorized to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary to enable Bond Counsel to render its opinions as to the validity of the bonds and the exclusion of the interest on the bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, including, but not limited to, bond insurance agreements, paying agent agreements, tax certificates, tax forms, investment agreements or assignments, (c) appoint any other consultants or professionals as required and (d) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this ordinance.

**Section 13.** The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for any of the Projects and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others.