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## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**JUNE 6, 2013**

Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien called the Special Meeting of the Common Council to order at 9:20 p.m. on Thursday, the 6th day of June 2013 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, gave the invocation: O God, our Heavenly Father, we pray that you give this Common Council strength to make the proper decisions in adopting a budget that takes care of the needs of our City, but not forgetting the taxpayers who ultimately pay for those needs. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The City Clerk led the pledge to the flag.

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

### **MAYOR'S WARRANT**

TO THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN:

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO NOTIFY Suzanne Bielinski, Shirley A. Black, Rha-Sheen D. Brown, Carlo Carlozzi Jr., Roy Centeno, Tonilynn Collins, David DeFronzo, J. Tobias Freeman, Jamie Giantonio, Lawrence J. Hermanowski, Eva Magnuszewski, Wilfredo Pabon, Adam Platosz, Emmanuel R. Sanchez, Michael W. Trueworthy, Aldermen and Alderwomen of said City, that there will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council on Thursday evening, June 6, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 27 West Main Street, City Hall, for the following purposes:

1. To accept a report of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law regarding Mayor's Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Budget Appropriation for Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (LoCIP).
2. To accept a report of the Consolidated Sub-Committee regarding Mayor's Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Budget appropriation for Capital Improvement program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (LoCIP).
3. To accept a report of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing regarding Mayor's Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; Budget Appropriation for Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (LoCIP).
4. To act upon a Resolution regarding the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
5. To act upon a Resolution regarding the Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

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6. To act upon a Resolution regarding the Budget Appropriation for Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (LoCIP).

HEREOF FAIL NOT, but due service and return make according to law.  
Dated at New Britain, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

Timothy E. O'Brien Jr.  
Mayor

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LAW**

### **32253-2 RE: BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

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 Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a special meeting held on Thursday evening, June 6, 2013 at 8:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of the following: Item #32253-1 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 respectfully begs leave to recommend that the following resolutions be referred back to the Common Council with a ~~favorable~~ neutral recommendation.

Alderman Carlo Carozzi Jr.  
Chair

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend by changing the word "favorable" to "neutral", seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Report as amended accepted. Approved June 12, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

## **REPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE**

### **32253-3 RE: BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

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

The Consolidated Committee of the Common Council at a special meeting held on Thursday evening, June 6, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of the following: Item #32253-1 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 respectfully begs leave to recommend that the following resolutions be referred back to the Common Council with a ~~favorable~~ neutral recommendation.

~~Ald. Roy Centeno~~  
Alderman Shirley Black  
Chair

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend by changing the word "favorable" to "neutral", seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Carozzi further amended by changing the name of the Chair from "Roy Centeno" to "Shirley Black", seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. REPORT AS AMENDED TWICE ACCEPTED. Approved June 12, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

### 32253-4 RE: BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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 special meeting held on Thursday evening, June 6, 2013 at 8:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of the following: Item #32253-1 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 respectfully begs leave to recommend that the following resolutions be referred back to the Common Council with a ~~favorable~~ neutral recommendation.

Alderman Roy Centeno  
Chair

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend by changing the word "favorable" to "neutral", seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Report as amended accepted. Approved June 12, 2013 by Mayor Timothy E. O'Brien.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt Resolution #32253-5, seconded by Ald. Collins.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend by presenting a strike-all Resolution, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted.

## RESOLUTION

### 32253-5 RE: BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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:

A Resolution concerning the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Whereas, Mayor Tim O'Brien recommended a budget for the city that would not increase taxes, maintains public services, promotes a good quality of life in our city and invests in quality education; and

Whereas, The Common Council concurs that these key investments in our city's future should be made and that taxes should not be increased; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that there shall be a budget for the City for the Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2014; and be further

Resolved, that said budget consist of General Fund appropriations and revenues, as follows,

<u>Department</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Economic & Policy Development	\$11,000	\$758,054
Legal Services	\$1,840,256	\$2,451,039
Financial Services	\$135,468,134	\$53,761,650
Fire	\$200,000	\$12,115,612
Police	\$1,608,496	\$15,490,533
Telecommunications	\$6,250	\$1,755,111
Public Works	\$12,947,310	\$20,329,042
Community Services	\$3,400,650	\$5,835,009
Education	\$82,052,025	\$124,908,711

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Common Council	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$129,360</u>
Total General Fund	\$237,534,121	\$237,534,121

Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, upon recommendation of the Mayor, the attached estimates of revenue and expenditures, as amended by the Common Council, with all supporting data be the same as hereby made, and for the purpose of meeting said appropriation, a tax of 44.12 mills on the dollar be computed on the basis of a collection rate of 95.88% and the same is hereby laid on the Grand List of October 1, 2012 on all rateable estates and property within the limits of the City of New Britain liable to taxation, and be it further

Resolved, that all the city taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 excluding motor vehicles and personal property which shall be paid on July 1, 2013 and real property taxes shall be due and payable in equal semi-annual installments on the first day of July 2013 and the first day of January 2014 except that any tax of less than Two-Hundred dollars shall be due and payable in full on the first day of July 2013.

If any installments of such tax shall not be paid on or before the first business day of the month next succeeding that in which it shall be due and payable, such installment shall immediately become delinquent and shall be subject to interest at the rate and manner provided in the general statutes. Any taxpayer may pay the total amount of any such tax at the time when the first installment shall be payable and nothing herein shall preclude the payment of the January 1, 2013 installment prior to said 1st due date, and, be it further

Resolved, that \$18,000,000 in city bonding be committed toward the services of the Board of Education to bring resources made available to the city's schools of

BOARD OF EDUCATION FUNDING:

FY13 BOE rollup	118,560,557
FY14 BOE rollup increase	4,639,433
FY14 BOE capital	18,000,000
FY14 City Education Total	<u>141,200,000</u>
Education Increase	22,639,443
Amount greater than BOE request	2,512,660

And be it further

Resolved, that \$2,950,000 of the Community Services Department Grants and Contributions line item shall be earmarked for the New Britain Public Library and \$360,000 of said line item shall be earmarked for the New Britain Youth Museum, and be it further

Resolved, that the city mill rate for said Fiscal Year, keeping the level of taxes at no increase, shall be 44.12 mills, and be it further

Resolved, that the budgets of the following special funds shall be as follows for said Fiscal Year,

<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Stanley Golf Course	\$2,036,630	\$2,036,630
Chesley Park Cell Tower	\$25,000	\$25,000
Fairview Cemetery	\$533,116	\$533,116
Dog Fund	\$172,564	\$172,564
Sewer	\$8,176,442	\$8,176,442
Youth Service Bureau	\$340,338	\$340,338
Donations	\$60,000	\$60,000
Terrific Toys	\$15,800	\$15,800
Medical Self Insurance	\$34,165,003	\$34,165,003

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Workers Compensation	\$2,561,673	\$2,561,673
General Liability	\$174,750	\$174,750
Water	\$12,433,013	\$12,433,013

And be it further

Resolved, that the attached Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Equipment Plan be adopted.

Article XI of the Charter of the City of New Britain requires the Mayor to present to the Common Council a "Mayor's Proposed Capital Projects Budget". The Capital Projects Budget includes a listing of all proposed capital projects for a six (6) year period with a general description, location and an estimated cost for each proposed activity.

Public Act 87-584, Section 11-44, has created a program referred to as the "Local Capital Improvement Fund" (LOCIP) to provide assistance to Connecticut municipalities for capital activities. For the fiscal year 2013-2014, the State of Connecticut allocated \$959,272 of new monies to New Britain.

The Mayor evaluated the needs of city departments and identified specific projects for funding through the Local Capital Improvement Program Entitlement XXVI. Individual grant applications to the State of Connecticut for approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management is proposed for the projects listed below:

<u>Project:</u>	
Public Works	
South Main Street Corridor	<u>\$959,272</u>
Total LOCIP	<u>\$959,272</u>

Resolved, Timothy E. O'Brien Jr., Mayor of the City of New Britain, be authorized to execute all grant documents with the State on behalf of the City for the projects identified herein and,

Resolved, the sum of \$959,272 be appropriated within the Special Revenue Fund, LoCIP Fund #213, for the projects specified with the individual expenditure and revenue accounts established for Entitlement XXVI grant proceeds.

President Pro-Tempore Michael Trueworthy

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. Roll Call Vote – 13 in favor, 2 opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Centeno, DeFronzo, Sanchez, Collins, Black, Hermanowski, Platosz, Brown, Freeman, Pabon and Bielinski. OPPOSED: Ald. Carlozzi and Giantonio. RESOLUTION ADOPTED. Approved June 6, 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. Collins. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk