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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 9, 2013

Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 9th day of January 2013 at 7:42 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Two members were absent: Ald. Trueworthy – out of town on business, and Ald. Brown due to recent surgery.

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, gave the invocation: O God, our Heavenly Father, bless this Common Council and all the citizens of New Britain. We especially bless "Butch" Dzwonkowski for his 20 plus years as Democratic Registrar of Voters and wish him well in his retirement. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, led the pledge to the flag.

Mayor O'Brien relinquished the Chair to Suzanne Bielinski, Majority Leader, in order to conduct, along with Interim Fire Chief Thomas Ronalter and Chairman of the Fire Board, Michael Carrier, a promotional ceremony for members of the New Britain Fire Department. Mayor O'Brien administered the oath of office to the following:

Michael Ronalter – promoted to Fire Marshal
Michael Archacki – promoted to Lieutenant
Kevin Carignan – promoted to Lieutenant
Michael Maloney – promoted to Lieutenant
Edward Irizarry – promoted to Fire Inspector

Mayor O'Brien then administered the oath of office to newly elected Democratic Registrar of Voter, Juan Verdu and thanked Edward J. Dzwonkowski, former Democratic Registrar of Voters, for his many years of service to the City.

Mayor O'Brien returned to the Chair.

Ald. Bielinski moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Meetings of October 4 and October 10, 2012 and the Regular Meetings of October 10 and October 24, 2012. Motion seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted.

Ald. Bielinski moved to amend the agenda by adding 32127-1(A.1), 32116-1(E.1), 32127-2(E.2), 32133-1(8), 32116-2(9), and 32142(10). Motion seconded by Ald. Collins. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

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PETITIONS

- 32143 ALD. CARLOZZI JR. AND MAGNUSZEWSKI FOR AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES TO REVISE SUBSECTION 280-100 REGARDING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR ZONING VIOLATIONS. REFERRED TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND ZONING SUB-COMMITTEE.
- 32144 ALD. CARLOZZI JR. AND MAGNUSZEWSKI FOR AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 240-70-90 – LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND TRUCK LOADING AREAS. REFERRED TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND ZONING SUB-COMMITTEE.
- 32145 ALD. PABON FOR AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES TO ADD SUBSECTION 170-100-45 AFFECTING THE APPEARANCE OF STOREFRONTS IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. REFERRED TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND ZONING SUB-COMMITTEE.
- 32146 ALD. SUZANNE BIELINSKI AND CORBIN PINNACLE, LLC FOR RENAMING PORTIONS OF DEAN DRIVE, WALKER ROAD AND GOVERNOR STREET DESCRIBED ON MAP FOR THE CORBIN HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. REFERRED TO ZONING SUB-COMMITTEE, CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 32147 ALD. PABON FOR INSTALLATION OF “NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING” SIGN ON RUSSWIN ROAD. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.
- 32148 ALD. GIANTONIO FOR INSTALLING A “STOP” SIGN IN THE VICINITY OF WIEGANDS DRIVE & RESERVOIR ROAD TO CURB SPEEDING IN THE AREA. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Ald. Bielinski moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Collins. Roll call vote - all members present voted in favor. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

32131 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

- Ringrose, Thomas
- Vachier, Andrea L.

Peter J. Denuzze
City Clerk

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CITY PLAN COMMISSION

32127-1 RE: CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION – GALENA ASSOCIATES, LLC DBA VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE

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

BACKGROUND: The applicant is requesting a certificate of location approval in order to obtain state Department of Motor Vehicles licensing for a general repairer's operation. The subject property is the former Jiffy Lube located on the southeastern corner of East Main Street and the Harry Truman Overpass. The property is zoned CBD (Central Business District), which does not allow motor vehicle repairers. The site was previously zoned I-2, General Industry, which permitted auto repair operations by right, and this site was granted several certificates of location approvals by the Zoning Board of Appeals for repairers' licenses in the past.

An additional consideration in this application is a minor modification to the use. Though the site was originally licensed as a motor vehicle repair business by DMV, the license was allowed to lapse in recent years, when DMV regulations changed so that basic oil change and filter services were no longer required to be licensed as a repair facility. The current applicant would like to re-license with DMV in order to additionally provide brake service which is a DMV regulated repair activity.

FINDINGS: The site plan accompanying this application shows the subject property is relatively small at approximately 16,375 square feet in area and is occupied by a three (3) bay repair building, which was built in 1988 and has a floor space that is approximately 1,972 square feet in area, consisting of the repair bay and small office and customer waiting area.

It should be noted that the plan submitted is not a current class A-2 survey, as is required by the DMV, and also that it would be nonconforming not only because of the use, which was made nonconforming by the change from I-2 to CBD zoning in August 2008, but also relative to the more stringent standards for auto repairs which were adopted in March of 2008. Specifically, the plan shows a total of eight (8) parking spaces, which is one space fewer than the nine (9) spaces now required for a three (3) bay repair facility. Also, the 2008 provisions for auto repair and auto sales has landscaping and screening requirements that are virtually impossible to meet on this site.

CONCLUSION: This property was rezoned from I-2 to CBD in August 2008. Auto repair operations are permitted by right in the I-2 zoning district, and, although very small, this site functioned adequately as an oil change business for a number of years. Within the new CBD zoning, auto repair businesses are prohibited, and because of the marginal size of the lot and the fact that this is a high visibility location and "gateway" into the downtown, the City Plan Commission would be strongly opposed to any new auto service operation at this location, whether brake repairs were part of the business or not. Given the limitations of the property, the Commission would also have concerns if the current operation were to add any type of more involved repairs, other than the relatively quick simple oil change, lubrication, and fluids service currently allowed. The Commission is of the opinion that the site is so limited in size and parking that added brake services would increase wait times, parking needs and traffic problems. The Commission also has concerns regarding the unsightly, overcrowded appearance of the site and fears that added services would result in additional signage, vehicles being left longer periods of time, and more trash and recyclables generated and stored on site.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Plan Commission acknowledges the grandfathered right to the continuation of the current oil change operations, which are permissible without a DMV permit or local certificate of location approval. The Commission is of the opinion that the site is over-utilized, as is, and the Commission is opposed to any expansion of auto-related services at this

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location. The Commission, therefore, recommends against the granting of certificate of location approval for this property.

Stephen A. Sidorak, Chairman
City Plan Commission

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

32132 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 11/07/12 THROUGH 01/02/13

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 January 2, 2013

2. Department:	Community Services/Building		
From:	001214002-5336		(Other Purchased Services)
To:	001214002-5122	\$3,000.00	(Overtime - Building)
To:	001522003-5122	\$1,000.00	(Overtime – Environmental)
Amount:	\$4,000.00		
Brief Description:	Funds needed for emergency response to after hours calls from dispatch, plan review (site), special events and new construction plan review		

Jonathan Perugini
Budget & Capital Projects Fiscal Officer

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

32133 RE: PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE WALNUT HILL HISTORICAL DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PLAN

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. 3695 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the purchase of Professional Consulting Services for the Walnut Hill Historical

District Revitalization Plan. The City was awarded a grant of \$50,000.00 from the Connecticut Trust for Historical Preservation to undertake this project. The Economic Development Department is currently working to finalize and execute the contract agreement for this grant with the Connecticut Trust.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald Newspaper, the City, State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services, Connecticut Trust for Historical Preservation and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association Websites and mailed to eleven (11) Architectural, Preservation or Conservation Firms. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Architectural, Preservation or Conservation Firms on the mailing list indicating they could not provide a response 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 Economic Development Administration, Purchasing Agent, Mayor's office, and a Steering Committee for this project. The

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Steering Committee met with each of the firms that submitted a proposal. At this meeting the firms provided to the Steering Committee their experience in the fields of historical preservation, architecture, urban design, planning, market analysis and project development and financing. Therefore the Steering Committee is recommending the bid be awarded to Cecil Group of Boston, MA who had the most proven experience in revitalization planning projects involving similar historical neighborhoods with other municipalities and met all of the bid specifications for the Professional Consulting Services for the Walnut Hill Historical District Revitalization Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized, once the grant is obtained for this service, to issue a Purchase Order for \$47,500.00 and enter into a contract with Cecil Group of Boston, MA for Professional Consulting Services for the Walnut Hill Historical District Revitalization Plan for the New Britain Economic Development Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3695.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

32134 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FRANKLIN J. SMITH

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 Administration, Finance and Law and the standing claims sub-committee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, January 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201, City Hall having held public hearings and made investigations of said claims, respectfully begs leave to recommend the following:

A. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$355.88 be paid to Franklin J. Smith of 40 Chestnut Street, New Britain, Conn. in full settlement of his claim for property damage sustained in an accident on October 31, 2012.

Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Chair

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

32116-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES ADDING NEW DIVISION 17 – HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION – SEC. 2-329 AND 2-330

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 Wednesday evening, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #32116 – Code of Ordinances be amended by adding a new Division 17 establishing a Homeless Advisory Commission voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

Alderman Roy Centeno
Chair

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REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

32127-2 RE: CERTIFICATION OF LOCATION – GALENA ASSOCIATES, LLC, DBA VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE – 265 EAST MAIN 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 Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing at a regular meeting and public hearing held on Tuesday evening, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #32127 – Galena Associates, LLC, DBA Valvoline Instant Oil Change seeks granting of certificate of location approval to allow a motor vehicle repair license for property at 265 East Main Street, New Britain, Conn. voted to accept and recommend that the following petition be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Roy Centeno
Chair

Ald. Collins recused herself – she did not attend the committee meeting nor did she listen to the tape. Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

Ald. Collins returned to the Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

32135 RE: CCSU FACILITY USE & NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATE

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:

The City, through its Recreation Division of the Public Works Department, partners with Central Connecticut State University for programs and events held on the CCSU campus, including the Winter Tennis Program held in CCSU's Indoor Sports Bubble

WHEREAS, the Indoor Tennis Program is scheduled to run February-April 2013 and is in it's 20th consecutive year, AND

WHEREAS, the usage fee for the facility is waived by Central Connecticut State University, AND

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department pays supervision charges of \$25 per hour, AND

WHEREAS, 50 youth from New Britain participate in the program, AND

WHEREAS, the Central CT State University Event Management requires a signed facility use agreement in order to authorize use of their rental facility, THEREFORE BE IT

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RESOLVED, that the New Britain Common Council authorizes that the Mayor of the City of New Britain, is empowered and authorized to execute contracts and all related agreements on behalf of the City to utilize the Central Connecticut State University Campus Facilities including, but not limited to, the Indoor Sports Bubble, all gymnasiums, pools, athletic fields now and for all future events. AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the City of New Britain, hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required to support nondiscrimination under the Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and §4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in the State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

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. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32136 RE: EARLY DETECTION SKIN SCREENING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

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 provide a community based outreach screening and education program to seniors in New Britain, whom otherwise may not receive these services. A local dermatologist will conduct three (3) skin cancer screenings and Health Departments nurses will provide skin cancer education and prevention programs at the New Britain Senior Center.

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

WHEREAS; The New Britain Health Department is committed to providing education and prevention activities for City seniors

WHEREAS; The North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) has made available \$3,500 of Title III-D funds for the Health Department's Early Detection Skin Screening Program for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that The Mayor is authorized to sign any necessary and appropriate agreements in order to secure the use of such funds for said program. This approval may be so indicated by the Town Clerk signing and attesting to this resolution; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the monies in the amount be appropriated within a special revenue fund as follows:

Revenues:		
234522109-4512	NCAAA Revenue - Donation	<u>\$3,500</u>
	Total Revenue	\$3,500
Expenditures:		
234522109-5331	Professional Services	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$ 3,500

Alderman Adam Platosz
Alderman David DeFronzo

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Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32137 RE: BUDGET APPROPRIATION – HEALTH DEPARTMENT - \$2,000 - BIOTERRORISM EVENT

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 upgrade New Britain’s preparedness for response to Bioterrorism (BT), other outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health emergencies. To have the infrastructure in place to perform mass vaccinations for the entire population of the city. To prevent or minimize the effects of a (BT) event on the people of the City of New Britain.

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

Resolution Purpose: To approve the receipt of grant funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health through the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District.

WHEREAS; the State Department of Public Health through the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District has notified the City that additional funding in the amount of \$12,000 has been awarded to the City for Regional Public Health Planning activities related to the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) and Project Public Health Readiness (PPHR) for the contract period 8/10/11 to 6/30/13. THEREFORE, BE IT

WHEREAS; the Health Department will utilize these funds for Planning, Training, Exercises and Evaluation that focuses on enhancing regional preparedness to respond to a large-scale bioterrorist event within 48 hours (CRI) and to build preparedness capacity and capability through a continuous quality improvement model (PPHR) BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$12,000 be appropriated into Special Revenue Fund #245, Bioterrorism Planning Program as follows:

Revenue:

245522134-4222	State of CT – Regional Planning PHP	\$12,000
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Expenditures:

245522134-5121	Full Time Salaries	<u>\$ 12,000</u>
	Total PHP Expenditures	<u>\$ 12,000</u>

Alderman Adam Platosz
Alderman David DeFronzo

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Platosz. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32138 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$15,000 – SMART BUS LIVE

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

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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 in 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 General Fund expenditure account be set up 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 2012-2013 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

Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Assistant Majority Leader
Alderman Adam Platosz
Assistant Majority Leader
Alderman J. Tobias Freeman

Ald. Freeman moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Magnuszewski. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32139 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$10,432 – POLICE DEPARTMENT – 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 purchase exercise equipment, and

WHEREAS, this exercise equipment will be installed in the new Police Headquarters Dispatch Center to give dispatchers a place to exercise in order to maintain their physical fitness.

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The vendor, Total Fitness, has a contract (#11PSX0029) with the State to provide fitness equipment, and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Drug Investigation Fund to purchase this exercise equipment at no cost to the City, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment in the Drug Investigation Fund to approve this purchase and formally appropriate funds accumulated in that fund as follows:

Drug Investigation Fund

Increase Revenue:

289211128-4223	Fund Balance Federal	\$10,432
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Increase Expenditures:

289211128-5740	Equipment	\$10,432
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- 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. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32140 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - \$25,000

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, from time to time the city is required to board up and secure properties due to fire, blight and/or general disrepair. If the property falls within certain sections of the city, federal funds can be utilized. Otherwise, the city has to find the funds elsewhere in the city budget. Currently, we do not have funds set aside for this purpose.

Whereas, there is \$25,000 available in the city's Capital Non-Recurring Fund, Account # 0031700100-54026 to fulfill this purpose.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that a budget transfer be made within the Capital Non-Recurring Fund as follows:

From:		
0031700100-54026	CNR – Cultural Organizations	\$25,000

To:		
0031400200-50331	CNR Building Professional Svcs	\$25,000

Alderman Lawrence Hermanowski

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

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32141 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-60 CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Proposed Amendment on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

32133-1 RE: WALNUT HILL HISTORIC REVITALIZATION PLAN

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 has a rich array of architectural resources in and around our Central Business District, which are recognized both for their aesthetic beauty and for their historical significance; and

WHEREAS; in the various planning and economic development studies undertaken in recent years, these historic and architectural assets have consistently been identified as being valuable resources, and potentially key components for encouraging economic revitalization in and around the downtown; and

WHEREAS; grant monies have been made available through The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation Vibrant Communities Initiative, aimed towards aiding communities in historic planning and preservation efforts that serve to complement downtown revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS; The City of New Britain has applied for and been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to aid in the development of a historic revitalization plan targeting the Walnut Hill Historic District and nearby portions of the downtown;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Common Council of the City of New Britain does hereby authorize the Mayor to accept and to administer the grant monies made available to the City under this program .

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved January 17, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

RESOLUTION RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

32116-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES ADDING DIVISION 17, SEC. 2-329 AND 2-330 – HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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:

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE. To establish a Homeless Advisory Commission.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that Chapter 2, Article III of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended by adding a new Division 17 establishing a Homeless Advisory Commission to read as follows (inserted text

appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strike through~~; new sections begin with the word [new]):

DIVISION 17 – HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sec. 2-329.- Homeless advisory commission established; membership; purpose.

- (a) There is hereby established the city's homeless advisory commission. Its membership shall be as follows:
 - (1) Seven (7) regular members;
 - (2) One (1) representative from the Human Resources Agency;
 - (3) One (1) representative from the Friendship Center;
 - (4) One (1) representative of the Salvation Army; and
 - (5) One (1) representative of the New Britain Senior Center; and
 - (6) One (1) resident who is or was previously homeless.
- (b) The community services department shall provide staff support to the homeless advisory commission. The commission shall meet at least once a month, and more often if needed.
- (c) The purpose of the homeless advisory commission is to provide advice to the mayor and the Common Council concerning the problems of homeless individuals and families in New Britain, and to make recommendations as to proposed solutions.

Sec. 2-330. - Powers, duties.

The homeless advisory commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Monitor planning documents which address the issue of homelessness in New Britain;
- (2) Study the conditions of homeless persons and families, and the facilities that provide services to them;
- (3) Establish a plan with the shelters and agencies which provide services to the homeless;
- (4) Seek and facilitate applications to provide services for homeless persons and families;
- (5) Receive complaints and comments from neighborhood groups and individuals, and use its discretion to refer such complaints and comments to appropriate departments for investigation. The departments shall report the results of any investigation to the commission;
- (6) Prepare reports of the results of any of its studies, and transmit such reports including recommendations to the mayor and Common Council as it shall deem appropriate;
- (7) Make recommendations to the mayor and Common Council as to funds necessary to provide services to homeless persons and families, and advise said authorities about possible additional funding sources to meet such needs;
- (8) Make recommendations to the mayor and Common Council concerning any comprehensive plans that they adopted relating to the provision of services and housing to homeless persons and families; and

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- (9) Ensure that the city will evaluate homeless shelters at least every two (2) years and recommend the amelioration of problems as appropriate, and investigate the feasibility of ensuring that service providers will perform such evaluations.

Alderman Rha-Sheen Brown

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Ald. DeFronzo moved to table, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. RESOLUTION TABLED.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

32142 RE: NEW BRITAIN'S COMMITMENT TO THE CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND THE CREATION OF CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

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

WHEREAS, electricity generation produces more harmful air pollution than any other single human activity and emission from traditional methods trigger asthma attacks and contribute to other respiratory illnesses, as well as contribute significantly to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain passed a resolution in February 2005, to join the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities program and committed the City to purchase 20% of its electricity needs from clean energy sources by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, today, the City of New Britain agrees to take on a new challenge put forth by the Clean Energy Communities program to reduce its municipal building energy consumption 20% by the year 2018, with technical assistance by CL&P program administrators of the Energy Efficiency Fund, and commits to benchmarking City buildings' energy usage and developing a Municipal Action Plan (MAP) for the City to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain pledges to maintain its commitment to voluntarily purchase 20% of its municipal building electricity from clean, renewable energy sources by the year 2018, with technical assistance from the Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority, and will investigate all options for meeting that goal and beginning the purchases as soon as possible, including purchasing RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) and installing local clean energy installations; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain will appoint a Clean Energy Task Force to help meet its commitment to the Clean Energy Communities program whose purpose includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- to help ensure investigation of options for meeting the 20% energy reduction goal by 2018,
- to help manage the benchmarking of City buildings, including Board of Education facilities,
- to help ensure investigation of options for meeting the 20% by 2018 clean, renewable energy purchase,
- to aid in looking into funding opportunities,

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- to explore how the City can leverage Energy Efficiency Fund and Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority programs to help meet its commitment to the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge, and
- to engage in any other activities determined necessary by City administration or the Task Force itself;

WHEREAS, the New Britain Clean Energy Task Force of six to eight members will be appointed by the City Council and the Mayor. Members will include: One member of the Common Council appointed, each, by the President Pro-Tempe, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader and four members appointed by the Mayor, including appropriate city staff, academics and or business representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of New Britain hereby makes its commitment to the Clean Energy Program by affirming its Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge and will track and report progress towards these goals and will continue to promote energy efficiency and clean, renewable technologies in the community. By doing so, the City of New Britain is eligible to receive incentives that may include free clean energy systems and up to two \$15,000 Bright Idea Grants per fiscal year that can be used toward energy-saving projects.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Majority Leader

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved January 9, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Bielinski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk

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