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## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 22, 2014**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January 2014 at 8:03 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Twelve members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Black, Collins, Sanchez, Carlozzi, DeFronzo, Salvio, Pabon, Gianantonio, Salerno, and Naples.

Three members were absent: Ald. Platosz who is ill, Ald. Smedley who is out of town, and Ald. Bielinski who has family issues.

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, watch over all public safety officers. Give them the strength, courage and perseverance to endure the unjust condemnation, danger and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected to. Provide your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant these brave officers your almighty protection. Unite them safely with their families after their duty to the people of New Britain has ended. Give Officer Brett Morgan and his family the strength, love, determination and energy to recover from his serious injuries. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Michael Frisbie.

The Council stood at ease as Mayor Stewart gave an update on the condition of Officer Brett Morgan, who was seriously injured after being struck and dragged by a stolen car. The New Britain Police Union has set up "Brett Morgan Benefit Fund" @ TD Bank.

Ald. Carlozzi was granted a point of personal privilege and congratulated Ald. Louis G. Salvio on his January 7th victory and said they are both passionate about New Britain.

Ald. Carlozzi also congratulated Mayor Erin Stewart and Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez who were recently named to Connecticut Magazine "40 under 40".

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2014, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by adding 32577-1(A1), 32578-1(A2), 32577-2(H), 32577-3(H1), 32578-2(I), 32578-3(I1) and by removing 3, 4, and 5. Motion seconded by Ald. Collins. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

### **PETITIONS**

- 32613**            **ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION APPROVAL TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE GENERAL REPAIRER'S AND AUTO DEALER'S LICENSE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 62C ST. CLAIR AVE. REFERRED TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND ZONING SUB-COMMITTEE.**
- 32614**            **ALD. DEFRONZO FOR FILLING TWO POTHoles AT THE CORNER OF SLATER ROAD AND OSGOOD AVENUE. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

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- 32615 ALD. SALERNO FOR REVIEWING THE CROSSWALK NEAR JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE CORNER OF HORSEPLAIN ROAD AND SLATER ROAD. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 32616 ALD. SANCHEZ FOR REMOVING ALL “NO PARKING ANY TIME” SIGNS ON WESTERLY STREET. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 32617 ALD. SANCHEZ FOR INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE MALFUNCTIONING PARKING METERS ON WASHINGTON STREET. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.**

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Collins. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CITY CLERK**

#### **32606 RE: CLAIMS FOR INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE**

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

#### **CLAIMANTS NAME**

- Arren, Meyer by Atty. Michael T. Feola
- Borda, Connie by Atty. H. Brian Dumeer
- Demaio, Henry by his Atty. John H. Hagel Jr.
- Lebron, Alisandra
- Pellitier, Reine
- Rosado, Rick by Atty. Annette Smith
- Salceda, Julie B.
- Sanchez, Juanita (for a minor) by Atty. Nancy S. Hunter
- Siriphongsavath, Rasamy
- Town of East Haven by Atty. Frank J. Kolb Jr.
- Waas, Charity by Atty. H. Brian Dumeer
- Waas, Joshua by Atty. H. Brian Dumeer
- Williams, Ebony
- Winkler, Paulina

Mark H. Bernacki  
City Clerk

## **CITY PLAN COMMISSION**

#### **32577-1 RE: RECOMMENDING CHANGE FROM S-2 TO B-3 AT 955 AND 975 FARMINGTON AVENUE**

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

The City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting held on January 6, 2014, voted 6 to 0, to recommend that this proposed zone change be adopted:

**BACKGROUND:** This proposed change to the Official City Zoning Map was filed on behalf of owners of properties at 955 and 975 Farmington Avenue. The location is on the eastern side of

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Farmington Avenue at the corner of Alexander Road. Combined, the two parcels total approximately 6.5 acres, with 600 feet of frontage along Alexander Road and 535 feet along Farmington Avenue. The properties are currently zoned S-2, Single-Family, and the proposed zone change would result in the properties being re-zoned to B-3, Secondary Business.

**FINDINGS:** Presently, the properties at 955 and 975 Farmington Avenue are mostly vacant except for a small, single-family house located near the corner and the former Guida's Dairy Bar located farther south along Farmington Avenue. The property is abutted to the east and south by well-established, conforming, single-family residential neighborhoods along Farmington Avenue, Alexander Road, Lewis Road and Susan Road. Most of the opposite side of Farmington Avenue is also single-family residential in character with the exception of the 108-unit Trinity Towers apartment building located at the southwestern corner of the intersection. The nearest business locations include the funeral home at 764 Farmington Avenue and the various businesses located in and adjacent to the Farmingdale Plaza, including the vacant, former Caldor's and Walmart Store, the current Aldi's supermarket, a pizza restaurant, gasoline station, bank branch office, etc.

The nearby properties on the northern side of Alexander and Slater Roads lie outside the City of New Britain boundaries and are wooded, vacant parcels owned by the City of Hartford, and are associated with the Batterson Park open space. From a traffic standpoint, Alexander Road is a mostly residential collector street and Slater Road and Farmington Avenue are designated to be minor arterials, with Farmington Avenue giving access to the I-84 interchange in Farmington, a short distance away, approximately 1/3 of a mile.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:** There are a number of planning considerations related to assessing this proposed zone change. First, this site is a prime location for commercial development from the standpoint of visibility, traffic count and economic value. The 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development update examined the entire length of Farmington Avenue and suggested that the vision for this corridor should be to retain the mostly residential character at its current density. The planning statement did allow, however, that some convenience retail may be appropriate at selected locations within the corridor, as part of a mixed-use development. The importance of protecting the appearance and character of the city's "gateway locations" was also emphasized in the plan.

Potential development under the current S-2 zoning would most likely result in a moderate density layout of somewhere between 10 to maybe 15 single-family homes or potentially a church or similar place of worship. Considering its high visibility "gateway" location and potential economic value, it is evident neither type of these S-2 developments would be especially desirable, in terms of appearance, nor from a "highest and best use" economic and tax base standpoint.

The prior request for a zone change to B-2 Shopping Center zoning for this property in July 2010, was relatively speculative as to what specific land uses were planned. The prospective developer advancing this current zone change petition has shown some conceptual plans detailing the prospective uses for the site, including a well-laid out gasoline station, near the corner, an assisted-care facility and some ancillary retail business. The B-3 zone requires a 25-foot planted, transitional buffer, wherever it abuts a residential zoned property, affording a level of separation and protection to the residential neighbors.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Plan Commission is of the opinion the current S-2 residential zoning would not support development that is desirable from a perspective of gateway appearance or economic value. The proposed zone change provides for a more feasible potential for development that makes optimal use of the property's location assets from an economic standpoint, minimizes adverse effects to the residential neighbors and, presuming a good high-quality design, provides an attractive gateway into the City appearance. The Commission, therefore, recommends adoption of this zone change and encourages the developer and his design team to work cooperatively with city staff to formulate a development

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plan that is very high-quality in terms of both visual appearance and functionality and one which will be an asset to the City and the immediate neighborhood.

Louis G. Amodio, Chairman  
City Plan Commission

**32578-1 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCES ADDING SEC. 220-10-970 PROHIBITING CORRECTIONS FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION CENTERS, HALF-WAY HOUSES, PAWN SHOPS AND CHECK CASHING ESTABLISHMENTS FROM BEING PERMITTED IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY**

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

The City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting held on January 6, 2014, voted 6 to 0 to approve the following report:

**BACKGROUND:** This amendment is based on similar ordinances that have been adopted in other municipalities. It was submitted with the intention of preventing the establishment of these specific types of operations in the City of New Britain. These types of uses are generally viewed as posing problems to the community by either encouraging or facilitating crime, or creating an undesirable appearance or character within the general vicinity and for these reasons or for other concerns or perceptions result in causing a devaluation of the neighboring properties.

**FINDINGS:** There are very real concerns related to these uses, though in some cases it may be more a matter of negative perception, rather than an actual, measurable adverse effect. The City does have a number of existing pawn shops, check cashing establishments, as well as some number of half-way houses and alternative corrections facilities. Depending on the specific nature of the facility, the half-way houses or alternative incarceration facilities may be deemed to be exempted from municipal zoning regulation under provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act or subject to statutory requirements regarding protection of privacy, which would pose problems for identifying and enforcing the prohibition.

Adoption of this amendment would prohibit only new pawn shops, check cashing establishments, half-way houses, etc. It would result in these types of uses that are already established being made nonconforming and "grandfathered" in their current location and size.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Plan Commission supports the regulation of any land use which poses problems for the community or any surrounding neighborhood. Recognizing that there may be difficulties in enforcement and recommending that there be further research to determine whether there may be additional or better means of regulating such nuisance uses, the City Plan Commission recommends adoption of this zoning amendment.

Louis G. Amodio, Chairman  
City Plan Commission

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**32607 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 10/02/2013 THRU 01/15/2014**

To Her 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

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the transfers executed by the mayor in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance for the period ending January 15, 2014

- 2. Department: Common Council  
From: 001101001-5540 (Advertising)  
To: 001101001-5610 (Postage, Copies & Scans)  
Amount: \$2,500.00  
Brief Description: Funds needed to purchase new copier for Common Council Office.
  
- 3. Department: Dog Fund  
From: 205211101-5122 (Overtime)  
To: 205211101-5331 (Professional Services)  
Amount: \$5,800.00  
Brief Description: Funds needed to pay dog boarding costs from July thru September 2013 at the Connecticut K-9, Inc., during dog pound renovations.

Rebecca Salerni  
Acting Finance Director

### PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**32608 RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – EXTENDED MAINTENANCE FOR A HANDHELD COMPUTER, INTERFACE UNIT AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES – PUBLIC WORKS**

To Her 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 2-531 a purchase order was requested by the Public Works Department, Utilities Division, for Extended Maintenance on a DAP Handheld Computer, Interface Unit and Software Support Services.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Price</u>
TI-Sales Sudbury, MA.	Extended Maintenance for a DAP Handheld Computer, Interface Unit and Software Support Services	\$6,072.00

TI-Sales is the only provider of this Extended Maintenance for the DAP Handheld Computer and Interface Unit as well as providing Software Support for these units for the Utilities Division. TI-Sales has provided this service to the Utilities Division for many years. TI-Sales is also the only distributor in the area that can supply the needed maintenance and software support for this DAP Handheld Computer and Interface Unit. It would be very difficult to find another area distributor or computer support company to provide the needed maintenance and software support for this DAP Handheld Computer and Interface Unit. The DAP Handheld Computer is a key component in the Utilities Division's meter reading and billing system. It is in continuous use, and is essential to the Utilities Division's ability to continue to operate. This purchase request has also been presented to the Water Commission at their January 7, 2014 meeting. At this meeting they approved the Deputy Director of the Public Works Department's recommendation to extend the Maintenance for the DAP Handheld Computer, Interface Unit and Software Support Services from TI-Sales for another year. Funding to pay for the Extended Maintenance for the DAP Handheld Computer, Interface Unit and the Software Support is available in the Public Works Department, Utilities Division's, account 9303500204-5659, Maintenance, Expenditures, Transmissions and Distributions.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent be and hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$6,072.00 to TI-Sales of Sudbury, MA for the Extended Maintenance on the DAP Handheld

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Computer, Interface Unit and Software Support Services for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division, for a period of one (1) year.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**32609 RE: ANNUAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT AND MOBILE INSPECTION SOFTWARE FOR THE IT DEPARTMENT**

To Her 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 2-531 a purchase order was requested by the Information Technology Department for the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support of the City's Code Enforcement and Mobile Inspection Software.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vision Government Solutions, Inc. Northboro, MA.	Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support	\$11,138.00

The Information Technology Department has requested a purchase order for the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support of the City's Code Enforcement and Mobile Inspection Software. The software was purchased by the City in 2012. The software is designed for city-wide management of all citizen complaints, in the field property inspections and data capture, documentation and collaboration. The software facilitates the effective enforcement of the city's zoning regulations and ordinances and its use by the City was encouraged by the State of Connecticut. During the past year this software reduced process time of permits, complaints and greatly enhanced access of information for City Departments to dramatically improve customer services for residents and local businesses. Vision Government Solutions, Inc. is the creator of this software. They are the only one that can provide this Annual Software Maintenance and Technical support to the City. Therefore it would be very difficult to find another local software company to provide a competitive bid for the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical support. Bid solicitation for the annual renewal of the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support would not be beneficial to the City. Funding for this Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support is available in the Information Technology Department's account number, 001107006-5434, Maintenance Contracts.

RESOLVED: The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$11,138.00 to Vision Government Solutions, Inc. of Northboro, MA. for the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support of the City's Code Enforcement and Mobile Inspection Software.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**32519-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT – 26 ADAMS STREET**

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

Public Works confirmed the installation of a streetlight on Pole # 98789 in front of 26 Adams Street on January 6, 2014.

Mark E. Moriarty  
Director Public Works

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## **TAX COLLECTOR**

### **32610 RE: TAX ABATEMENTS, CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS**

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

The Collector of Taxes has referred a list of tax abatements, corrections and refunds. Acceptance and adoption is respectfully recommended.

Cheryl S. Blogoslowski  
Tax Collector

## **ZONING COMMITTEE**

### **32577-2 RE: CHANGE OF ZONE FROM S-2 TO B-3 FOR PROPERTIES AT 955 AND 975 FARMINGTON AVENUE**

To Her 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 gave due and legal notice of a time and place for a public hearing in reference to item 32577 – To amend the zoning map to change from the current S-2 (Single Family) zone to B-3 (Secondary Business), for properties at 955 and 975 Farmington Avenue, at the southern corner of Farmington Avenue and Alexander Road. Said hearing was held on Tuesday evening, January 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy  
Acting Chair

### **32578-2 RE: TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES ADDING SEC. 220-10-970 TO PROHIBIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION CENTERS, HALF-WAY HOUSES, PAWN SHOPS AND CHECK CASHING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY**

To Her 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 gave due and legal notice of a time and place for a public hearing in reference to item 32578 – To amend the Zoning Ordinances adding Section 220-10-970 to specifically prohibit correctional facilities, alternative incarceration centers, half-way houses, pawn shops and check cashing establishments from being permitted in any zoning district in the City. Said hearing was held on Tuesday evening, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy  
Acting Chair

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**REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**32600-1 RE: COST INCURRED BY THE CITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WARD FIVE REVOTE ON 01/07/2014**

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

The following is a breakdown of the costs related to the 1-7-14 Ward 5 Special Election:

Office Staff and Poll Workers	\$ 9,184.80
Mileage (Convalescent Homes) (R)	\$ 130.00
Frank Marrocco (Court & Re-Canvass)	\$ 490.00
LHS (Lynn Haas Services – Memory Cards)	\$ 670.00
Meyers Trucking (Transport Voting Machines)	\$ 750.00
AT&T (Hook Up, Activate & Test Phone/Fax Lines)	\$ 720.00
IVS (Telephone Access for Persons with Disabilities)	\$ 100.00
Police	\$ 1,500.00
Custodians	\$ 856.00
Total	\$14,400.80

Rebecca Salerni  
Acting Finance Director

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**ZONING COMMITTEE**

**32577-3 RE: CHANGE OF ZONE FROM S-2 (SINGLE FAMILY) TO B-3 (SECONDARY BUSINESS) FOR PROPERTIES AT 955 AND 975 FARMINGTON AVE. AT THE SOUTHERN CORNER OF FARMINGTON AVE. AND ALEXANDER RD.**

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

The City Plan Commission, at a regular meeting held on January 6, 2014, voted 6 to 0 to recommend the following proposed zone change to the Zoning Map be approved.

The Common Council as the Zoning Authority of the City of New Britain voted to accept the following proposed zone change to the Zoning Map and refer back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

To amend the zoning map to change from the current S-2 (Single Family) zone to B-3 (Secondary Business), for properties at 955 and 975 Farmington Avenue, at the southern corner of Farmington Avenue and Alexander Road.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy  
Acting Chair



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Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, to take effect ten days after the Mayor's signature. Motion seconded by Ald. Collins. ROLL CALL VOTE – 12 in favor, 0 opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Black, Collins, Sanchez, Carlozzi, DeFronzo, Salvio, Pabon, Giantonio, Salerno and Naples. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32578-3 RE: AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES BY ADDING SEC. 220-10-970 TO PROHIBIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE INCARCERATION CENTERS, HALF-WAY HOUSES, PAWN SHOPS AND CHECK CASHING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY.**

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

The City Plan Commission, at a regular meeting held on January 6, 2014, voted 6 to 0 to recommend the adoption of this Zoning Amendment.

The Common Council as the Zoning Authority of the City of New Britain voted to accept the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances and refer back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

To amend the Zoning Ordinances adding Section 220-10-970 to specifically prohibit correctional facilities, alternative incarceration centers, half-way houses, pawn shops and check cashing establishments from being permitted in any zoning district in the City.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy  
Acting Chair

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, to take effect ten days after the Mayor's signature. Motion seconded by Ald. Collins. ROLL CALL VOTE – 12 in favor, 0 opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Trueworthy, Magnuszewski, Black, Collins, Sanchez, Carlozzi, DeFronzo, Salvio, Pabon, Giantonio, Salerno and Naples. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**32611 RE: CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH REDUCING FUNDING FOR THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM**

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:

Program Objective: minimizing the risk of spreading sexually transmitted diseases through awareness, identification, treatment and intervention. Grant funded personnel perform services within the Health Department and throughout the City of New Britain in order to promulgate the program plan. The initial year of grant funding was July 1980.

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

WHEREAS, the control of sexually transmitted diseases remains a core public health function in the City of New Britain and

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WHEREAS; the New Britain Health Department has an existing contract with the State Department of Public Health to provide services under their Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program

WHEREAS; the State Department of Public Health has issued a contract amendment to add a cost of living adjustment and reduce funding based on the State's adopted budget for fiscal year 2014.

WHEREAS; the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health has notified the City that it is reducing the grant to \$12,565 from \$13,092 for fiscal year 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor be authorized to the contract amendment agreement for this program and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Revenue Fund, STD Control Program #2014-0004, be amended at this time for the purpose of recording all income and expenditure activity and reflect an authorized expenditure budget of \$12,565 and an anticipated income from the State of Connecticut of \$12,565 for fiscal year 07/01/013 through 06/30/14.

Revenues:	<u>FY 2013/14</u>	
280522129-4222	St of CT	\$ 12,565.00
Expenditures:		
280522129-5124	P/T Salaries	\$ 11,771.00
280522129-5231	Medicare	\$ 174.00
280522129-5876	Administration	\$ 500.00
280522129-5810	Fees & Membership	\$ 120.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 12,565.00

Alderman Adam Platosz  
Alderman Michael Trueworthy

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32612 RE: REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

Whereas the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

Whereas on October 23, 2013 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed a resolution authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

Whereas the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the Capitol Region have developed a list of service sharing project proposals that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities and the region as a whole; and

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Whereas the City of New Britain has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal(s) entitled

1. Regional Nutmeg Network Connections
2. Regional Data / Disaster Recovery Center
3. Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory
4. Human Resources On-line Clearinghouse and Templates Now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the New Britain City Council does hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposal and authorizes Her Honor Erin E. Stewart to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the Town's participation in this program.

Alderman Adam Platosz  
Alderman Michael Trueworthy

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy requested, and was granted, a two minute recess. Recess began at 8:34 p.m.

The Council returned to order at 8:39 p.m.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Trueworthy moved to take from the table Report of the Purchasing Department #32584, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted.

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

### **32584 RE: VOTING MACHINE MAINTENANCE FOR THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE**

To Her 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 will be requested by New Britain Registrar of Voters for the annual maintenance of their Voting Machines.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
LHS Associates Salem, NH.	Annual Maintenance of Voting Machines	37	\$200.00	\$7,400.00

The New Britain Registrar of Voters will be in need of an annual maintenance to be performed to their Voting Machines. In the past, the Secretary of the State's Office has paid for the annual maintenance of the Voting Machines for the Municipalities. The Secretary of the State's office will not continue paying for this Voting Machine Maintenance as of June 30, 2014 when their contract with LHS Associates will expire. The maintenance cost will then be incurred by the Municipality that has the Voting Machines. The Voting Machines need to be maintained on an annual basis to assure that they are working properly and will correctly record votes during the

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elections. LHS Associates provides this service to seven hundred and fifty (750) municipalities throughout New England and New York. LHS Associates is the sole source provider of this Voting Machine Maintenance in the area. Bid solicitation for the purchase of this annual maintenance to the Voting Machines would not be beneficial to the City. The Purchasing Agent has verified this. Funding for this purchase will be available in the Registrar of Voters, Democratic's account number, 001104001-5436, Equipment Maintenance and Repairs and Registrar of Voters, Republican's account number, 001104002-5436, Equipment Maintenance and Repairs.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$7,400.00 and enter into a maintenance agreement with LHS Associates of Salem, NH for the annual maintenance of Voting Machines for the New Britain Registrar of Voters.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved January 23, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

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