

August 7, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 7, 2014

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Special Meeting of the Common Council to order at 9:15 p.m. on Thursday the 7th day of August 2014 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Fifteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Black, Collins, Platosz, Sanchez, Carlozzi, DeFronzo, Salvio, Pabon, Giantonio, Smedley, Salerno, Naples, and Bielinski.

The pledge to the flag was led by Ald. Smedley.

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, give us a Common Council that will lead in vision and wisdom. A Common Council that has the courage and strength of their convictions to better New Britain for all who rely on it for a quality of life second to none. Give us a Common Council that provides strong leadership and unified consensus for the economic vitality of our City. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

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

MAYOR'S WARRANT

TO THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN:

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, you are hereby commanded to notify Suzanne Bielinski, Shirley Black, Carlo Carlozzi, Jr., Tonilynn Collins, David DeFronzo, Jamie Giantonio, Eva Magnuszewski, Don Naples, Wilfredo Pabon, Adam Platosz, Daniel Salerno, Louis Salvio, Emmanuel Sanchez, Robert Smedley, Michael Trueworthy, Aldermen and Alderwomen of said City, that there will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council on Thursday evening, August 7, 2014 at 7:00 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 Resolution #32797 to amend the Code of Ordinances by enacting Sec. 17-56 to create the Stanley Park Trust Fund.
2. To act on Resolution #32797 to amend the Code of Ordinances by enacting Sec. 17-56 to create the Stanley Park Trust Fund.
3. To act on a Resolution to authorize Mayor Erin E. Stewart to execute a Tax Assessment Modification Agreement on behalf of the City of New Britain with Costco Wholesale Corporation.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, but due service and return make according to law.
Dated at New Britain, this 24th day of July, 2014.

Erin E. Stewart, Mayor

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RESOLUTION

31583-4 RE: TAX ASSESSMENT MODIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

To Her 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, Section 12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes permits a municipality and property owner to, by agreement, fix the assessment at a certain figure for a period not more than seven (7) years if the cost of improvements constructed on the property is in excess of three million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Costco Wholesale Corporation has agreed to pay the City of New Britain \$4,100,000 for the purchase of a 15.32 acre parcel of property located on 405 Hartford Road and plans to construct a wholesale and retail facility; and

WHEREAS, the cost of real property improvements related to said construction will exceed \$3,000,000.00 and will meet all the eligibility criteria for fixing of assessments under the provisions of Section 12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, this construction will expand the economic base of the City; and

WHEREAS, Costco Wholesale Corporation and the City of New Britain have proposed entering into a Tax Assessment Modification Agreement for a period not to exceed seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of New Britain deems such a Tax Modification Agreement to be in the best interests of the City of New Britain provided it will facilitate the closing on the property; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute a Tax Assessment Modification Agreement on behalf of the City of New Britain with Costco Wholesale Corporation but only if the closing on the sale of the property to Costco Wholesale Corporation takes place on or before August 19, 2014.

Alderman Wilfredo Pabon
Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. Roll call vote – 12 in favor, 3 opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Black, Collins, Platosz, Sanchez, Carlozzi, Salvio, Pabon, Giantonio, Smedley, Salerno, Naples and Bielinski. OPPOSED: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski and DeFronzo. RESOLUTION ADOPTED. Approved August 7, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

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