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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 13th day of February 2013 at 8:03 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Three members were absent: Ald. Magnuszewski, who is ill, Ald. Pabon, who is out of the State, and Ald. Collins who is grieving the death of her mother.

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, gave the invocation: O God, our Heavenly Father, as we start this meeting, bless this Common Council as they decide the issues before them this evening. Grant that the actions taken will be sound and prudent. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

Mayor O'Brien took a moment to note for the record, how proud he is of city workers in getting our city thru the recent storm, and how proud he is of the tremendous team work of all departments and thanked everyone who pitched in to help others in need.

Ald. Bielinski also thanked the New Britain EMS for their service and acknowledged how well they worked in partnership with the Police and Fire Departments during the storm.

Ald. Bielinski moved to amend the agenda by adding 32124-1(B.1) and by substituting 32172(J), 32173(K), 32177(3), and 32179(5) seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote— all members present voted in favor.

Ald. Bielinski moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved February 20, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

32164 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

- Aritoben LLC
- Bradley, Leila
- Dusa, Michelle by Attorney John Haymond
- Newton, Barbara
- Santana, Jesus

Peter J. Denuzze
City Clerk

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CITY PLAN COMMISSION

32146-1 RE: STREET NAME CHANGES FOR PORTIONS OF DEAN DRIVE, WALKER ROAD AND GOVERNOR STREET – CORBIN HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

BACKGROUND: This report is for the above-referenced referral of the petition regarding the change to the names to portions of two existing city streets situated in the Corbin Heights redevelopment project area.

Section 19-22 of the City Ordinances and Section 8-25 of the Connecticut General Statutes, require that all proposals for acceptance, widening, narrowing, improvement or abandonment of any street or other public way must be referred to the City Plan Commission for an advisory report to Council. This type of advisory report does not appear to be mandated for simple name changes to existing streets. This is a staff report as the City Plan Commission did not meet in February. The City Plan Commission is on record as being strongly supportive of this project, having reviewed it as a Zoning Board of Appeals referral #4530 granted in September 2010.

FINDINGS: The proposed name changes are necessitated by the redevelopment project which results in some minor modifications to the layout of public streets. The name changes will serve to allow a more logical and easy to follow street layout and more sensible unit numbering as units are completed and ready for occupancy. Essentially, the portion of the street currently named "Dean Drive" that lies between the intersection with Walker Road and the intersection with current Governor Street, is to be changed to "Walker Road". Walker Road will become a longer "L" shaped street, beginning and running west from Corbin Avenue and then, at the existing corner "roundabout" intersection with current Dean Drive, turning 90 degrees and running approximately 850 feet south to intersect with Dean Drive.

The portion of Governor Street running west from Corbin Avenue to Dean Drive approximately 850 feet in length is to be changed to "Dean Drive". Dean Drive then becomes a through street the entire length, running west from Corbin Avenue, connecting to the existing Dean Drive at the intersection of the newly named Walker Road, and running out to Slater Road. There will be a minor intersection realignment, where the renamed Dean Drive meets the renamed Walker Drive, giving Dean Drive a somewhat more direct flow.

This re-naming is being undertaken now prior to the new and renovated housing units being numbered and approved for occupancy in the first phase of this project.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Plan Commission staff is of the opinion that these changes serve to alleviate confusion that would otherwise result from the changes to street layout and the intersection realignments and re-numbering of buildings in the redeveloped Corbin Heights housing complex. Therefore, adoption of the proposed changes in the street names is recommended.

Steven P. Schiller
Acting Administrative Coordinator of the
Economic Development Division and
Staff to the City Plan Commission

32124-1 RE: ZONE CHANGE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON GROVE, WASHINGTON, AND HIGH STREETS FROM A-2 (MULTI-FAMILY HOUSES) TO B-3 (SECONDARY BUSINESS)

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

[An amendment to the zoning map to change the zoning of certain properties having frontage on Grove Street, Washington Street and High Street from A-2 (Multi-Family Houses) to B-3 (Secondary Business)]

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The City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting held on January 7, 2013, voted 4 to 0 to recommend that this proposed zone change be approved.

BACKGROUND: The proposed zone change encompasses approximately sixteen (16) properties that have frontage on Grove, High and Washington Streets, and are situated between the existing B-3, secondary business zone on Broad Street, and the I-2 general Industry zone to the south along Lafayette Street. These subject properties are currently zoned A-2, multi-family houses, and consist of a variety of different types of land uses, including vacant parcels, small churches, an auto repair business, several social clubs, several residential properties and a parking lot.

ZONING CONSIDERATIONS: The current A-2 zone allows only multi-family residential buildings, with churches and social clubs permitted by special exception, but no businesses are allowed. In most situations the proposed zone change to B-3 would make the status of the individual property either more or at least equally conforming to the current A-2 zone. The intent of the zone change is to increase the conformity of these existing uses and to encourage new development that is mixed-use, commercial and residential, that is similar in character and supportive of the vibrant business district along most of Broad Street. It would allow slightly higher residential densities than permitted under the current A-2 zoning (for example six (6) dwelling units, rather than four (4) units on a typical 9,000 square foot lot), which is consistent with the City's planning policies for areas bordering the downtown.

This is a logical extension of the existing Broad Street B-3 zoning district and is somewhat more compatible transition to the CBD zoning which borders the zone change area on the eastern side of Washington Street, and with the I-2 zone to the south.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Plan Commission is of the opinion that this zone change facilitates the development that is similar to the actual existing uses in the zone change area which is consistent with and supportive of the existing B-3 business area on Broad Street and with the neighboring CBD zoned downtown area. The Commission, therefore, recommends adoption of this zone change.

Stephen A. Sidorak, Chairman
City Plan Commission

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

32165 RE: REPAIRS TO THE TRACK AT VETERAN'S STADIUM – PUBLIC WORKS

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 Public Works Department/ Park and Recreation Division for repairs to the Veteran's Stadium Track.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Price</u>
Mondo Conshohocken, PA.	Repairs to the Track at Veteran's Stadium	\$7,595.10

The Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division is in need of repairs to the Track at Veteran's Stadium. The track surface has become worn out due to extensive use at the starting line, high jump and javelin areas. The javelin area had to be relocated last year because of this. The track is utilized by the New Britain High School for their track meets and for track and physical education classes, as well as by CCSU, Nutmeg State Games for State and New England Regional track meets and special Park and Recreation track events. Mondo of Conshohocken, PA is the manufacturer of the track and is the company who installed it in 2002. They do not have any

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dealers and are the sole provider of the material to make the needed repairs. The Purchasing Agent has verified this. Bid solicitation for the purchase of these needed repairs to the track would not be beneficial to the City. The repairs need to be scheduled soon so they can be conducted when the weather becomes warm so the track will then be able to be utilized in the spring for upcoming track meets and events. Funding for the repairs are available in the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division's account number, 001419007-5440, Parks Special Projects, Rentals/Supplies, Equipment.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$7,595.10 to Mondo of Conshohocken, PA for repairs to the track at Veteran's Stadium for the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32166 RE: HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE GOLF CART – PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION, STANLEY GOLF COURSE

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 Public Works Department/ Park and Recreation Division for the purchase of a Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart for the Stanley Golf Course.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Stand Up & Play Foundation Washington, DC.	ParaMobile Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart	\$18,750.00

The Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division has requested the purchase of a Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart for the Stanley Golf Course. Stanley Golf Course is working with the Hospital for Special Care, Mount Sinai and Gaylord Hospital to offer comprehensive golf lessons and programs for persons with disabilities. This Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart will allow persons of all ages with mobile disabilities an opportunity to participate in a wide array of golf activities at the Stanley Golf Course. The Stanley Golf Course will be the first golf course in the area to have a Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart. Stand Up & Play Foundation is the only distributor of the ParaMobile Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart in the U.S Market. The Purchasing Agent has verified this and has confirming documentation. Bid solicitation for the purchase of this new Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart would not be beneficial to the City. The Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division was able to obtain support and donations to cover the entire cost of this purchase from Connecticut, the Walking for Kids Foundation, community individuals and businesses. Funding for the purchase was put into the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division's account number, 283420111-5659, Recreation Donations, Operating Material and Supplies.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$18,750.00 to Stand Up & Play Foundation of Washington, DC for the purchase of a Handicapped Accessible Golf Cart for the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division, Stanley Golf Course.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32167 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES – LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER COMPLIANCE MONITORING DURING 2013

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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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: Landfill and Recycling Center Compliance Monitoring during 2013
Vendor: GEI Consultants
Amount: \$49,974.00
Line Items: 0082749104-5331 Capital Projects, EBond Landfill Closure, Professional Services
Requested By: Public Works Department, Engineering Division

Scope: GEI Consultants will conduct quarterly testing of ground and surface water as well as monitoring for Methane gases at the City's Landfill and Recycling Center. A quarterly, semi-annual and annual summary reports of the testing and monitoring results will be created. These reports will include water quality, ground water elevations and flow maps. The reports will include items such as tabulated analytical data and exceedances of National Primary Drinking Water Standards and the Connecticut Department of Health Services Standards. The evaluation will be submitted to the Public Works Department for review and approval before being sent to the Connecticut DEEP. GEI Consultants will also meet with the Public Works Department to discuss the results of their tests.

RESOLVED; That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$49,974.00 to GEI Consultants of Glastonbury, CT for Landfill and Recycling Center Compliance Monitoring during 2013.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32168 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. – EXCAVATOR

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 Public Works Department for Equipment Rental under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
W.I. Clark Company Wallingford, CT.	Excavator W/50' Long Front	\$8,100.00
	30 Ton Articulated Haul Truck	\$7,800.00
	30 Ton Articulated Haul Truck	\$7,800.00
	Hydrostatic Dozer	<u>\$4,400.00</u>
	Total Price	\$28,100.00

The New Britain Public Works Department requested the rental of equipment. The Public Works Department needs this equipment for the Stanley Quarter Park Pond Dredging Project. They need to excavate sediment and silt from the two (2) inlet areas and the outlet area of the pond. This work is required because of the amount of sediment which was washed into these areas has impacted the flow of water into and out of the pond. The equipment needed for this project is very unique and is not part of the City's annual equipment rental bid, Bid 3676. The Public Works Department was able to get four (4) quotes from local companies for the rental of this equipment. W.I. Clark Company submitted the lowest price. They have a State of Connecticut Contract, 12PSX0343, for the rental of construction equipment for the Department of Transportation. Funding is available for this purchase within the Public Works Department's account number 208315101-5440, Sewer Fund, Rentals, Supplies and Equipment.

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RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$28,100.00 to W.I. Clark Company of Wallingford , CT for the rental of an Excavator, two (2) 30 Ton Articulated Haul Trucks and a Hydrostatic Dozer for the Stanley Quarter Park Dredging Project utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #12PSX0343.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32169 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – ROOF REPLACEMENT ON A SMOKE SAFETY TRAINING TRAILER FOR THE FIRE 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 Fire Department for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Lee's Auto Center Inc. Ellington, CT.	Roof Replacement on a Smoke Safety Training Trailer	\$4,635.75

The New Britain Fire Department requested a purchase order for the roof replacement of their Smoke Safety Training Trailer. The Trailer is utilized by the Fire Department for fire and smoke prevention training of students at City Schools. The metal roof of the trailer now has a crack in it. Water started to leak into the trailer. The trailer manufacturer, Surry Fire Safety House, is located in Ohio and has provided the Fire Department with a quote of \$6,800.00 to replace the roof. The trailer manufacturer has indicated that they do not have any local dealers. Their price did not include the cost to ship the trailer to them or to ship the trailer back to the City once the repairs were conducted. This would be an additional cost of \$2,400.00 for the City to do this. Repairs to trailers is very unique and local auto body shops do not have the experience in trailer repairs. Lees Auto Center, Inc of Ellington sells trailers as well as makes mechanical and body repairs to them. They have a State of Connecticut Contract, 10PSX0044, to provide maintenance and repairs to state vehicles and equipment. They have seen the trailer and have provided the Fire Department with a quote to replace the roof, per State of Connecticut contract pricing, for \$4,635.75, which was less than that of the trailer manufacturer. Because they are local, the Fire Department can bring the trailer to them and not incur any shipping cost. Funding is available for this purchase within the Risk Management's account number 704625102-5244, Vehicle Damage, Fire Department.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$4,635.75 to Lee's Auto Center, Inc of Ellington, CT. for the Roof Replacement of the Smoke Safety Training Trailer for the Fire Department utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #10PSX0044.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32170 RE: LEAF COMPOSTING SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3703 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Leaf Composting Services for the Public Works Department for a three (3) year contract period with the option to extend the contract for two (2), one (1) year periods beyond the initial contract period if the market rates are lower than the third year pricing and based upon successful negotiations and agreement between the City and company awarded the bid. Funding is available for this purchase from the Public Works Department's account, 001315004-5428, Sanitation, Disposal Tip Fees.

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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 ten (10) Leaf Composting Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Leaf Composting Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The Responses received are on file in the Town Clerks Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Green Cycle of Connecticut, Inc was the lowest bidder and met all bid specifications. Green Cycle of Connecticut, Inc has provided this service to the Public Works Department for the last five (5) years when they were awarded the bid the last time it was put out to bid. They have provided excellent leaf composting services to the Public Works Department. Therefore the Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded again to Green Cycle of Connecticut, Inc of Farmington, CT

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order and enter into a three (3) year contract with the option to extend the contract for two (2), one (1) year periods beyond the initial contract period if the market rates are lower than the third year pricing and based upon successful negotiations and agreement between the City and Green Cycle of Connecticut, Inc of Farmington, CT for Leaf Composting Services, per the specifications of Public Bid No. 3703.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

32171 RE: PRINTING OF BROCHURES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT./PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

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

Public Bid No. 3706 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Printing of Summer/Fall 2013 and the Winter/Spring 2013-2014 Brochures for the Public Works Department/Parks & Recreation Division. Funding is available for the printing of these Brochures within the Public Work's Account Numbers 001420001-5550, General Fund, Printing and Advertising.

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 eighty-two (82) Printing Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Printing Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The Responses received are on file in the Town Clerks Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Park and Recreation Division's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. As done previously, the Parks and Recreation Division Administration would like a brochure that is appealing so more parents look at the brochure and become aware of the programs offered by the City for their children. Therefore the Director of Parks and Recreation Division is recommending that the bid be awarded to NCP, Inc of Claysbury, PA who was the lowest bidder and met all of the bid specifications for the printing of the brochures.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract and issue purchase orders to NCP, Inc of Claysbury, PA, MA in the amount of \$2,044.00 for the printing of 10,000 Summer/Fall 2013 Brochures and \$2,044.00 for the printing of 10,000 Winter/Spring 2013-2014 Brochures for the Public Works Department /Parks and Recreation Division per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3706.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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32173 RE: IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEM 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 2-541 (a), a purchase order was requested by the New Britain Police Department for the purchase of an In-Car Camera System.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
WatchGuard Video Allen, TX	In-Car Camera System with associated Hardware and Software	\$79,985.00

The New Britain Police Department requested the purchase of an In-Car Camera System with associated hardware and software to be installed in fourteen (14) Police Cruisers. WatchGuard Video, Inc of Allen, TX is the manufacturer of these items. Other municipalities, Farmington and Old Saybrook and Central Connecticut State University a state agency, have recently put this out to bid and purchased this equipment from WatchGaurd Video who submitted the lowest responsible bid. WatchGaurd Video provided the New Britain Police Department with the same bid price. They do not have any dealers and are the sole provider of this camera system. The Purchasing Agent has verified this. Therefore bid solicitation for the purchase of the In-Car Camera System with associated hardware and software would not be beneficial to the City. The cost of the In-car Camera System with associated Hardware and Software for the fourteen (14) Police Cruisers is being paid for by a grant the Police Department has received. Funding is available for this purchase in the Police Department’s account number 269211112-5740, JAG Grant, Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$79,985.00 to WatchGuard Video, Inc of Allen, TX, for the purchase of an In-Car Camera Systems with associated hardware and software to be installed in fourteen (14) Police Cruisers for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

32146-2 RE: STREET NAME CHANGES FOR PORTIONS OF DEAN DRIVE, WALKER ROAD AND GOVERNOR STREET – CORBIN HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

Reporting that the portion of the street currently named “Dean Drive” that lies between the intersection with Walker Road and the intersection with current Governor Street, is to be changed to “Walker Road”. Walker Road will become a longer “L” shaped street, beginning and running west from Corbin Avenue and then, at the existing corner “roundabout” intersection with current Dean Drive, turning 90 degrees and running approximately 850 feet south to intersect with Dean Drive.

Also, the portion of Governor Street running west from Corbin Avenue to Dean Drive approximately 850 feet in length is to be changed to “Dean Drive”. Dean Drive then becomes a through street the entire length, running west from Corbin Avenue, connecting to the existing Dean Drive at the intersection of the newly named Walker Road, and running out to Slater Road. There will be a minor intersection realignment, where the renamed Dean Drive meets the renamed Walker Drive, giving Dean Drive a somewhat more direct flow.

RECOMMENDATION: The Public Works Department believes this will prevent confusion that may result from the changes to street layout and the intersection realignments and re-numbering of

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buildings in the redeveloped Corbin Heights housing complex and therefore the proposed changes in the street names is recommended.

Mark E. Moriarty, P.E.
Director, Public Works

32174 RE: SUBWAY RENTAL CHARGES: JANUARY 2013 THRU DECEMBER 2013

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

On February 4, 2013 the Board of Public Works held a required Public Hearing on the 2013 Subway Rental Charges.

Operating Expenses for the maintenance and extension of the Subway Conduit System requires an income of \$47,422 during 2013 to be obtained from the rental of 28,693 linear feet of occupied underground conduit.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, Connecticut that Subway Rental Charges for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 be assessable at the rate of \$1.65 per linear foot, per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July, 2013 and the first day of January, 2014.

Mark E. Moriarty
Director, Public Works

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

32146-3 RE: STREET NAME CHANGES FOR PORTIONS OF DEAN DRIVE, WALKER ROAD AND GOVERNOR STREET – CORBIN HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

The Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing at a regular meeting and public hearing held on Tuesday evening, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #32146 – Street Name Change for Corbin Heights redevelopment project of existing street named “Dean Drive,” from Walker Road to the existing Governor Street to “Walker Road” and existing street named “Governor Street” west of Corbin Avenue to “Dean Drive” voted to accept and recommend and be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Roy Centeno
Chair

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

32172 RE: AQUATIC FACILITY RENOVATIONS AT A.W. STANLEY POOL FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3714 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Aquatic Facility Renovations at the A.W. Stanley Pool for the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division. Funding for the Aquatic Facility

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Renovations at the A.W. Stanley Pool is available in the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division's account number, 0083060101-5454, Capital Projects, A.W. Stanley Pools.

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 sixteen (16) Pool Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Pool Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The Responses received are on file in the Town Clerks Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Park and Recreation Division's Administration, the City's On-call Engineering Company associated with this project and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of the Parks and Recreation Division is recommending the bid be awarded to Construction Services of New England, Inc of W. Simsbury, CT who submitted the lowest responsible bid and met all of the bid specifications.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order not to exceed \$425,000.00 and enter into a contract with Construction Services of New England, Inc of W. Simsbury, CT for the Aquatic Facility Renovations at the A.W. Stanley Pool for the Public Works Department/Park and Recreation Division per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3714.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved February 20, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

COMMITTEE ON ZONING

32124-2 RE: CHANGE OF ZONE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON GROVE, WASHINGTON AND HIGH STREETS FROM A-2 (MULTI-FAMILY HOUSES) TO B-3 (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS)

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

The Common Council as the Zoning Authority of the City of New Britain and Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee of the Common Council, gave due and legal notice of a time and place for a public hearing in reference to Item #32124 – Amend official zoning map to change zoning of certain properties having frontage on Grove St., Washington St. and High St. from A-2 (Multi-Family Houses) to B-3 (Neighborhood Business). Said hearing was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, Conn.

The City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting held on Monday evening, January 7, 2013 voted 4 to 0 to approve amending official zoning map to change zoning of certain properties having frontage on Grove St., Washington St. and High St. from A-2 (Multi-Family Houses) to B-3 (Neighborhood Business).

The Common Council as the Zoning Authority of the City of New Britain and the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee of the Common Council voted to remove from the table and amend official zoning map to change zoning of certain properties having frontage on Grove St., Washington St. and High St. from A-2 (Multi-Family Houses) to B-3 (Neighborhood Business) and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Roy Centeno
Chair

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, to become effective ten calendar days after the Mayor's signature, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Brown was excused from voting – he did not attend the public hearing, nor did he listen to the tape. Approved February 20, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

32175 RE: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

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 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 Timothy E. O'Brien Jr., is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of New Britain to accept the EMPG program conditions of eligibility for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 beginning October 1st 2012 and to execute any and all documents necessary for the City to receive such grant funds.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Roy Centeno

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved February 15, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32176 RE: BAZAAR/CARNIVAL – POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS – JUNE 20 – JUNE 22, 2013

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue to the Pope John Paul II Catholic School, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22 of the Code of Ordinances for the period of June 20-22, 2013 for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival on the Pope John Paul II Catholic School grounds, 221 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Conn.

Alderman Lawrence Hermanowski

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Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and refer to the License Committee, seconded by Ald. Black. So voted. Approved February 20, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32177 RE: CALL TO ACTION FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS TO HELP CURB GUN VIOLENCE

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:

SUMMARY: A resolution condemning the unspeakable gun violence and loss of life in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012; extending sympathy, support and continuing prayer for the victims and their families and the entire Newtown community; and a call to action for our elected officials at the state and federal levels to help curb gun violence and prevent such tragedies from ever recurring.

WHEREAS; our nation has suffered from far too many gun-related deaths, with more than 30,000 firearm deaths every year; and

WHEREAS; our nation, in the words of President Obama, needs “to come up with some concrete steps we can take right now to keep our children safe, to help prevent mass shootings, to reduce the broader epidemic of gun violence in this country”; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED; that the New Britain Common Council:

1. Condemns the senseless gun attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School and offers condolences to all of those impacted by this tragedy;
2. Fully endorses the common sense agenda put forth by the bipartisan coalition of Mayors Against Illegal Guns and similar steps announced by President Obama on January 16, 2013, including;
 - a.) require a valid issued state pistol permit for the purchase of any and all firearms, including pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns; and whether purchased online, at an authorized gun retailer or at any gun show;
 - b.) require a valid issued state pistol permit for the purchase of any and all firearm ammunition; whether purchased online, at an authorized gun retailer or at any gun show.
 - c.) making gun trafficking a federal crime;
 - d.) appointing a director to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which has gone without an official leader for more than six years;
 - e.) vigorous prosecution by the Justice Department of felons and other prohibited purchasers who attempt to buy firearms, ammunition or high-capacity magazines;
 - f.) requiring federal agencies to submit records that prohibit a person from owning a gun to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and
 - g.) repealing the remaining restrictions under the Tiahrt Amendments, which are riders to the federal budget that restrict access to federal gun data;
3. Supports new legislation being introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal, the Ammunition Background Check Act of 2013, which would require instant background checks for the sale of gun ammunition. Modify introduced legislation to require a valid issued state pistol permit for the purchase of any and all firearm ammunition; whether purchased online, at an authorized gun retailer or at any gun show;

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4. Recognizes that in addition to new firearm regulations, a comprehensive approach to reducing the violence must include improved access to mental health resources, and a close review of violence-in-culture issues; and
5. Urges our local, state and federal officials to take immediate action and to remain committed to working together, in a bipartisan manner, to help prevent tragedies such as Sandy Hook from ever happening again.

and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED; that the resolution, upon adoption, be sent to the following:

1. Governor Dannel P. Malloy
2. Leadership of the State House and Senate
3. New Britain Delegation
4. President Barack Obama
5. Leadership of the U.S. Congress
6. U.S. House and Senate

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
President to the Common Council
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Carlo Carlozzi
Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski
Alderman J. Tobias Freeman

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Approved February 20, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32178 RE: 21ST. CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – COHORT 7

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: The Parks and Recreation Department provides comprehensive after school programming at four elementary schools: DiLoreto Dual Language Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Smalley Academy and Smith Elementary School. The students in grades three through five are targeted to attend the after school program from 2:45 to 5:45 p.m. The three major components of the after school program are education, recreation, and cultural arts.

Initial Year of Grant Funding: July 1, 2008.

Local Program Operation Department: Recreation Division, Public Works.

Resolution Purpose: The Recreation Division is requesting approval of a 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant in the amount of \$100,000. This is year five of the five year grant, and the Recreation Division is respectfully requesting that the Finance Department amend or set up expenditures and revenue accounts, and,

WHEREAS, the City, through its Recreation Division, will be receiving a CT 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant for elementary after school programs for a five year grant period, this being the fifth year. The total funding over five years is over \$850,000. Funding has been granted for this program that will provide services such as recreational activities, tutoring, and mentoring to City youth in a youth center environment, and

WHEREAS, the City will match \$250,000 of in-kind services. Examples of these in-kind services are school bus transportation, equipment rental, facility rental and Hepatitis B shots, and

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WHEREAS, the CT 21st Century Community Learning Center monies will pay for personnel and administrative costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013 and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Division also received a HUD grant from the Department of Municipal Development to provide an after school program at Lincoln and Smith Elementary Schools. Students in grades three through five are targeted to attend the program from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. The Recreation Division is requesting approval of this grant in the amount of \$30,000,

WHEREAS, the Consolidated School District of New Britain granted money for an Extended School Hours Program at Lincoln and Smith Elementary Schools in the amount of \$11,000 for additional students to attend the after school program, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget amount of \$141,000 be amended and appropriated in the City's special revenue fund account structure in accordance with the requirements of the grantor agency. The account number has been established by the Finance Director, then it be further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to enter into agreement with required consultants specified by the State of Connecticut Department of Education for evaluation, computerization, and training purposes, fully funded by the grant money, then it be further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes Mayor Tim O'Brien to sign appropriate documents required for this grant.

		<u>Amended Budget</u>
251420129-4222	Revenue – State of CT	\$ 100,000
238420128-4223	Revenue-DMD	\$ 30,000
238420128-4232	Consolidated School District	<u>\$ 11,000</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 141,000
State of CT		
251420129-5121	Salaries	\$ 30,000
251420129-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$ 54,049
251420129-5227	Workmans Comp	\$ 156
251420129-5228	Health/Life insurance	\$ 74
251420129-5231	Medicare	\$ 2,719
251420129-5352	Data Processing	\$ 250
251420129-5412	Telecommunications	\$ 1,000
251420129-5436	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 100
251420129-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$ 5,750
251420129-5540	Advertising and Printing	\$ 250
251420129-5611	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
251420129-5659	Supplies	\$ 3,902
251420129-5810	Fees, Memberships, Conferences	<u>\$ 750</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$ 100,000
DMD		
238420128-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$ 24,708
238420128-5231	Medicare	\$ 358
238420128-5659	Supplies	\$ 1,200
238420128-5412	Telecommunications	\$ 800
238420128-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$ 2,634
238420129-5540	Advertising and Printing	\$ 100
238420128-5611	Office Supplies	<u>\$ 200</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$ 30,000
CSDNB		
238420128-5124	Part-time Salaries	<u>\$ 11,000</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$ 11,000

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Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman Rha-Sheen Brown
Alderman David DeFronzo
Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Approved February 20, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32179 RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS: MARIO V. SANTOS AND DANIEL DAVIS

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, pursuant to Section 2-142 of the code of ordinances of the city of New Britain, for any assessment year in which a revaluation becomes effective or for any assessment year immediately prior to or subsequent to the revaluation year, the majority leader and the minority leader will recommend additional members which will be subject to council approval. These appointments will recommend additional members which will be subject to council approval. These appointments will automatically expire on the first day of June in the year of appointment. In the absence of a minority party on the Common Council, the Common Council, shall, by majority vote, recommend and approve the appointment of said additional members which was designated as that of the minority leader; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the following individuals be appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mario V. Santos (D)	61 Brook Street	1/1/13-5/31/13
Daniel Davis (R)	59 Kim Drive	1/1/13-5/13/13

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Majority Leader

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Assistant Minority Leader

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
President to the Common Council

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. Ald. Bielinski moved to amend by adding the name Daniel Davis, 59 Kim Dr. to the resolution, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. Amendment carried. RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIED. Approved February 19, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk