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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

Casanova, Michael by Atty. Kenworthy

Currea, Lillian

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

****B.) ITEM # AMADA VILLANUEVA V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN. PURPOSE: SETTLEMENT OF SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN.**

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: AMADA VILLANUEVA v. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, ET AL.

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) be paid to Amada Villanueva and the Law Firm of Spinella & Associates, her attorneys, in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain, et al, now pending in the New Britain Superior Court, New Britain, Connecticut. The plaintiff had alleged that on August 28, 2009, at approximately 3:00 pm, the plaintiff was crossing Corbin Avenue, north of its intersection with Clinton Street. The plaintiff-pedestrian was struck by an automobile while attempting to cross the street. Plaintiff alleged that the incident occurred because of the City of New Britain's negligence and carelessness of improper maintenance of the intersection, signals and crosswalks and also as a result of the City violating its statutory requirements. As a result of the incident, plaintiff alleged to have suffered physical injuries including leg fractures, loss of vision and hearing, cranial and spinal injury, traumatic brain injury, multiple contusions, sprains and other injuries confining the plaintiff to the hospital, rehabilitation center and then to her home. In medical specials, the plaintiff has incurred \$145,253.55. The majority of the medical specials are for St. Francis Hospital (\$94,832) and for Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Center (\$47,006). The current settlement recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J.

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Urbaniak, after settlement negotiations between City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and Attorney Paul Spinella and the Honorable Judge Abrams, with the approval and consent of Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

This suit is to be withdrawn by the plaintiff without costs to the City of New Britain and settlement is to be made without admission of any liability.

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**C.) ITEM # PUBLIC BID NO. 3851. PURPOSE: \$268,000 TO SCHOLAR PAINTING, LLC FOR MISCELLANEOUS RENOVATIONS AND FINISH UPGRADES AT 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: Public Bid No. 3851 Miscellaneous Renovations and Finish Upgrades at New Britain Stadium

DATE: January 27, 2016

Public Bid No. 3851 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Miscellaneous Renovations and Finish Upgrades at New Britain Stadium for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Funding for this purchase was approved by the Common Council, Resolution #33146-1, on June 10, 2105. Funding is available for this purchase within the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's, account number,0083314601-5454, New Britain Stadium Renovations, Construction Contracts.

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 thirty- one (31) Building Contractors. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Building Contractors on the mailing list indicating that they could not provide a response to the bid request. Response were received as per attached.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, the City's On-call Engineering Company associated with this project and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is recommending that the bid be awarded for the base bid and bid Alternate 1 and bid Alternate 2 to Scholar Painting, LLC of Seymour, CT who submitted the lowest responsible bid and met all of the bid specifications for the Miscellaneous Renovations and Finish Upgrades at New Britain Stadium.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for the base bid and bid Alternate 1 and bid Alternate 2 for a total price of \$268,000.00 and enter into a contract for the Miscellaneous Renovations and Finish Upgrades at New Britain Stadium with Scholar Painting, LLC of Seymour, CT per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3851.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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**D.) ITEM # SOLE SOURCE PURCHASING. PURPOSE: \$31,768.70 TO TASER INTERNATIONAL FOR TASERS AND TASER CARTRIDGES FOR THE NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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: Tasers and Taser Cartridges for the New Britain Police Department

DATE: January 27, 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 New Britain Police Department for the purchase of Tasers and Taser Cartridges.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Need Supplies</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Taser International	Tasers w/Warranty	20	\$1,230.31	\$24,606.20
Scottsdale, AZ.	Taser Cartridges	250	\$28.65	\$7,162.50
Total Cost:				\$31,768.70

The New Britain Police Department has requested the purchase of twenty (20) Tasers, each with an extended 4 year warranty, and Taser Cartridges. Taser International is the manufacturer of the Tasers and Taser Cartridges. They no longer have a dealer in the State of Connecticut where their products can be purchased. All purchases for the Tasers and Taser Cartridges must be made directly from Taser International. The Purchasing Agent verified this and has been in contact with Taser International. Therefore bid solicitation for the purchase of the Tasers and Taser Cartridges would not be beneficial to the City. Funding is available for this purchase in the Police Department's account numbers 001211015-5614, Ammunitions and Explosives.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$31,768.70 to Taser International of Scottsdale, AZ for the purchase of Tasers and Taser Cartridges for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

TAX DEPARTMENT

**E.) ITEM # TAX ABATEMENTS, CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS

REPORT OF: Tax Collector

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: Tax Abatements, Corrections and Refunds

The Collector of Taxes has referred a list of tax abatements, corrections and refunds. Acceptance and adoption is respectfully recommended.

Cheryl S. Blogoslawski
Tax Collector

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NEW RESOLUTIONS

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Item# RE: SMART City Initiative

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, Mayor Erin E. Stewart, has launched a SMART City initiative where the city uses information and communication technologies to enhance quality, performance, and interaction with urban services to reduce costs and resource consumption and to improve contact between citizens and government; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain will endeavor to achieve its goals with the help of the Mayor’s Energy and Innovation Committee; and

WHEREAS, The City of new Britain will seek to utilize the ideas such as conservation of energy in municipal buildings, the utilization of SMART technology to manage and control energy usage including the retrofitting of street light systems, and utilizing fuel cell technology among many other initiatives that will be set by the committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin E. Stewart and the Common Council of the City of New Britain are committed to creating a new and improved “Hardware City” that will seek to reduce the city’s carbon footprint and enable citizens to be energy conscious for generations to come.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Robert Smedley

2.) ITEM # GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFER. PURPOSE: TRANSFER OF \$13,455 FROM THE CITY’S CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO FUND THE FY16 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. D. SALERNO, S. BLACK, J. HARGRAVES, L. SALVIO

Item # RE: Memorial Day Parade 2016

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:

Overview: Every year the City of New Britain has a Memorial Day Parade and money is budgeted in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to fund this festivity. In the FY 16, due to the current economic situation of the City, this line item was not funded. This resolution is to fund the FY 16 Memorial Day Parade for the City of New Britain.

Whereas, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at the City of New Britain is responsible for making all the arrangements for the Memorial Day Parade. The Department is requesting \$13,455 in order to pay for the Memorial Day Parade bands and entertainment, and

Whereas, there are monies available for this purpose under the City’s Contingency account, Therefore, Be it

Resolved, that the FY 2015-2016 General Fund Budget be transferred for this purpose as follows:

Decrease Expenditure:		
001625101-5871	Admin & Contingency - Contingency	\$ 13,455
Increase Expenditure:		
001420001-5124	Recreation Programs – Part Time Staff	\$ 600

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001420001-5440	Recreation Programs – Rentals/Supplies	\$ 7,855
001420001-5550	Recreation Programs – Advertising	\$ 1,000
001420001-5659	Recreation Programs – Operating Materials & Supplies	\$ 4,000
	Total	\$ 13,455

Alderman Daniel Salerno
Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman Jerrell Hargraves
Alderman Lou Salvio

3.) ITEM # EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT. PURPOSE: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT EMPG PROGRAM CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY.
J. GIANTONIO, C. CARLOZZI, JR., T. COLLINS

Item # RE:

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 is seeking to maintain a uniform policy for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) payment; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain recognizes that federal constraints will determine funding allocation and such allocations are calculated based on the City's population as a percentage of the total population participating in the program; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain recognizes that the purpose of the EMPG program is to provide financial assistance to develop and to staff a comprehensive, all-hazard emergency management program; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain recognizes that it is required to meet the program's performance requirements which includes NIMS compliance to maintain eligibility within the program; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain recognizes that the program is performance oriented and acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate its commitment to building and improving the City's ability to respond to all-hazard emergencies and coordinating a multi-agency emergency responses; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain recognizes that acceptance of an award under this program constitutes a legally binding agreement to comply with all relevant and applicable Federal and State regulations and conditions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: that Mayor Erin E. Stewart, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of New Britain to accept the EMPG program conditions of eligibility for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 beginning October 1st 2015 and to execute any and all documents necessary for the City to receive such grant funds.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderman Tremell Collins

UNFINISHED BUSINESS