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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 14th day of March 2012 at 7:38 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Fifteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Centeno, DeFronzo, Sanchez, Collins, Black, Carozzi Jr., Hermanowski, Platosz, Brown, Freeman, Pabon, Giantonio and Bielinski.

Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk gave the invocation: O God our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of this day and ask that you assist us so that we may work together with you and with one another to further justice and all that is good and right. We ask this in thy name. Amen.

City Clerk led the pledge to the flag.

Ald. Trueworthy motioned to suspend the rules to have Mayor O'Brien read the Annual State of the City Address. Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

31787 RE: MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - 2012

Pursuant to Chapter V Sec. 3 (f) of the New Britain City Charter, I hereby respectfully submit my written address on the state and condition of the City of New Britain:

President Trueworthy, members of the Common Council, and most importantly residents of New Britain: On November 15th, I had the privilege of beginning my service to the great people of this city.

I am most honored and humbled by it. I want to thank my family, friends, fellow residents for their love and support.

During the first 100 + days of this term, my administration has been primarily focused on three main challenges facing our city:

1. Economic Development & Job Creation
2. Getting New Britain's Finances in Order
3. Neighborhood Quality of Life Issues

I am happy to report, that in this relatively small period of time, we have made noticeable progress in all three areas.

In order to see meaningful and continued progress, we must change the ways things have traditionally been done. We must work collectively. Much of the work won't be easy – but collectively, and for our future, we can make the right choices to benefit all of New Britain.

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But first, let me please refer back to my inaugural address this past November. I pledged to conduct the business of the city in a more open and transparent manner, and to take immediate action when needed, to move New Britain forward.

I promised to be open and honest with the public about the condition of the city, as our citizens expect and deserve nothing less.

In less than one week from taking the oath for the current term I received a report from the City's Finance Department showing the city's finances were considerably worse than had been previously disclosed to the public and the Common Council. We were facing the largest deficit the City of New Britain had ever seen.

The deficit was approximately \$11.5 million for the current budget year – a particularly daunting figure, when considering almost half the budget year had already passed, limiting our ability to achieve savings through structural changes or traditional cuts and transfers. That is why, immediately upon learning the true financial condition of the city, I disclosed the deficit to the public, and ordered an immediate audit of the city's books by an outside independent auditing firm.

The findings of the audit confirmed the severity of our deficit, but more importantly, found approximately \$1 million, that had not been otherwise identified, in potential savings. The City of New Britain had not had an audit of this nature conducted in many years. City finances lacked transparency – and frankly, it finally caught up with us.

Members of this Common Council and I all understood, prior to being sworn in, that the economy was difficult, and that we would need to roll up our sleeves. My administration came into office prepared for the worst, but hoping for the best. This is why, even before taking office, I announced a hiring freeze and then soon announced I would be creating the Financial Review Task Force.

The significant financial challenges we had when we began – the deficit, the costs of constructing the new police station, the failure of the negotiated union contracts and early retirement plans to achieve millions in savings as promised – have shaped many of the decisions we have had to make in these first few months.

I have worked very hard to avoid criticizing the prior administration, while honoring many of its decisions, because I think the people of our city deserve to have a mayor who looks forward to building a better future without lingering on problems of the past. That is the Mayor that I want to be. That is the Mayor I will be.

But the people of New Britain also deserve the truth. And the truth is that the prior administration left our city with a terrible deficit - an irresponsibly large deficit. A deficit that will carry into every budget, throughout every year, until we fix it.

This is not rocket science. The prior administration committed our city to a level of spending that exceeded revenues to pay for it, and then left it to the future to pay the bill. And, guess what? We're that future.

Lest there be any doubt about the origin of this problem, Moody's, one of the big 3 municipal government rating agencies themselves, in their recent credit rating of our city, noted that this problem exists because of the budget policies created under the prior administration.

Now, some would still prefer to pretend that that deficit doesn't exist. But pretending that the deficit didn't exist, as it was growing, by the prior administration and its closest supporters is exactly how our city plunged into this terrible mess. My administration will be honest with the taxpayers of New Britain and we must not repeat mistakes made in the past.

I remain willing to reach across the aisle to find common sense solutions. The deficit is not just a problem for democrats. It is a problem for republicans, unaffiliated's - all the people of our city. We have some tough decisions to make ahead about what we can afford to do - and what we can't afford to do. The good people of our city do not deserve to be put in this position, but here we are. We must put aside party differences and come to the serious decisions necessary to move our city forward to prosperity and balanced budgets.

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We have already begun to do just that. The budget balancing plan that I proposed and we approved together, is precisely what allowed our city to obtain a new A1 rating from Moody's, despite the budget problems we inherited. Our swift action is exactly what prevented a downgrade and won us our A1 rating. We should be proud of that.

We have closed the deficit without cutting services or raising taxes. We secured finances so that one of the city's most expensive construction projects, the new police station, wouldn't come to a grinding halt. Right now, our budget is balanced for this fiscal year, and our police station is on track to soon being finished.

But we're not out of the woods yet - not even close. There's much more work yet to be done. We can say, though, that because of our actions over the past few months, we are headed in the right direction. Yes, we have difficult decisions ahead of us. Some of these decisions may not be popular – but we have to change the way we do business.

We are now currently in the process of creating next years budget. Let me be direct and clear: we will not raise property taxes to balance this budget.

Often, elected officials look at just two approaches to balancing a budget - raising taxes and cutting services. A third approach does exist– and I believe it to be a smarter one, to look to first, during tough times like these.

My administration plans to reduce the costs of government through consolidations and increased efficiencies while focusing on the long term benefits of growing our economy and growing jobs. We must acknowledge the fact that our homeowners cannot currently afford another increase in property taxes this year. Instead, we need change within city hall.

I will be asking the Common Council to make very significant changes to the structure of city government, with fewer, leaner, and more focused departments. And we will have tough decisions about the services we can afford and prioritize. More importantly, we need to move New Britain forward by aggressively pursuing economic development opportunities.

My number one job as Mayor is job creation for the people of our city.

We're at a unique place in our country's history. Many signs point to the future growth of high skill, high value-added manufacturing jobs. Manufacturing has already begun its return to the country – and New Britain is well positioned for these jobs - but only if we follow the right course.

First and foremost, we must increase the number of highly-skilled manufacturing workers to do the jobs that are going to be the lifeblood of the city's future economy. This is why I have initiated planning, to set in motion, a training system for the next generation of workers, as well as incumbent workers. We must also think and plan strategically about things like energy and communications to make our city more competitive.

This kind of training is necessary to insure the next generation has the opportunities to, and is qualified for the high skilled, high paid jobs. Doing this, will make New Britain an attractive place for businesses and manufacturers to locate, grow and prosper. If we act strategically, and if we act now, we can get New Britain ahead of the curve.

We must ask ourselves with every action and vote we take – how will this help New Britain grow economically? How will this help grow jobs? How will this raise the quality of life in our neighborhoods?

Currently, I am working on a number of exciting business prospects for the city. If they come to fruition – and I'm working hard to ensure they will – they will represent major advancements for our city.

In the past couple of weeks, we've seen two new restaurants open downtown, and just this week I cut the ribbon in celebration of the expansion of HSB Aircraft Components. We're seeing renewed energy for the arts – and we're securing funds to back up our community's enthusiasm. In the last three months, New Britain's arts and culture programs have attracted approximately \$250,000 in new funds. The arts should, and will, play an integral role in building a more vibrant downtown.

But these accomplishments alone are not enough. It's not enough for us to just simply grow the grand list. We cannot continue to repeat the same actions within the walls of city hall and hope for a better

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result. When looking for areas to save money, increase efficiencies, and eliminate redundancies, we at city hall must be willing to look in the mirror.

I have been shocked by some of the spectacular inefficiencies and redundancies in certain operations of city hall. In some departments, we still have paper rather than electronic record keeping, which not only wastes money and staff time, but makes difficulties in serving the public.

Multiple economic agencies are doing important, but often duplicated work, from separate silos. That's why my first Executive Order created the Economic Development Administration, or EDA. This Executive Order begins to lay the groundwork to consolidate these silos, reducing redundancy, and better equipping us to coordinate, plan and implement the city's economic development strategy.

Our challenge as elected officials during tough times is addressing what needs to be fixed now, while simultaneously focusing on the long term needs which will benefit New Britain into the future. Of course, as we look forward to building a brighter future for our city, the thing that is and must be front-and-center is education.

Quality education is at the core of a successful future economy for our city. For future workers, it means having skills to do the jobs that pay enough to lift families into the middle class. For our city, it means having a workforce that makes our community an attractive place to locate or expand a business and create jobs.

Quality education is a moral imperative - the moral question of whether the kids growing up in our city deserve the same shot in life as youngsters growing up in more affluent communities.

Certainly, one of the challenges we have in our city is that politicians from affluent communities typically do not ask their more affluent constituents to meet the moral imperative to do right by children in New Britain and other communities like ours. It is heartbreaking to see wealthier communities able to provide for their school budgets more than we, in New Britain, have the income to provide for children here.

But, this, and other challenges we face, should not be treated as reasons why we cannot do all we can to provide a quality and decent education for our city's kids. Excuses do not increase the quality of education. And children do not benefit when adults' discussion in our city around education focus on finding fault with other members of our own community. Some may blame teachers, others may blame parents, others may blame administrators, and some even blame the kids.

But none of the blame helps the kids.

We must stop looking for someone to blame, and stop making excuses, and start thinking about how we are going to move things forward - how we are going to do everything we can, with the resources we have, to ensure a bright future for the children - our future generations.

That, most certainly, means that education must be treated as a higher priority in our own city budget than it has been. And, likewise, this means that our city government, you and I, must not consider education to be outside of our responsibility. We must treat the quality of our schools as one of our topmost priorities. The people of our city expect that all of our city's elected officials will share in that responsibility.

And, while we increase the priority of education in the city budget, we must also act on the reality that the quality of learning is as much affected by the experiences of children outside of the schools as in. That is why I am working with our city's legislative delegation on new state-local joint policies designed to work in the community to improve lives and learning experiences for young people by helping to strengthen neighborhoods, families and individuals. Improving the quality of life in our community, and for families, improves the quality of education, and it is something my administration is already working to achieve.

The bottom line is that, for the good of our city's kids, we have to sweep away partisanship and bureaucratic silos, and act, together, the adults of our community, for the good of the precious young ones who are our future. And we cannot use the financial condition of the city as an excuse for inaction.

Despite the financial challenges we faced when assuming office, we have already been able to tackle and address major quality of life issues such as moving forward with the process of putting additional police officers on the streets and finding the money to make that possible, and revamping our blight codes.

For too long, owners of slum housing and other irresponsible absentee property owners have brought down the quality of life in whole neighborhoods with their neglect and bad management. Their actions – and inactions - have harmed everyone, hurting people of meager means who live in slum housing, hurting the neighborhoods, hurting the business community, and hurting our tax base.

My anti-blight proposal, which passed the Common Council, represents a comprehensive effort to hold the most abusive owners of blighted properties accountable, while allowing the City to levy large fines against the most severe blighted buildings. The new tools in our anti-blight codes allow us to take strong actions against negligent absentee property owners, including and up to taking possession of the most severe blighted properties. And we are already seeing the benefits of our new anti-blight law.

We all understand it takes more than a strong ordinance to fight blight – it takes political will – enforcement, and it takes persistence. I refuse to back down from this fight. There is too much at stake.

My friends, our collective efforts thus far, have already produced positive results and I thank the Common Council for their efforts and their collaboration.

Tonight, I say to you, the State of the City of New Britain is one of renewal – and through continued collaboration and perseverance; we will make the future of New Britain brighter for everyone.

God Bless you, God Bless the City of New Britain!

Ald. Trueworthy moved that the Council return to regular order of business, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Bielinski moved to amend the agenda by adding substitute items #31777 (3) and #31785 (11) and by adding a new item #31793 (13). Motion seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 8, 2012 and February 22, 2012 and the Special Meetings of February 8, 2012 and February 16, 2012. Motion seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted.

PETITIONS

- 31788 ALD. COLLINS FOR NOTIFYING THE HOMEOWNER OF 25 WILLIAMS STREET TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY. TRASH AND OLD FURNITURE HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE FOR MONTHS. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH COMMISSIONERS AND DEPT. OF LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS.**
- 31789 ALD. PLATOSZ FOR INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT ON STEWART STREET BEHIND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 444 ALLEN STREET. REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 31790 ALD. GIANTONIO FOR INSTALLATION OF “NO TRUCKS” SIGNS AT THE LOWER AND UPPER ENTRANCES TO RUSSWIN ROAD. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

31791 ALD. COLLINS FOR INVESTIGATING EXCESSIVE SPEEDING AND DRAG RACING ON LINCOLN STREET AND INSTALLATION OF A "STOP" SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF LINCOLN STREET AND GARDEN STREET. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

31792 ALD. TRUEWORTHY AND BLACK FOR ALLOWING PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET BETWEEN COLUMBUS BLVD. AND EAST MAIN STREET. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Ald. Bielinski moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Consent agenda approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

31767 RE: CLAIMS FOR INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

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

CLAIMANTS NAME

- Lewis, Kenneth W.

Peter J. Denuzze
City Clerk

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

31768 RE: ROSARIO FLORES V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

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

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,800.00) be paid to ROSARIO FLORES and JOHN PIRINA, ESQ., her attorney, of LAW OFFICES OF ARNALDO J. SIERRA, LLC and in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain for an amount within the jurisdiction of the Court now pending in Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, at New Britain, for bodily injuries she sustained on April 7, 2008 when she ran into and over two potholes suffering bodily injuries and property damage. She sustained a 3% permanent partial disability to her cervical and lumbar spine. Her medical costs were \$5,922.00 and property damage of \$2,125.00.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after two settlement discussions between Judge Shaunessy and Judge Shortall, City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and John Pirina, Esq., with the approval and consent of John C. King, 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

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**31769 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD
JAN.18, 2012 THROUGH MAR. 6, 2012**

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

In accordance with the city of New Britain ordinance of Article VII – Finance, Section 2-494(c), the following departments have transferred monies from one line item to another within their departmental budget (total department budget has not changed). Each transfer will be continuously numbered from month to month throughout the fiscal year. This report represents the transfers executed by the mayor in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance for the period ending March 6, 2012

12. Department:	Property Management
From:	001316002-5410 (Telephone)
To:	001316008-5436 (Equipment, Maintenance & Repairs)
Amount:	\$1,200.00
Brief Description:	Funds needed to pay State of CT Elevator Renewal invoice for the five Blogoslawski Garage elevators

Robert Curry
Finance Director

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**31770 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES-BAND SHELL RENOVATIONS AT WALNUT
HILL PARK**

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

The following on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3620, approved at its Regular Meeting of October 26, 2011.

Project Name:	Band Shell Renovations at Walnut Hill Park
Vendor:	Kaestle Boos
Amount:	\$18,000.00
Line Items:	283420111-5331, Recreation Donations, Professional Services
Requested By:	Park and Recreation Department

Scope: Kaestle Boos will conduct an on-site inspection of the Band Shell to determine its condition. This will enable them to prepare schematic plans depicting proposed repairs, renovations and costs. They will then meet with the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss their site inspection results. Kaestle Boos will then be able to develop specifications and engineering prints for this project so it can be put out to bid. They will attend any meeting that may be held and any answer questions during the bidding process. Once the bids are received, Kaestle Boos will review the bids submitted to ensure compliance with the bid specifications. Once the project has been awarded, Kaestle Boos will conduct, meetings with the contractor awarded the bid in addition to on-site visits, to assure that the project meets specifications.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

31771 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SWAT OPERATIONS TRAILER – POLICE DEPT.

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

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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 following under the Federal Government's GSA Cooperative Purchasing Plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Consolidated Trailers, Inc. Baltimore MD.	SWAT Operations Trailer	\$48,798.00

The New Britain Police Department requested a purchase order for the purchase of a SWAT Operations Trailer utilizing the Federal Government's contract award GS-30F-0025R. The SWAT Team has grown in size and has acquired many new state of the art pieces of equipment. This new trailer will enable the Police Department's SWAT Team to store all of the necessary equipment within the trailer in a "ready mode" to respond immediately to life threatening incidents. The trailer is self-contained with heat, air conditioning, bathroom, power generator and an integrated communications systems. The SWAT Team commander will have a work area to supervise the operations and be able to monitor the Crisis Negotiation Team's progress to be in the position to make tactical decisions based on most complete and up-to the minute information available with the new integrated communications systems.. This new trailer will replace a current operations vehicle that is over twenty (20) years old. The cost of the new SWAT Operations Trailer is being paid for by the Federal Government Grant Funds. Police Department Administration requested that the expense for this purchase be taken from their account number, 289211128-5740, Asset Forfeiture Federal, Other Miscellaneous Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$48,798.00 to Consolidated Trailers, Inc of Baltimore MD for the purchase of a SWAT Operations Trailer for the New Britain Police Department utilizing the Federal Government's GSA Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #GS-30F-0025R.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

31772 RE: PURCHASE OF REFURBISHED LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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 two (2) Refurbished Laptop Computers.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
Telrepc Wallingford, CT.	Refurbished Panasonic CF-31AT Toughbook Laptop Computers	2	\$3,170.00
		Total:	\$6,340.00

The New Britain Police Department requested a purchase order for the purchase of two (2) refurbished Panasonic CF-31AT Toughbook Laptop Computers. The Panasonic CF-31AT Toughbook Laptops are totally compatible with the mounts in the Police Cruisers, adaption kits, accessory kits and modems that the Police Department is currently utilizing. Telrepc is the sole source supplier for Panasonic in the area and they also have a Federal Government's GSA Contract, Award # GS-35F-0143R. The Purchasing Agent has verified and reviewed documentation sent by Telrepc stating that they are a sole source dealer for Panasonic and have a Federal Government's GSA Contract. Bid solicitation for the purchase of the Refurbished Panasonic CF-31AT Toughbook Laptop Computers would not be beneficial to the City. The money to pay for these laptops was obtained from a grant from the U.S Department of Justice for the Project Safe Neighborhoods that was approved by the Common Council on February 8, 2012, Resolution number 31755. Funds are available within the New Britain Police Department's special revenue account number, 217211136-5740 Equipment.

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RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$6,340.00 to Telrepc of Wallingford, CT for the purchase of two (2) Refurbished Panasonic C-31AT Toughbook Laptop Computers for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

31773 RE: PURCHASE OF LIVE DIGITAL SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS DETECTION MONITORING SERVICES FROM SMART BUS LIVE – BOARD EDUCATION & POLICE DEPT.

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

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-541 a purchase order has been requested by the Finance Department to pay monthly Smart Bus Live invoices for the Board of Education.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>
Smart Bus Live Fairfield, CT.	Live Digital School Bus Violation Detection Monitoring System Services

Smart Bus Live was the sole source supplier of the Live Digital School Bus Violation Detection Monitoring System when the contract was signed by the Board of Education and Police Department. The contract is for four (4) years. Smart Bus Live outfitted three (3) school buses with the live digital video violation detection monitoring system in December of 2011. Per Public Act, number 11-255 of the CT General Assembly, operators of motor vehicles who do not stop when approaching a registered school bus will be fined for this offense. The State of Connecticut will keep some of the fines that they collect for this violation and give the remainder to the City where the violation occurred on a quarterly base. Per the signed contract, the City is required to give a percentage of the fines received from the State to Smart Bus Live. Smart Bus Live will be invoicing the City for this service. Money received from the State of Connecticut for the collection of the fines will be put into account number 001624007-4200, State of CT Grants, Infraction Distribution and the payment of the services provided by Smart Bus Live will be available in account number 001625101-5336, Administration and contingency, other Purchasing Services.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for each fiscal year for the term of the contract with Smart Bus Live to provide Live Digital School Bus Violation Detection Monitoring Services for the City's Board of Education and Police Departments

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

31774 RE: EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER FOR FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES

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

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order was authorized by the Mayor and issued to the vendor listed below on January 4, 2012

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
O'Connor Davis Munns & Dobbins, LLC Stamford, CT.	Financial Assessment	\$14,900.00

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:

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An emergency purchase order was requested by the Mayor's Office for a Financial Assessment of the current budget. The Financial Assessment is a review of each department's budget of actual expenditures for the current fiscal year. The purpose is to get recommendations for cost saving measures in the current fiscal year and for the upcoming fiscal year. It is imperative that the audit process begin prior to the Mayor's 2012/2013 budget review and development. Funding for this Financial Assessment is in the Mayor's account number 001625101-5875, Admin and Contingency, Audit and Accounting Fees.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

31518-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF A "HANDICAP PARKING ONLY" SIGN IN FRONT OF 75-77 SEFTON DRIVE

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor and City Engineer reviewed this request to install a "Handicap Parking Only" sign in front of 75-77 Sefton Drive. They agree that erecting a sign by the City carries with it the requirement to make the area compliant with ADA Handicapped regulations. No wheelchair ramp or other such accessibility measures are in place at this address to assist physically challenged persons to safely enter and exit vehicles or the roadway. Their recommendation is to deny this petition.

The Board voted to deny this petition for a "Handicap Parking Only" sign in front of 75-77 Sefton Drive.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31548-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON MCCLINTOCK STREET

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau surveyed the area of McClintock Street between Blake Road and Eddy Glover Blvd, then contacted Public Works to add additional speed limit signage. Speed enforcement will increase at various times of the day as resources allow in an attempt to insure compliance with posted speed limits.

The Board voted to approve this request to install additional speed limit signs on McClintock Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31550-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY MARKINGS ON THE CORNERS OF CHAPMAN STREET AND LINDEN STREET

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau surveyed the intersection of Chapman and Linden Streets and found "STOP" signs on all approaches. It is appropriate to have marked pedestrian crosswalks painted on the roadway. Public Works will install proper pavement markings per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The Board voted to approve this request to install pedestrian walkway markings on the corners of Chapman Street and Linden Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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31621-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF LEO STREET

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor surveyed the area of Leo Street in response to this request to change the parking regulations on Leo Street from Corbin Avenue to the dead end, eliminating on-street parking. He found that the roadway is of sufficient width to accommodate on-street parking on both sides of the roadway. A door to door survey of the residents shows that residents contacted generally favor no parking on the street. There is no traffic safety reason for limiting on-street parking.

The Board voted to approve this petition to install “No Parking” signs on both sides of Leo Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31639-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF A “HANDICAP PARKING ONLY” SIGN IN FRONT OF 25 DOBEK ROAD

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor and City Engineer reviewed this request to install a “Handicap Parking Only” sign in front of 25 Dobek Road. They agree that erecting a sign by the City carries with it the requirement to make the area compliant with ADA Handicapped regulations. No wheelchair ramp or other such accessibility measures are in place at this address to assist physically challenged persons to safely enter and exit vehicles or the roadway. Their recommendation is to deny this petition.

The Board voted to deny this petition for a “Handicap Parking Only” sign in front of 25 Dobek Road.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31714-1 RE: REMOVAL OF ALL “NO PARKING ANYTIME” ROAD SIGNS FROM THE EAST SIDE OF WESTERLY STREET

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor surveyed the area of this request to remove all “No Parking Any Time” signs in from the east side of Westerly Street. He found Westerly Street to be a low volume residential street with cars often parked on the west side of the street. Westerly Street is not of sufficient road width to allow parking on both sides of the street and still provide for two way traffic and access for emergency vehicles. The Acting City Engineer concurs. Their recommendation is to deny this petition.

The Board voted to deny this petition to remove all “No Parking Any Time” road signs from the east side of Westerly Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31737-1 RE: CLOSING THE EAST END OF LEO STREET

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor investigated the possibility of closing the east end of Leo Street. He found that Leo Street is a dead end street that terminates at a parking lot for the Mount Pleasant Housing Development. Leo Street is not a through street, but closure would prevent access to this parking lot

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which currently has no other entrance. It is the opinion of the Traffic Bureau supervisor that the Board does not have the authority to eliminate access to a private parking lot. His recommendation is to deny this petition.

The Board voted to deny this petition to close the east end of Leo Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31739-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF LEO STREET

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor surveyed the area of Leo Street in response to this request to change the parking regulations on Leo Street from Corbin Avenue to the dead end, eliminating on-street parking. He found that the roadway is of sufficient width to accommodate on-street parking on both sides of the roadway. A door to door survey of the residents shows that residents contacted generally favor no parking on the street. There is no traffic safety reason for limiting on-street parking.

The Board voted to approve this petition to install “No Parking” signs on both sides of Leo Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31740-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF A “STOP” SIGN AT THE CORNER OF CHAPMAN STREET AND RHODES STREET

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor surveyed the intersection of Chapman Street and Rhodes Street. Currently, Rhodes Street is governed by stop signs for both eastbound and westbound traffic. Chapman Street is not controlled. Chapman Street is the major roadway, there are clear sightlines on Rhodes Street, stop signs cannot be used for speed control and a look at the accident history for the past three years shows three (3) accidents caused by drivers running the existing stop signs on Rhodes Street. It is the recommendation of the Traffic safety Bureau that this petition be denied.

The Board voted to deny this petition to place a “Stop” sign at the corner of Chapman Street and Rhodes Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

31758-1 RE: INCREASING POLICE PATROLS AT THE CORNER OF LINWOOD ST. AND SHUTTLE MEADOW AVE.

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

The Traffic Bureau supervisor will have officers conduct stop sign and parking enforcement at various times of the day/day of the week as police resources allow in an attempt to increase compliance with the posted regulations.

The Board voted to accept this request to increase Police patrols at the corner of Linwood St. and Shuttle Meadow Avenue to increase compliance with posted regulations.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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RESOLUTIONS

31775 RE: GRANT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (\$16,100) FOR PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS – POLICE DEPT.

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, the U. S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), has funding available under their Project Safe Neighborhoods, previously requested in Council Resolution #31375, approved on April 13, 2011, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to assist in the investigation of crimes involving firearms and any gang activity, and

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$23,900 in the initial outlay, can be used for officer overtime, equipment or investigative expenses as set forth in the budget listed below, and require no cash match from the City. A subsequent outlay of \$16,100, has been received to be used for officer overtime. The period of the grant is from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, that Mayor Timothy O'Brien be authorized to execute all grant documents with the U. S. Department of Justice on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Project Safe Neighborhoods, in the sum of \$16,100, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a sum of \$16,100 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

Revenue:		
217211104-4223	Revenue – Federal	\$16,100
Expenditures:		
217211104-5122	Police Overtime	\$16,100

- Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison
- Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. - Police Liaison
- Ald. Roy Centeno - Police Liaison
- Ald. Lawrence Hermanowski- Police Liaison
- Ald. Wilfredo Pabon - Police Liaison
- Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez - Police Liaison

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 20th day of March 2012.

31776 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT - \$5,000

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, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain connects donors who care with causes that matter in New Britain. An independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1941, the Foundation currently invests and administers more than 140 funds with a market value of more that \$30 million. Annually they distribute approximately \$1 million in grants to humanitarian, educational, and cultural organizations to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family; and

Whereas, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain has awarded the City of New Britain a \$5,000 grant to be used towards economic development activities that include job creation and workforce development, real estate initiatives i.e. promoting city property for sale, economic development website updating and opportunities that directly involve the promotion of city economic development capabilities, and

Whereas, the \$5,000 grant is for FY 2011-2012.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the budget be amended within the FY 2011-2012 General Fund Budget for this purpose as follows:

<u>Increase:</u>		<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
001105003-4232	Grants & Gov't Efficiency – Grants/Contributions	\$ 0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Increase:				
001105003-5342	Grants & Gov't Efficiency – Economic Development	\$ 0	\$5,000	\$5,000

Alderman Michael W. Trueworthy

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 20th day of March 2012.

31777 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORCLOSED PROPERTY – 334 SOUTH MAIN STREET

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:

Overview: City of New Britain attends foreclosure sales to ensure that the City's interest in any outstanding debts of water, sewer, and taxes is protected. A recent foreclosure sale auction was held on a property at 334 South Main Street.

Whereas, at the recent foreclosure sale auction on 334 South Main Street, Corporation Counsel was the only bidder; the total cost incurred for the City to purchase this foreclosed property was \$6,463 which includes legal services rendered, and

Whereas, the City intends to market their property promptly after acquisition in order to recover all costs and expenses; and

Whereas, there ~~is~~ are \$0 available for this specific purpose in the FY 2011-2012 Corporation Counsel ~~Legal Services~~ Foreclosed Properties budget,

Whereas, the FY 2011-2012 General Fund Damage Claims includes monies within its account to cover the purchase price of \$6,463,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that monies be transferred within the FY 2011-2012 General Fund Budget for this purpose as follows:

From:			
001625105-5526	Damage Claims	\$	6,463
To:			
001109001-5525	Corporation Counsel – Foreclosed Properties	\$	6,463

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Michael W. Trueworthy

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 20th day of March 2012.

31778 RE: PATTON BROOK WELL LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AND THE TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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, the City of New Britain Board of Water Commissioners voted at its Regular Meeting of February 7, 2012 to continue the annual lease of the Patton Brook Well to the Town of Southington Board of Water Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Patton Brook Well has been leased to the Town of Southington Board of Water Commissioners continuously since 1979; the term of the proposed lease is one year, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and the annual lease fee is \$106,924.32; and,

WHEREAS, the mayor has approved the lease and recommends it to the Common Council of the City of New Britain in accordance with Section 13-3 of the Charter of the City of New Britain; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby approves the Patton Brook Well lease between the City of New Britain Board of Water Commissioners and the Town of Southington Board of Water Commissioners, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the lease on behalf of the City.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski
Common Council Liaison
Water Dept

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 20th day of March 2012.

31779 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$48,798 FOR THE POLICE DEPT. – DRUG INVESTIGATION FUND

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, the Drug Investigation Fund is an existing special revenue fund to which most revenue is credited as the result of the Federal/State of Connecticut drug asset forfeiture program, the greatest share of the proceeds from which are returned to Police Departments for use in drug control strategy, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to formally allocate funds that have accumulated in the Drug Investigation fund to appropriate a self-contained SWAT operations trailer to be used for support at locations requiring the SWAT Team to be present for extended periods of time, for a total price of \$48,798, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment in the Drug Investigation Fund to formally appropriate funds accumulated in that fund be made as follows:

<u>Drug Investigation Fund</u>		
Increase Revenue:		
289211128-4223	Fund Balance Federal	\$48,798
Increase Expenditures:		
289211128-5740	Equipment	\$48,798

Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison

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Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. - Police Liaison
Ald. Roy Centeno - Police Liaison
Ald. Lawrence Hermanowski- Police Liaison
Ald. Wilfredo Pabon - Police Liaison
Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez - Police Liaison

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 20th day of March 2012.

31780 RE: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH – LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM - \$51,012

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:

Program Objective: To accommodate changes to the CT General Statutes related to lead poisoning and prevention that went into effect on January 1, 2009. In response, the Legislature made changes to Public Act 07-02 that include allocated funds for use by local health departments to assist in responding to an anticipated increase in case numbers and to support new lead activities. The new lead activities will include: referrals to medical providers for blood lead screening of children who are at risk for lead, environmental health case-management services for such children, and education for parents of these children.

Local Program Operation Department: Health, under the supervision of the Director.

Resolution Purpose: To approve the receipt of additional funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health, Inc. through this subcontract with the New Britain Health Department.

WHEREAS; the State Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health, Inc, through this subcontract, has notified the City that funding in the amount of \$51,012 has been awarded to the New Britain Health Department for fiscal year 7/1/11 through 6/30/12.

WHEREAS; the New Britain Health Department will utilize these funds to provide blood lead screening of children who are at risk for lead poisoning and provide public health case-management services for such children and education to parents of such children, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$51,012 be appropriated into the Health Per Capita Fund, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program as follows:

Revenue:		
287522125-4222	State of CT	\$51,012
Expenditures:		
287522125-5121	Full Time Salaries	\$48,012
287522125-5659	Operating Material & Supplies	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$51,012

Alderman Adam Platosz
Alderman David DeFronzo

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

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31781 RE: INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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, State of Connecticut's Contract #11PSX0054 for the Influenza Vaccines for the 2011/2012 has expired.

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut is out for public bid for these Influenza Vaccines for the 2012/2013 and is expected to be awarding the contract to the lowest bidder in June 2012.

WHEREAS, The Influenza Vaccine manufacturers only produces a certain amount of the Influenza Vaccine each year and they are distributed by the date of order. A late order will reduce the chance of receiving the vaccine in time for our planned yearly influenza clinics.

WHEREAS, The Health Department purchased Influenza Vaccines last year from FFF Enterprises utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan which was approved by the Common Council at their February 23, 2011 meeting, Resolution 31319.

WHEREAS, The Health Department would like to place an order for the Influenza Vaccines soon so that they will be guaranteed in getting the Influenza Vaccines before the flu season starts and the Influenza Vaccine manufacturers stop taking orders.

WHEREAS, The Health Department will be obtaining three (3) informal quotes from the Influenza Vaccine Manufacturers.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent will submit a Purchasing Report to the Common Council once the informal quotes have been obtained by the Health Department indicating the results of the informal bid and what company the Health Department decided to purchase the Influenza Vaccines from.

WHEREAS, funding for the Influenza Vaccine is in the Health Department's account number 001522002-5336, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to the manufacturer that submitted the lowest responsible informal bid to the Health Department for the Influenza Vaccine that will enable them to obtain the vaccine before the manufacturer stops taking orders.

Alderman Adam Platosz
Alderman David DeFronzo

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

31782 RE: SUPPORT FOR PURSUING A TIGER 4 GRANT FROM THE USDOT - \$13,457,822

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, the City of New Britain was awarded a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant for \$212,500 from HUD to fund the City's Livable Community Initiative which involves the planning and design of streetscape improvements throughout Downtown New Britain;

WHEREAS, through the City's Livable Community Initiative streetscape and public transit improvements proposed downtown are estimated to cost approximately \$21,605,560 million for the "core-area" of the Downtown;

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WHEREAS, the City of New Britain was awarded a \$1,304,000 Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Grant from the USDOT for the Construction of Streetscape Improvements in Downtown New Britain;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain was awarded a \$750,000 Transit Oriented Development Grant from the State of Connecticut to fund downtown streetscape enhancements;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is pursuing a TIGER 4 Discretionary Grant from the USDOT for \$13,457,822 to fund the construction of streetscape, public transit, and pedestrian improvements throughout the downtown area;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain will provide the necessary match for these grants including up to a 30% match of TIGER 4 funds to support the continuing improvements to the Downtown infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council strongly supports the City of New Britain pursuing a \$13,457,822 TIGER 4 Discretionary Grant, and makes a firm financial commitment to this project.

Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins
Alderwoman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez
Alderman Michael W. Trueworthy
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

31783 RE: AUTHORIZING THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CEI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,600 FOR PHASE 2 PLAN FOR SANITARY SEWER INFILTRATION AND INFLOW PLANNING

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, the City of New Britain is under Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Consent Order to undertake and complete the actions necessary to eliminate the excess inflow and infiltration, and all cross connections to its sanitary sewer collection system;

Whereas, through a quality based selection process under Public Bid 3513, the City of New Britain Public Works Department determined Comprehensive Environmental Incorporated (CEI) to be the most qualified consultant to perform the next phase of Long Term Planning and Infiltration and Inflow reduction analysis on the City of New Britain's sanitary sewer collection system.

WHEREAS, the New Britain Public Works Department through Resolution #31512 entered into agreement with CEI for Phase 1 of Infiltration and Inflow Planning which identified priority sub areas to be further studied;

WHEREAS, CEI has prepared a scope of work for Phase 2 of Infiltration and Inflow Planning which identifies \$676,000 of work to address the priority sub areas identified in Phase 1;

WHEREAS, the Phase 1 agreement with CEI included pursuing a Clean Water Fund Planning Grant through the Connecticut DEEP, which if awarded, will fund 55% of the Phase 2 Plan for Sanitary Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Planning;

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WHEREAS, the first task of the Phase 2 Plan involves \$214,600 of flow monitoring which needs to be done this spring during high ground water season and is eligible for the Clean Water Fund Planning Grant;

WHEREAS; funding is available for this work in the Public Works Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Bond Account Number 0082618901-5453;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to enter into agreement with CEI and the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$214,600 to CEI for the work as outlined in the first task of their scope of services dated March 6, 2012.

Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

31784 RE: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE CLEAN WATER FUND 55% PLANNING GRANT

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, the City of New Britain previously retained the services of Maguire Group, Inc. to prepare a "Report on Infiltration/Inflow and Sewer System Evaluation Survey" which was approved by the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) in 1999. The report evaluated the City's sanitary sewer collection system's capacity to handle flows and determine where excessive infiltration and inflow existed within the system;

WHEREAS, the report identified sanitary sewer subsystems with inflow and infiltration which exceeded the CT DEEP criteria, but due to limitations in funding, these subsystems were not studied in the initial report;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is nearing completion of the projects identified in the Maguire Report and needs to begin planning for the next phase of inflow and infiltration work in the City;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain Public Works Department is currently pursuing a Clean Water Fund 55% Planning Grant through the CT DEEP to assist in funding the study of these subsystems;

WHEREAS, the CT DEEP requires a resolution be adopted authorizing a specific person to sign the application and execute the agreement and other documents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is in the best interests of the City of New Britain to make application and enter into contracts with the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. In furtherance of this resolution, Timothy E. O'Brien, Jr. the Mayor is duly authorized to enter into and sign said applications and contracts on behalf of the City of New Britain. The Mayor is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the City of New Britain on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

Alderman Tonilynn Collins

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Alderwoman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Magnuszewski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

31785 RE: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELEASING THE HOUSING USE RESTRICTION FOR CORBIN HEIGHTS PROPERTY

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, the Common Council adopted resolution No. 31510 on July 13, 2011 authorizing the City of New Britain to enter into a Tax Modification Agreement with Corbin Pinnacle, LLC to facilitate the construction and/or rehabilitation of 235 quality housing units for low and moderate income housing at Corbin Heights; and

WHEREAS, CPS Properties, Inc. is in the process of conveying the Corbin Heights property to Corbin Pinnacle, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel is currently subject to a deed restriction contained in a deed from the City of New Britain to the Housing Authority of New Britain dated September 29, 1948 and recorded in Volume 330 at Page 72 of the New Britain land records, which limits the use of the property to moderate rental housing (the "Housing Use Restriction"); and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's anticipated loan to Corbin Pinnacle, LLC requires the release of the Housing Use Restriction; and

WHEREAS, as part of this transaction between CPS Properties, Inc. and Corbin Pinnacle, LLC, CPS Properties, Inc. will record a permanent restriction on the New Britain Land Records which limits the use of the Corbin Heights parcel to low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition, development and use of the Corbin Heights property by Corbin Pinnacle, LLC is consistent with the City's commitment to quality and affordable housing for low and moderate income residents and is in the best interests of the City of New Britain; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain shall release the Housing Use Restriction; And Be It Further

RESOLVED, that Timothy E. O'Brien, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain any documents or other instruments necessary or desirable in order to effect the foregoing resolution, including a release of the Housing Use Restriction with respect to the Corbin Heights Property.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski, Majority Leader
Alderman Carlo Carozzi Jr.
Alderman David A. DeFronzo

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Carozzi. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

31786 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT CREATING AN EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR SMART BUS LIVE - \$15,000

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:

Overview: On July 13, 2011 the State of CT Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly approved Public Act No. 11-255. This is an act concerning the safety of persons entering and exiting a school bus and the use of a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. The Board of Education and the Police Department have entered into an agreement with Smart Bus Live to ticket operators of motor vehicles who do not stop when they approach a registered school bus in an effort to provide additional unbudgeted revenue into the City of New Britain.

Whereas, Public Act No. 11-255 of the CT General Assembly outlines that operators of motor vehicles who do not stop when approaching a registered school bus will be fined \$450 for each offense. Of this fine, the State keeps \$90 but remits \$360 to the municipality in which the fine occurred. Of that \$360, Smart Bus Live receives \$234 while the City receives \$126 for each offense that the State collects fines on.

Whereas, Board of Education and Police Department have entered into an agreement with Smart Bus Live to collect fines on behalf of the City of New Britain by outfitting school buses with live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems. Smart Bus Live has equipped 3 buses with their monitoring detection systems and have been operating in the City of New Britain since December 2011.

Whereas, the City receives quarterly checks from the State of CT Judicial Branch based on the number of school bus violations that occurred in the previous quarter of the year. It is from this revenue that the City will be able to cover the expenditures for the live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system.

Whereas, a new General Fund expenditure account be created for the sole purpose of tracking this specific type of expenditure as well as paying Smart Bus Live for their services,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the FY 2011-2012 General Fund Budget be amended for this purpose as follows:

Increase Revenue:		
001624007-4200	State of CT Grants – Infraction Distribution	\$ 15,000
Increase Expenditures:		
001625101-5336	Admin & Contingency - Other Purchase Services	\$ 15,000

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski
Majority Leader

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

31793 RE: CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES

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:

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WHEREAS; the City is desirous of entering into a contract for Professional Economic Development Consulting Services for the City of New Britain, Mayors Office; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the Mayor be granted authority to negotiate and enter into contract for Professional Economic Development Consulting Services not to exceed \$2,800 month, which services shall include, but not be limited to, assistance with economic development strategies, recruitment of potential business development, city efficiency studies, and research for federal program assistance.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Majority Leader

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved by Mayor Timothy O'Brien Jr. the 23rd day of March 2012.

Ald. Trueworthy returned to the Chamber.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Bielinski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk

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