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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The Special Meeting of the Common Council was called to order on Thursday, the 16th day of February 2012 at 7:34 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Thirteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, DeFronzo, Sanchez, Collins, Black, Carlozzi, Hermanowski, Platosz, Brown, Freeman, Giantonio, and Bielinski.

Two members were absent: Ald. Centeno and Ald. Pabon.

Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk, gave the invocation: O God, our Heavenly Father, bless this Common Council at this Special Meeting concerning the budget and an appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Grant that the actions taken will be beneficial to the city. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The City Clerk led the pledge to the flag.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to waive the reading of the Mayor's Warrant, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

MAYOR'S WARRANT

TO THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN:

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, you are hereby commanded to notify Suzanne Bielinski, Shirley Black, Rha-Sheen D. Brown, Carlo Carlozzi, Jr., Roy Centeno, Tonilynn Collins, David DeFronzo, J. Tobias Freeman, Jamie Giantonio, Lawrence Hermanowski, Eva Magnuszewski, Wilfredo Pabon, Adam Platosz, Emmanuel R. Sanchez, Michael Trueworthy, Aldermen and Alderwomen of said City, that there will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council on Thursday evening, February 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 27 West Main Street, City Hall, for the following purposes:

1. Resolution to Amend the City Budget to Balance the Budget and to Establish a Process to Bring the City Budget into Long Term Balance.
2. Resolution appointing Robert McGuire to a Vacant Position on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, but due service and return make according to law.

Dated at New Britain, this 14th day of February, 2012.

Tim O'Brien, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

31358-7 RE: AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET TO BALANCE THE BUDGET AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO BRING THE CITY BUDGET INTO LONG TERM BALANCE (FISCAL YEAR ENDING 06/30/2012)

To His 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, There is a city budget deficit inherited by the present administration of an amount estimated at \$10 million, and

Whereas, The ability of the city to meet the needs of the people of New Britain, while maintaining the fiscal health and integrity of the city government, requires that there be a balanced budget, and

Whereas, The deficit that the present administration inherited is a structural deficit that will continue to exist in this year and every year hereafter until the structural imbalance between expenditures and revenues is closed, and

Whereas, Achieving that balance without grievous damage to the city's finances or the ability of the city to meet the needs of the people of New Britain will require a phase-in of the changes needed to streamline the city government and reduce costs, and

Whereas, Implementing a plan of reorganization and expenditure reduction in order to achieve this balanced budget can be best achieved, without raising general property taxes and with a minimized disruption of public services, by balancing the budget with surpluses in certain city funds, and the fiscal integrity of the city can be maintained by decreasing the amount of such surplus expenditures each year until the amount of city expenditures has been reduced enough to match the city's revenues,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mayor is empowered and charged with designing and implementing a plan for consolidation and reorganization of city departments, offices and functions in order to decrease the expenditures of the city government to balance with city revenues, within a period of no more than five years, and be it further

Resolved, That the Mayor shall present to the Common Council a plan for this reorganization, noting those portions of the plan to be implemented through the Mayor's executive powers and those portions of the plan that, consistent with the City Charter, require action of the Common Council, and be it further

Resolved, That this plan of reorganization shall include (1) a prioritization of the purposes of the city government, (2) a new organization of city government consistent with these priorities and (3) such ordinance and reorganization ordinance proposals as shall be necessary to implement this plan, and be it further

Resolved, That, in this reorganization of the city government, as well as in the budget amendment effected by this resolution, it shall be the highest priority of the city of New Britain to improve our local economy and create good paying jobs for the working people of New Britain, and be it further

Resolved, That this plan of reorganization and expenditure reduction be achieved without raising general property taxes and with a minimized disruption of public services by transfer into the city General Fund of surpluses in certain city funds and monies owed from certain city funds to the city General Fund, provided that the plan of reorganization and expenditure reduction provide that the amount of such surplus transfers shall be decreased each year until the amount of city expenditures has been reduced enough to match the city's revenues, and be it further

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Resolved, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into such memoranda of agreement with the Board of Water Commissioners to give effect to the purposes of this resolution, including alteration of the agreement concerning debt of the Board of Water Commissioners, and be it further

Resolved, That, in order to achieve balance in the current, fiscal year 2012, budget, the following changes to the line items of the city budget are hereby adopted:

| <u>EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE ITEMS</u> | <u>ACCOUNT #:</u> | <u>BUDGET INCREASE</u> | <u>BUDGET DECREASE</u> | <u>NET CHANGE</u> |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| BAN Paydowns | 001628001-5880 | | 500,000 | |
| Contingency | 001625101-5871 | | 522,472 | |
| Lease Purchase Payment | 001628001-5259 | | 250,000 | |
| Building FT Salaries | 001214002-5121 | | 85,000 | |
| Building Longevity | 001214002-5123 | | 2,000 | |
| Building Dues/Memberships | 001214002-5810 | | 1,200 | |
| Human Rights PT Salary | 001521001-5124 | | 15,000 | |
| Civil Service test fees | 001521002-5338 | | 3,000 | |
| Assessor Professional Svcs | 001107001-5331 | | 5,000 | |
| Republican Registrar Other Purchase Svcs | 001104002-5336 | | 100 | |
| Republican Registrar Telecommunications | 001104002-5412 | | 500 | |
| Republican Registrar Equip Maint and Repair | 001104002-5436 | | 2,000 | |
| Republican Registrar Dues & Memberships | 001104002-5810 | | 400 | |
| Prop Mgmt City Hall FT Salaries | 001316002-5121 | | 50,000 | |
| Prop Mgmt Police Dept FT Salaries | 001316003-5121 | | 40,000 | |
| Horticulture Materials & Supplies | 001419003-5659 | | 37,500 | |
| PW Sanitation FT Salaries | 001315004-5121 | | 50,000 | |
| PW Sanitation Disposal Tip Fees | 001315004-5428 | | 200,000 | |
| PW Sanitation Prof Svcs | 001315004-5331 | | 2,000 | |
| PW Sanitation Heat & Gas | 001315004-5621 | | 1,000 | |
| PW Signals Installation & Repair | 001315003-5343 | | 3,000 | |
| PW Administration OT | 001315001-5122 | | 1,000 | |
| PW Streets Heat & Gas | 001315005-5659 | | 2,000 | |
| PW Fleet FT | 001315006-5121 | | 10,000 | |
| PW Fleet Heat & Gas | 001315006-5621 | | 3,000 | |
| Nursing Other Professional Svcs | 001522002-5336 | | 4,797 | |
| Police Training & Conferences | 001211014-5337 | | 56,000 | |
| Police FT Salaries Admin | 001211002-5121 | | 890 | |
| Police FT Salaries Chief | 001211003-5121 | | 35,829 | |
| Police FT Salaries 1st Shift Patrol | 001211005-5121 | | 263,730 | |

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| Police FT Salaries Investigations | 001211009-5121 | 227,056 |
| Police FT Salaries Special Svcs | 001211011-5121 | 80,492 |
| Police FT Salaries Evidence | 001211013-5121 | 21,874 |
| Police FT Salaries Data Processing | 001211016-5121 | 43,819 |
| Police FT Salaries Records Division | 001211017-5121 | 20,738 |
| Police Grants and Contributions | 001211022-5811 | 7,350 |
| Police Academy Materials & Supplies | 001211024-5337 | 2,500 |
| Fire FT Salaries Admin | 001212001-5121 | 22,328 |
| Fire FT Salaries Operations | 001212002-5121 | 245,085 |
| Fire FT Salaries Operations Support | 001212003-5121 | 29,860 |
| Fire FT Salaries Fire Marshall | 001212004-5121 | 74,887 |
| Fire FT Salaries Emergency Mgmt | 001212005-5121 | 840 |
| Republican Registrar OT | 001104002-5122 | 2,000 |
| Republican Registrar PT | 001104002-5124 | 3,450 |
| Prop Mgmt Police Dept Oper Mat & Supp | 001316003-5659 | 2,000 |
| Prop Mgmt Police Dept Water/Sewer Charges | 001316003-5411 | 4,000 |
| Prop Mgmt Liberty Sq Garage Grds Maint & Rep | 001316008-5435 | 4,000 |
| Prop Mgmt Liberty Sq Garage Eq Maint & Rep | 001316008-5436 | 2,500 |
| Prop Mgmt Bank St Garage Grds Maint & Rep | 001316009-5435 | 4,000 |
| Prop Mgmt Liberty Sq Garage Heat & Gas | 001316008-5621 | 300 |
| Prop Mgmt City Hall Grounds Maint & Rep | 001316002-5435 | 5,000 |
| Prop Mgmt City Hall Equip Maint & Rep | 001316002-5436 | 2,000 |
| Prop Mgmt City Hall Electricity | 001316002-5622 | 40,000 |
| Workforce Reduction | 001625101-5883 | 6,586,384 |
| Outgoing Mayor vacation time payout | 001105001-5XXX | 13,481 |
| Economic Development support | 001105002-5336 | 60,000 |
| Government Efficiency | 001105003-5XXX | 60,000 |
| Grants Development | 001105003-5XXX | 60,000 |
| Town Clerk Prof Svcs | 001108001-5331 | 5,000 |
| Town Clerk Other Purchase Svcs | 001108001-5336 | 5,200 |
| Town Clerk Eq Repair | 001108001-5436 | 200 |
| Town Clerk Postage | 001108001-5610 | 1,500 |
| Town Clerk Office Supplies | 001108001-5611 | 1,500 |
| Town Clerk Election Supplies | 001108001-5663 | 3,500 |
| PW Administration FT | 001315001-5121 | 562 |
| PW Administration Longevity | 001315001-5123 | 120 |
| PW Administration Postage | 001315001-5610 | 1,500 |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-5122 | 1,000 |

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| PW Signals Electricity | 001315003-5622 | 16,000 | |
| PW Signals Operating Materials & Supplies | 001315003-5659 | 2,000 | |
| PW Streets Operating Materials & Supplies | 001315005-5659 | 5,000 | |
| PW Fleet Fuel & Oil | 001315006-5624 | 200,000 | |
| PW Sanitation Rubbish Removal | 001315004-5421 | 26,085 | |
| Storm Cleanup OT | 001315009-5122 | 191,753 | |
| Storm Cleanup Prof Svcs | 001315009-5331 | 105,115 | |
| Police FT vacation payout | 001211002-5250 | 231,862 | |
| Police OT | 0012110XX-5122 | 533,300 | |
| Police FT Salaries Uniform Patrol | 001211004-5121 | 30,502 | |
| Police FT Salaries Youth Service | 001211010-5121 | 5,925 | |
| Police FT Salaries Comm Svcs | 001211012-5121 | 7,948 | |
| Police FT Salaries Training | 001211014-5121 | 1,239 | |
| Police FT Salaries School Resource Officer | 001211023-5121 | 2,539 | |
| Police FT Salaries Crime Lab | 001211025-5121 | 2,274 | |
| Police FT Salaries New Officers | 0012110XX-5121 | 440,000 | |
| Telecommunications OT | 001213001-5122 | 46,686 | |
| City MERF | 001626001-5220 | 250,000 | |
| Nursing OT | 001522002-5122 | 1,108 | |
| Forrestry OT | 001419002-5122 | 4,500 | |
| Horticulture OT | 001419003-5122 | 15,000 | |
| Parks Maintenance OT | 001419004-5122 | 6,000 | |
| Park Maintenance Water/Sewer Charges | 001419004-5411 | 65,000 | |
| Parks Equip Maintenance OT | 001419005-5122 | 12,000 | |
| Parks Bldg Maint OT | 001419006-5122 | 5,500 | |
| total expenditure changes | | 9,076,533 | 2,924,246 (6,152,287) |

REVENUES:

| | | BUDGET INCREASE | BUDGET DECREASE |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue Sharing Grant | 001624007-4233 | | 580,297 |
| Tax Collections | 001624006-4000 | | 1,397,194 |
| Town Clerk Conveyance Tax | 001108001-4401 | | 200,000 |
| Sale of Property | 001624005-4481 | | 3,270,000 |
| Parking Meters Street | 001316005-4469 | | 200,000 |
| Parking Tickets | 001316006-4477 | | 100,000 |
| Washington St Garage | 001316010-4464 | | 35,000 |
| Nursing Clinical Svcs | 001522002-4437 | | 10,000 |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4422 | | 2,000 |

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| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4446 | | 1,000 | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4450 | | 25,000 | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4320 | | 2,000 | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4443 | | 1,000 | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4321 | 17,000 | | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4325 | 34,475 | | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4440 | 1,929 | | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4441 | 94,212 | | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4444 | 65,673 | | |
| PW Capital Projects | 001315002-4561 | 50,083 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4442 | 253 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4447 | 28,650 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4448 | 100 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4449 | 6,520 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4451 | 15,000 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4452 | 100 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4454 | 25,911 | | |
| PW Sanitation | 001315004-4455 | 29,375 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4428 | 11,773 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4429 | 39,000 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4430 | 3,280 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4431 | 6,127 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4434 | 2,684 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4435 | 1,090 | | |
| PW Fleet | 001315006-4436 | 76 | | |
| Police Special Duty | 001211018-4440 | 175,000 | | |
| Environmental Health Licenses | 001522003-4319 | 6,571 | | |
| FEMA Reimbursement | 001624005-4561 | 356,909 | | |
| Transfer from W/C | 001624005-6010 | 500,000 | | |
| Water Fund | 001624005-6931 | 10,503,987 | | |
| total revenue changes | | 11,975,778 | 5,823,491 | 6,152,287 |
| total surplus (deficit) | | | | (0) |

Ald. Michael Trueworthy
President Pro-Tempore

Ald. Suzanne Bielinski
Majority Leader

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Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – 12 in favor, 1 opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, DeFronzo, Sanchez, Collins, Black, Carozzi, Hermanowski, Platosz, Brown, Freeman and Bielinski. OPPOSED: Ald. Giantonio. RESOLUTION ADOPTED. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. this 17th day of February 2012.

31759 RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT MCGUIRE TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

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

Be it hereby Resolved, That Robert McGuire of 17 Woodbine Street is hereby appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of the vacant seat on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Ald. Micheal W. Trueworthy
President Pro-Tempore

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 17th day of February 2012.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk