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****A.) ITEM # CLAIMS FOR INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. PURPOSE: RECEIPT OF CLAIMS.**

REPORT OF: City Clerk

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #:

RE: CLAIMS FOR INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

CLAIMANTS NAME

Calafiore, Paul S.

DeCaro, Vincent

Lewis, Arlo

Orzol, Jacek

Sandra Crawford

Zapadka, Daniel

Mark H. Bernacki

City Clerk

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

****B.) ITEM # DEIDRE J. JACKSON V. NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, ET. AL**

REPORT OF: Office of Corporation Counsel

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #:

RE: DEIDRE J. JACKSON v. NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPT. ET AL

Please be advised that on April 4, 2016, the Honorable Judge Cynthia K. Swienton, granted the City Defendants' Motion for Judgment in the City Defendants' favor. Plaintiff had made allegations of false arrest and excessive force.

Irena J. Urbaniak

City Attorney

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

****C.) ITEM # MONTHLY PURCHASING REPORT. PURPOSE: PURCHASING REPORT FOR BID THRESHOLD ITEMS.**

REPORT OF: Finance Dept., Purchasing Div.

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To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #:

RE: Purchasing report for bid threshold items

DATE: April 13, 2016

In accordance with the New Britain Code of Ordinances, Section 2-566, a monthly report of purchases between \$500 and \$7,500 shall be provided to the Common Council. The report shall include a detailed description of items or services purchased, name of vendor, owner of business and dollar amount spent on each individual purchase as well as the aggregate total of spend to date for the fiscal year.

The Finance Department, Purchasing Division has provided an electronic list of monthly purchases. This document is available in the Council office for review by Council members.

Acceptance and adoption is respectfully requested.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

**D.) ITEM # COOPERATIVE PURCHASE. PURPOSE: \$12,970 TO SIMPLEXGRINNELL FOR THE ANNUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TESTING, INSPECTION AND FULL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE FILTRATION PLANT AT 50 CARETAKER ROAD.

REPORT OF: Finance Dept., Purchasing Division

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #:

RE: Cooperative Purchasing, Annual Fire Alarm System Testing, Inspection and Full Service Contract for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division's Filtration Plant at 50 Caretaker Road.

DATE: April 13, 2016

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested by the Public Works Department, Utilities Division for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
SimplexGrinnell East Berlin, CT.	Annual Fire Alarm System Testing Inspection and Full Service Contract	\$12,970.00

The Public Works Department, Utilities Division requested a purchase order for the Annual Fire Alarm System Testing, Inspection and Full Service Contract for their Filtration Plant at 50 Caretaker Road. The Full Services Contract includes component, parts, battery replacement and service calls. SimplexGrinnell has been providing maintenance on this system at this location for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division in the past. SimplexGrinnell is the manufacturer of the Fire Alarm System and has one hundred and eighty-five (185) offices that make up one of the largest service networks in the Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Industry. SimplexGrinnell has no dealers and to go out to bid for these services would not be beneficial to the City. SimplexGrinnell also has a State of Connecticut Contract, 11PSX0055, for these Services. SimplexGrinnell has once again agreed to charge the Public Works Department, Utilities Division the State of Connecticut Contract pricing for these services. The price that SimplexGrinnell is charging the Public Works Department, Utilities Division is at a discounted rate of 6% below their normal pricing for these services. This expense was also presented to the Water Commission at their April 12, 2016 meeting in which they approved this expenditure. Funding for this purchase of the Annual Fire Alarm System Testing, Inspection and Full Services Contract is available within the Public Works Department, Utilities Division's account number 9303500103-5659, Water Operating Expenses, Treatment, Operating Material and Supplies.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$12,970.00 to SimplexGrinnell of East Berlin, CT for the Annual Fire Alarm System Testing, Inspection and Full Services Contract for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division's Filter Plant at 50 Caretaker Road utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award # 11PSX0055.

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Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

**E.) ITEM # EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER. PURPOSE: \$51,780 TO RIVERS END CONSTRUCTION FOR FENCE REPAIRS AT THE NEW BRITAIN STADIUM.

REPORT OF: Finance Dept., Purchasing Division

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #:
RE: Emergency Purchase Order (Informational Report Only)
DATE: April 13, 2016

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order were authorized by the Mayor and issued to the vendor listed below on March 17, 2016

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Rivers End Construction Westbrook CT.	Fence Repairs at New Britain Stadium	\$51,780.00

The Purchasing Agent reports that no formal bid solicitation and advertisement as outlined in the Purchasing Ordinances were made for this item. In accordance with Section 2-606b of the City Code of Ordinances, the Purchasing Agent reports:

An emergency purchase order was requested by the New Britain Park, Recreation and Community Services Department to repair the Fence at New Britain Stadium. The full extent of the deteriorating condition of the fence was not known until the boards were completely removed during the miscellaneous renovations and finishing upgrades that were being conducted at the stadium. The repairs to the fence need to be conducted immediately so the City can meet its contractual obligation and have the Stadium ready for April 21, 2016 when the new baseball team hosts its first home game. Funding for the Fence Repairs was available within the New Britain Park, Recreation and Community Services Department's account number 00883314601-5454, New Britain Stadium Renovations, Construction Contracts.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

**F.) ITEM # PUBLIC BID NO. 3860. PURPOSE: CONTRACT WITH SPIN CITY LAUNDROMATS, INC. TO PROVIDE LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR THE NEW BRITAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM MAY 1, 2016 TO APRIL 30, 2019.

REPORT OF: Finance Dept., Purchasing Division

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #:
RE: Public Bid No. 3860 Laundry Services for the New Britain Fire Department
DATE: April 13, 2016

Public Bid No. 3860 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Laundry Services for the New Britain Fire Department. Funding is available for the purchase of this service in the New Britain Fire Department's Account Number, 001212002-5336, Fire Operations, Other Purchasing Services.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald Newspaper, the City and State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to seventeen (17) Laundry Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from Laundry Companies on the mailing

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list who indicated they could not provide a response to the bid request. The responses were received as per attached.

The bid was reviewed for conformance to specifications by the New Britain Fire Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Fire Chief is recommending that the Bid for the Laundry Services be awarded to Spin City Laundromats, Inc. of New Britain, CT who submitted the overall lowest total bid for these items and meet all of the bid specifications. Spin City Laundromats, Inc. is presently providing this service to the Fire Department and was awarded the bid the last time it was put out to bid in 2013.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order and enter into a contract with Spin City Laundromats, Inc. of New Britain, CT to provide Laundry Services for the New Britain Fire Department for a period of three (3) years, from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019 as per the attached pricing, specifications and terms of Public Bid No. 3860.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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**G.) 33258 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33258. PURPOSE: TRAFFIC STUDY ON KENSINGTON AVENUE NEAR BUELL STREET, CLINIC DRIVE AND WALSH STREET.

REPORT OF: THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33258

RE: Common Council Petition #33258, re: Conduct a traffic study on Kensington Avenue near Buell Street, Clinic Drive and Walsh Street. Explore adding a stop sign at Kensington Avenue and Walsh Street due to unsafe driving conditions.

Date: April 13, 2016

The requested area is a State road designated CT-71A, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Office of State Traffic Administration Commission.

The Board voted to deny this petition for adding a stop sign at Kensington Avenue and Walsh Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

**H.) 33285 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33285. PURPOSE: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON MOUNTAIN ROAD.

REPORT OF: THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33285

RE: Common Council Petition #33285, re: Increase the number of speed limit signs on North Mountain Road. Currently, one set of signs exists approximately 100' from the intersection of North Mountain Road and West Main Street. Since the opening of the Cancer Center, the number of speeders has increased on North Mountain Road. Residents are concerned with safety when merging onto the street and are worried about an increase in speed related accidents.

Date: April 13, 2016

The Traffic Safety Bureau Personnel inspected the North Mountain Road area and noted the northbound speed limit sign is faded and may have lost its night time reflectivity. The southbound lane from Journey Road in Plainville to West Main Street in New Britain, does not have a visibly posted speed limit sign. Sergeant King recommended replacing the northbound sign and installing a speed limit sign on the southbound side.

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The Board voted to replace the damaged sign on the northbound side of North Mountain Road and to install a new sign on the southbound side. Additionally, the Board approved this petition and authorized more speed limit signs to be placed on both north and southbound directions.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

**I.) 33300 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33300. PURPOSE: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION OF LOITERING IN AND AROUND NEW BRITE PLAZA AND MOTORCYCLE RACING ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE.

REPORT OF: THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33300

RE: Common Council Petition #33300, re: Please have police traffic enforcement investigate residents' complaints of loitering in and around New Brite Plaza and the Stanley Street/East Main Street intersection as well as noise and motorcycle racing issues on Martin Luther King Drive.

Date: April 13, 2016

The Traffic Safety Bureau will conduct a traffic study and request Patrol Division's assistance to increase their presence in the New Brite Plaza to monitor and take enforcement actions if warranted regarding loitering. Additionally, they will be tasked to conduct general motor vehicle enforcement operations in the Martin Luther King Drive area.

No action is required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

**J.) 33322 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33322. PURPOSE: REQUEST TO INSTALL STOP SIGN OR TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL CARE.

REPORT OF: THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33322

RE: Common Council Petition #33322, re: Please install a stop sign or traffic light at the entrance to the Hospital for Special Care. A wheelchair bound woman who lives on Pierremount Avenue has difficulty accessing the hospital where she is a patient. The woman says she is also speaking on behalf of patients who live at the hospital.

Date: April 13, 2016

The Traffic Bureau supervisor inspected the area of Corbin Avenue and Pierremount Avenue and noted that there are no sidewalks or crosswalks leading to the Hospital for Special Care. Based on average daily traffic counts, a traffic control signal is not warranted. Motor vehicle traffic that exits the hospital is required to stop. The underlying issue of lack of sidewalks should be submitted to the Public Works Department for technical review and recommendations.

The Board voted to deny this petition for installing a stop sign or traffic light at the entrance to the Hospital for Special Care.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

****K.) 33367 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33367. PURPOSE: EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE SIGNAGE.**

REPORT OF: Department of Public Works

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33367

RE: Emergency Snow Route Signage

Public Works engineering is working with field staff and the New Britain Police Department evaluating Emergency Snow Routes and location of signage. It is a large scale effort and our goal is to have any issues remedied before the 2016-2017 winter season.

Changes to emergency snow routes will be coordinated with the Board of Police Commissioners and City Council in the following months.

Mark E. Moriarty, Director Public Works

****L.) 33402 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33402. PURPOSE: PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS ON CARLTON STREET.**

REPORT OF: Department of Public Works

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33402

RE: Parking Restriction Signs on Carlton Street

The Public Works Engineering and Traffic Division are repairing and replacing parking restriction signs along the entire length of Carlton Street as part of a larger effort to clean up signage on Carlton Street.

In response to this petition thirty-eight parking restriction signs and nineteen emergency snow route signs are being replaced along Carlton Street with material costs of \$2,335.

Mark E. Moriarty, Director Public Works

****M.) 33420 RESPONSE TO PETITION 33420. PURPOSE: INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT AT INTERSECTION OF RUSSWIN ROAD AND WEST MAIN STREET.**

REPORT OF: Department of Public Works

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33420

RE: Street Light at Intersection of Russwin Rd and W. Main Street

The street light at the intersection of Russwin Road and West Main Street was removed during the Elam Street Storage Tank Replacement and a new street light will be installed this spring.

Mark E. Moriarty, Director Public Works

REPORTS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

****N.) 33434 RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION 33434. PURPOSE: CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 57 COURT STREET TO CHRYSALIS CENTER REAL ESTATE CORPORATION.**

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**O.) 33431 RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION 33431. PURPOSE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING.

REPORT OF: CONSOLIDATED SUBCOMMITTEE

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33431
RE:

The Consolidated Subcommittee held a special meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item 33431, Amend Code of Ordinances to prohibit aggressive panhandling. The Consolidated Subcommittee voted to accept and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Tremell Collins
Chair

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

1.) 33434 PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT. PURPOSE: CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 57 COURT STREET TO CHRYSALIS CENTER REAL ESTATE CORPORATION. J. GIANTONIO

Item #33434 RE: Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: PURPOSE. To convey a City of New Britain-owned vacant property for rehabilitation and housing.

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is committed to improving the housing stock and quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain currently owns property known as 57 Court Street which has been acquired through the foreclosure process; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation has offered to purchase the property for \$1.00 and will immediately rehabilitate the condition of the building; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation has had significant experience in rehabilitating buildings and improving the appearance and condition of residential property; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation intends to spend at least six million (\$6,000,000.00) in rehabilitating and refurbishing this building and will not seek any enterprise zone or tax abatement benefits; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation intends to create twenty-four 1 bedroom units with four units being reserved for veterans and the other twenty units to be offered at market rate; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation will agree to a clause that the property will automatically revert back to the City of New Britain if it does not obtain a Certificate of Occupancy within twelve months of the date that all City permits are issued; but in no event longer than two years from the purchase; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of New Britain to have this property restored to the grand list; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That Erin E. Stewart, Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of New Britain, a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation for property known as 57 Court Street, and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sale price of One Dollar (\$1.00).

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

2.) 33431 ARTICLE IX. PURPOSE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING. C. POLKOWSKI

NEW RESOLUTIONS

3.) ITEM # APRIL 2016 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH. PURPOSE: TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT AUTISM AND ISSUES WITHIN THE AUSTISM COMMUNITY. E. SANCHEZ, S. BLACK

Item # RE: April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS; Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. They include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder - not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome; and

WHEREAS; the following facts about autism:

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children: 1 in every 54 boys and 1 in every 189 girls
- More children will be diagnosed with autism than with AIDs, diabetes and cancer combined
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- It is estimated that there are over 1.5 million people in the United States with autism
- Autism receives less than 5% of government research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism; and

WHEREAS; the Eighth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2016. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events; and

WHEREAS; the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity for everyone to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community; and

RESOLVED; by the Common Council and Mayor of the City of New Britain, to recognize that April is designated as "Autism Awareness Month".

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez
Alderwoman Shirley Black

4.) ITEM # MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH. PURPOSE: PROCLAIMING AND PROMOTING THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE OF DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICES. J. GIANTONIO, R. SMEDLEY

Item # RE: Supporting National Fair Housing Month

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain:

Resolution Summary: Purpose
Recognizing, promoting and supporting the month of April as National Fair Housing Month in the City of New Britain



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WHEREAS; April 11, 2016 marks the 48th Anniversary of the passage of the passage of Civil rights Act of 1968, which was meant as a follow up to the Civil rights Act of 1964. The 1968 act expanded on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex (and as amended) disability and familial status. Title VIII of the Act is also known as the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS; each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and communities and organizations across the country recognize Fair Housing Month by hosting an array of activities that enhance the community's awareness of their fair housing rights and highlight the national commitment to end housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS; an open and inclusive community committed to equal housing opportunity creates a diversity of people and cultures which greatly enhances every work and educational environment; and

WHEREAS; the influences through education and outreach will increase community cohesion, civic engagement, fosters residential stability, and raises the overall quality of the community's social and physical environment; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

WHEREAS; the Mayor as well as the Common Council of the City of New Britain, the City of New Britain Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and Fair Rent Commission are committed to upholding the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 by continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every New Britain resident of their right to fair housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the City of New Britain endorses a Fair Housing Policy, Sec. 2-198 of the City's Ordinance, to ensure that no person shall discriminate with respect to housing in the City in violation of any federal, state, or local law.

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez
Alderman Jerrell Hargraves

5.) ITEM # APRIL 22, 2016 RECOGNIZED AS EARTH DAY. PURPOSE: PROMOTE CONSERVATION, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
C. CARLOZZI, JR., D. SALERNO, R. SMEDLEY

Item # RE: April 22, 2016 as Earth Day

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

Whereas; on April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day, promoting awareness of our environment and the positive impact each of us can have on it; and

Whereas; Earth Day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, is now celebrated annually and globally to raise awareness of Earth's fragile environments and potential dangers of their unchecked destruction; and

Whereas; the New Britain City Council promotes conservation, energy efficiency and the study of the use of clean energy sources; and

Whereas; the City of New Britain has taken great strides in improving awareness and to promote conservation by solarizing numerous properties throughout the area including the New Britain Water Treatment Plant, Smalley Academy and Smith Elementary School; and

Whereas; the New Britain City Council acknowledges our collective responsibility for environmental education, stewardship and community sustainability; and, now, therefore, be it

Resolved; that the City of New Britain reaffirms its commitment to the goals and principles of Earth Day by:

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1. Encouraging partnerships between and among local businesses, environmental organizations, schools and the artist community to help raise community awareness
2. Using the observance of Earth Day as a springboard of exploring new avenues to sustainability
3. Publicly proclaiming a commitment to preservation and stewardship of our natural landscape and sensitivity to environmental issues; and

Be It Further Resolved; that the City of New Britain recognize Earth Day on April 22nd and help to make 2016 the year the world unites to create a cleaner, healthier world and environmentally responsible world people.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Alderman Daniel Salerno
Alderman Robert Smedley

6.) ITEM # 2016 ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HUD PROGRAMS.
C. CARLOZZI, JR., D. DAVIS, K. ROSADO, E. SANCHEZ

Item # RE: 2016 ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HUD PROGRAMS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain anticipates receiving funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2016 under the Community Development Block Grant Program, in the amount of \$1,420,690, and the HOME Program, in the amount of \$445,053, and

WHEREAS, also during Fiscal Year 2016, the City anticipates receiving Program Income from previous CDBG activities in the amount of \$102,000, and from previous HOME activities in the amount of \$132,000, which will be used for additional activities, and

WHEREAS, in order to receive these funds, the City is required to prepare an Annual Plan that is consistent with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs which was adopted by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing of the Common Council HUD Grants Committee is scheduled in order to obtain the views of citizens on housing and community development needs and priorities, and to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the Proposed 2016 Annual Consolidated Plan as prepared by the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development, prior to its approval of the 2016 Annual Consolidated Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby adopts the 2016 Annual Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development the 2016 Annual Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs, including certifications and descriptions as required by HUD, said submission to serve as the City's application for CDBG and HOME Program funds, and to execute any agreements, revisions, rescissions or amendments thereto, as necessary for the City's receipt of CDBG and HOME funds.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Alderman Daniel Davis
Alderman Kristian Rosado
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

7.) ITEM # HARTFORD ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. PURPOSE: \$79,250 TO BL COMPANIES, INC. FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES. D. NAPLES, J. SANDERS, JR.

Item # RE: Final Design Services for the DECD Funded Hartford Road Pedestrian Improvements Project

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

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WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has received a Financial Assistance Grant in the amount of \$850,000 from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic Development (DECD) for the Hartford Road (CT Route 71) Pedestrian Improvements Project, and

WHEREAS, BL Companies, Inc. has completed the Preliminary Engineering phase for the Hartford Road Pedestrian Improvements Project under the City's On-Call Consultant Contract, Bid #3806, as reported under Item #33307 by the Finance Department Purchasing Division to the Common Council on November 12, 2015, and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department seeks to engage BL Companies, Inc. to prepare the Final Design of the Hartford Road Pedestrian Improvements Project as outlined in their March 29, 2016 scope of services for a fee of \$79,250, and

WHEREAS, Funding for this work is fully reimbursable through the DECD Financial Assistance Grant and is available in the CT DECD Professional Services Account Number 255315015-5331, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to enter into agreement with BL Companies, Inc. and the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$79,250 to BL Companies, Inc. for the work as outlined in their scope of services dated March 29, 2016.

Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Jim Sanders, Jr.

8.) ITEM # STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY. PURPOSE: ACCEPTANCE OF COMMERCE CIRCLE AS A CITY STREET. D. NAPLES, J. SANDERS, JR.

Item# RE: Acceptance of Commerce Circle as a City Street

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following

WHEREAS, the City completed the construction of Commerce Circle in 2005, and it was never petitioned to Council to be accepted as a City street, and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission, Public Works and Water Departments have held Field inspection of the street improvements in the South Street Industrial Park II Re-Subdivision Consisting of Commerce Circle, and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has been advised by the Public Works Department that all required improvements in this development have been installed in a satisfactory manner, and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission recommends the approval and acceptance of the development as shown on the approved Subdivision Plans entitled:

"RESUBDIVISION PLAN, SOUTH STREET INDUSTRIAL PARK II, SOUTH STREET, NEW BRITAIN, CT., SCALE 1" = 100', REV. MAR. 2005, SHEET 3 of 8, CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RIGHT OF WAY DIVISION"

which is on file in the Land Records of the City Clerk's Office, Volume 27, Page 69, and

WHEREAS, As-Built Drawings have been submitted and approved by the City Engineer,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Street Right-of-Way, known as Commerce Circle be accepted as a City Street.

Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Jim Sanders, Jr.

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9.) ITEM # LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION GRANT PROGRAM. PURPOSE: IDENTIFY AND CONTROL LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS IN ELEGIBLE PRIVATELY OWNED HOUSING. J. GIANTONIO, R. SMEDLEY

Item # RE: Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration and Healthy Homes Grant Programs

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program provides funds to help cities undertake comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing, and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Homes Program provides supplemental funds to help cities identify and remediate additional housing related health hazards in homes with lead based paint hazards, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Municipal Development, the Department of Health, and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center are proposing to undertake a comprehensive program to utilize these grant funds to help make homes in New Britain lead safe, and

WHEREAS, the Cost Sharing and Matching Fund Requirements for receiving these grant funds are met through various Federal and State funds already committed to the City and to Connecticut Children's Medical Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Lead-Based Paint Reduction Demonstration and Healthy Homes Grant Programs, to provide such additional information as may be required, to execute other documents including a Grant Agreement if such an Agreement is offered, and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Robert Smedley

10.) ITEM # HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT. PURPOSE: CONNECTICUT STATE GRANT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS & NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATE. J. GIANTONIO

Item # RE: CONNECTICUT STATE GRANT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS & NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATE

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2000 the State of Connecticut passed into law, Public Act 00-146, an "Act Concerning Real Estate Filings and Preservation of Historical Documents" and,

WHEREAS, this legislation established a state "Historic Document Preservation" account for the "Preservation and Management of Historic Documents" and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 00-146 authorized this grant starting July 2001 and is available for fiscal year 2015/2016 and,

WHEREAS, Town & City Clerk Mark H. Bernacki has applied for a \$5,000 grant for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin E. Stewart execute and deliver in name and on behalf of the City of New Britain a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant; and,

RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain hereby adopts as its policy to support the non-discrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut Statutes Sec. 4a-60(a)(1) and Sec. 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142; and be it further,

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RESOLVED, that a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000 be appropriated within the city's Special Revenue Fund entitled "Historical Records Retention" established for this purpose and include resources to scan New Britain's oldest land records as follows:

REVENUE BUDGET

#249108101-4222	Historic Preservation Grant State of CT	\$5,000
#249108101-4405	Historic Documents Preservation	\$9,000
#249108101-4406	Historic Documents Preservation – LOCIP	\$15,000

EXPENDITURE BUDGET

#249108101-5331	Professional Services	\$20,000
#249108101-5122	Overtime	\$9,000

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

11.) ITEM # BUDGET TRANSFERS – FIRE DEPARTMENT. PURPOSE: TRANSFER OF MONIES TO COVER SHORTFALLS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. J. GIANTONIO, C. CARLOZZI, JR., T. COLLINS

Item # RE: Budget Transfers – Fire Department

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the New Britain Fire Department provides fire, rescue and EMS First Responder services to the citizens of New Britain, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has had 7 retirements since January of 2015 and carried those vacancies created by these retirements until new firefighters began fillings these vacancies in March 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has had some members out on long-term sick leave, one firefighter for over one year, and

WHEREAS, these retirements and members on long term sick leave, have increased the needed overtime for Fire Operations, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department expended 1.99 million in Fire Operations overtime in FY 14-15, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department requested 2.1 million in Fire Operations overtime for the current fiscal year and was funded at 1.7 million, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has made every effort to reduce expenditures, including delaying the filling of several staff positions, and

WHEREAS, there are some funds from these cost savings to transfer within the Fire Department's budget to supplement the projected shortfall in the Fire Operations overtime line item, and

WHEREAS, there are some line item accounts that are nearly or completed expended, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, that a budget transfer in the amount of \$ 60,000 be made within the Fire Department budget as follows and that a budget transfer of \$ 200,000 be made from the City's Contingency Fund into the Fire Department budget as follows.

Transfer from the following accounts:		
001212002-5621	Fire Operations-Heat and Gas	\$10,000
001212003-5121	Fire Operations Support-Full Time Salaries	\$40,000
001212004-5121	Fire Marshal-Full Time Salaries	\$10,000
	Total	\$60,000

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Transfer to the following account:		
001212002-5121	Fire Operations-Overtime	\$40,000
001212002-5337	Fire Operations-Training/Conferences	\$5,000
001212002-5622	Fire Operations-Electricity	\$ 10,000
001212004-5122	Fire Marshal-Overtime	\$5,000
	Total	\$60,000

Transfer from following account:		
001625101-5871	City Contingency Fund	\$ 200,000
Transfer to the following account:		
001212002-5121	Fire Operations-Overtime	\$ 200,000

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Carlo Carozzi
Alderman Tremell Collins

UNFINISHED BUSINESS