REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:37 p.m. on Wednesday, the 12th day of November 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 invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, as morning starts too early and in the dark and we change our sleep habits, we give thanks that you have provided us with your bounty of coffee. Give our School-aged children the strength to rise early and perform to the best of their abilities even with groggy minds and tired bodies. We thank you for all the goodness in our lives. Thank you for keeping our children safe during the Halloween festivities and for motivating them to resist the temptation to eat all of their goodness in one night. During this Thanksgiving season we also give you thanks for family and friendship, happiness and health to enjoy the riches of your bounty. Give us adults the will power to enjoy your Thanksgiving bounty, but have us remember, it's not the hours we spend at the table, it's the seconds. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Gerry Amodio.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of retired policeman, Gary Riley, who died on Nov. 5, 2014. Gary was a former Park & Recreation Commissioner, a Board of Health Commissioner and most recently a Housing Commissioner.

A point of personal privilege was extended to Ald. Bielinski who reminded everyone of a fund raiser on Nov.14th at Roma's Restaurant to defray the cost of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Mayor Stewart relinquished the Chair to Mayor Pro Tempore Suzanne Bielinski in order to present to the New Britain Police Department the award for the best Police Department in the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A point of personal privilege was also extended to Ald. Carlozzi who thanked the volunteers for their support regarding the rededication of Campbell Square and also thanked Ald. Naples for his fund raising efforts in regard to Campbell Square.

Ald. Carlozzi also thanked the volunteers in regard to "Wreaths across America" - a ceremony will be held at Fairview Cemetery on Dec. 13, 2014 at which time 1300 wreaths will be placed at military graves.

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Sept. 24, 2014, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Collins moved to amend the Agenda by adding 32926(8) and 32927(9), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

PETITIONS

- 32928 RE: ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR A REPORT FROM THE BUILDING DEPT. AND/OR FOR THE INSPECTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 288, 292, 296 MONROE ST. UNFINISHED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ARE A BANE TO THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. REFERRED TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
- 32929 RE: ALD. BLACK FOR INVESTIGATION INTO LATE DELIVERY HOURS AT 251 WHITING STREET. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.
- 32930 RE: ALD. SALVIO FOR GRANTING OF A CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE GENERAL REPAIRER'S AND AUTO DEALER'S LICENSE FOR

PROPERTY AT 117-A CHRISTIAN LANE. REFERRED TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING.

32931 RE: ALD. SALERNO FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING A STREET LIGHT AT 265 WEST MAIN STREET. REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

32932 RE: ALD. BIELINSKI AND ALD. GIANTONIO FOR A REPORT FROM THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS PERTAINING TO ANY ISSUES THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE NOV. 6, 2014 ELECTIONS. REFERRED TO THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved Nov. 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

32912 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

- Barsaleau, Shirley by her Atty. Adam D. Meltsner
- Singletary, Ondreigha
- Tierney, Scott

Mark H. Bernacki City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

32913 RE: EDNA HOMAR V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

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

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$6,250) be paid to Edna Homar and William Rivera, Esq., her attorney, in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain, now pending in Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, at New Britain, for bodily injuries she sustained on March 5, 2011 when she allegedly tripped over a broken sign post on the sidewalk at 492 West Main Street. As a result of the incident, plaintiff alleges that she has suffered contusions and abrasions to the face, three broken teeth, cervical sprain/strain, left knee contusion and left ankle sprain. In medical specials, the plaintiff has incurred \$6,476.18. There are two liens for the medical bills.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after settlement negotiations between Honorable Judge Sweinton, City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and William Rivera, Esq., with the approval and consent of Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

This suit is to be withdrawn by the plaintiff without costs to the City of New Britain and settlement is to be made without admission of any liability.

Irena J. Urbaniak City Attorney

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

32916 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – VEHICLE EMERGENCY LIGHTING, EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION – N.B. POLICE DEPT.

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 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested by the New Britain Police Department for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>Price</u>
MHQ	Emergency Lighting, Equipment and	\$4,312.54
Marlborough, MA.	Installation on a Hummer	

The New Britain Police Department requested the purchase and installation of Emergency Lighting, Sirens, and Electrical Systems for their Hummer utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #11PSX0134. The Hummer was a surplus vehicle of the Federal Government and was given to the New Britain Police Department at no cost. The Hummer will be utilized to conduct investigations at major crime scenes off of City Streets. Cost of the Emergency Lighting, Equipment and Installation on the Hummer is being paid for also by the Federal Government Grant Funds. The Police Department Administration requested that the expense for this purchase be taken from their account number 289211128-5740, Asset Forfeiture Federal, Other Miscellaneous Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$4,312.54 to MHQ of Marlborough, MA for the purchase and installation of Emergency Lighting and Equipment on a Hummer for the New Britain Police Department utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #11PSX0134.

Jack Pieper Purchasing Agent

32917 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING - 2 COMMERCIAL WATER HEATERS FOR VETERANS STADIUM - DEPT. OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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 2-538 (a), purchase order were requested for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan for the Public Works Department, Property Management Division.

<u>Supplier</u>	Item	Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
F.W. Webb Company	Commercial	2	\$3,946.04	\$7,892.08
Hartford, CT.	Water Heaters			

The Public Works Department, Property Management Division, requested the purchase of two (2) Commercial Water Heaters for Veteran's Stadium utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #10PSX0060. The existing Water Heaters at Veteran's Stadium outlived their life expectancy. They started to leak water and could not be repaired. Because the Water Heaters were old, parts to make the needed repairs were no longer available. The Property Management Division removed the Water Heaters to protect the Stadium from water damage. They will install the new Water Heaters when they are purchased. Funding for this purchase is available within the Property Management Division's account number, 001419006-5435, Building Grounds, Maintenance and Repairs.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$7,892.08 to F.W. Webb Company of Hartford CT for the purchase of two (2) Commercial Water Heaters for Veteran's Stadium utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #10PSX0060.

32918 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, GLOCK PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION FOR THE POLICE 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 2-538 (a), purchase order was requested by the New Britain Police Department for the following under the State of Massachusetts Cooperative Purchasing Plan.

<u>Supplier</u>	ltem	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	Price
International Arms Corporation	GLOCK 23 Pistol	17	\$109.00	\$ 1,853.00
Billerica, MA	GLOCK 22 Pistol	158	129.00	20,382.00
	GLOCK 17T Pistol	15	454.00	6,810.00
	GLOCK 22 Pistol	10	409.00	4,090.00
	GLOCK Magazine	60	19.95	<u>1,197.00</u>
	Total Pric	ce		\$34,322.00

The New Britain Police Department requested the purchase of one hundred and eighty five (185) new GLOCK Pistols and sixty (60) new Ammunition Magazines utilizing the State of Massachusetts's Contract Award #LAW09. There were no GLOCK dealers in the State of Connecticut. This fact has been verified by the Purchasing Agent. The existing GLOCK Pistols are approximately nine (9) years old and need to be replaced. The Pistol's Ammunition Magazines and internal parts have been in use beyond their intended life span. The current Pistols are still in working order but the Ammunition Magazines and internal parts need to be replaced in a timely fashion if repairs are needed to be made to them. International Arms Corporation's price for the new Pistols includes a trade-in of the one hundred seventy–five (175) existing pistols. The trade-in is a cost savings of \$49,340.00 to the City. The cost of the new GLOCK Pistols and Ammunition Magazines are being paid for by the Federal Government Grant Funds. The Police Department Administration requested that the expense for this purchase be taken from their account number 289211128-5740, Asset Forfeiture Federal, Other Miscellaneous Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$34,322.00 to International Arms Corporation of Billerica, MA for the purchase of two hundred (200) GLOCK Pistols and sixty (60) Ammunition Magazines for the New Britain Police Department utilizing the State of Massachusetts's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #LAWP09.

Jack Pieper Purchasing Agent

TAX COLLECTOR

32919 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. Blogoslawski Tax Collector

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LAW

32900-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES REGARDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE NEW BRITAIN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

To Her 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 held a regular meeting and public hearing on Wednesday, November 05, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #32900, to amend the Code of Ordinances regarding the authority of the New Britain Commission

on the Arts, voted to accept as amended and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman David DeFronzo Chair

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

32914 RE: BROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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

Public Bid No. 3759 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Broad Street Improvements, Phase II for the Public Works Department. Funding is available for this purchase within the Public Work Department's Account Number, 0083240301-5454, Broad Street, Reconstruction.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald and the Hartford Courant Newspapers, City and State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to forty (40) Construction Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Construction Companies on the mailing list who indicated they could not provide a response to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department Administration, the City's On-call Engineering Company associated with this project and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of Public Works is recommending that the bid be awarded to LTC Construction Company, Inc. of New Britain, CT who submitted the lowest responsible bid and met all of the bid specifications for the Broad Street Improvements, Phase II.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$3,730,696.50 and enter into a contract with LTC Construction Company, Inc. of New Britain, CT for the Broad Street Improvements, Phase II, for the Public Works Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3759.

Jack Pieper Purchasing Agent

Ald. Pabon recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest – his company is bidding on the fencing part of the project. Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Pabon returned to the Chambers.

32915 RE: ELAM ST. WATER TANK REPLACEMENT, CORBIN AVE. PUMP STATION & WEST MAIN ST. GATE HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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

Public Bid No. 3805 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Elam Street Water Tank Replacement, Corbin Avenue Pump Station and West Main Street Gate House Improvements for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division. The Utilities Division is being funded for this in part by a loan from the State of Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Funding is available for this purchase within the Public Works Department, Utilities Division's account number, 0083257601-5454, Capital Projects, Elam Street Water Tank, Public Works.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald and the Hartford Courant Newspapers, City and State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to eleven (11) Construction Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Construction Companies on the mailing list who indicated they could not provide a response to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Utilities Division Administration, the City's On-call Engineering Company associated with this project and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Deputy Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to The Associated Construction Company of Hartford, CT who submitted the lowest responsible bid and met all of the bid specifications for the Elam Street Water Tank Replacement, Corbin Avenue Pump Station and West Main Street Gate House Improvements. The bid result was presented to the Water Commission at their October 7, 2014 meeting. At this meeting they approved the Deputy Director of the Public Works Department's recommendation to award the bid for the Elam Street Water Tank Replacement, Corbin Avenue Pump Station and West Main Street Gate House Improvements to The Associated Construction Company of Hartford, CT.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$2,973,428.00 and enter into a contract upon receiving the Loan Assistance Agreement from the State of Connecticut's Attorney General's Office with The Associated Construction Company of Hartford, CT for the Elam Street Water Tank Replacement, Corbin Avenue Pump Station and West Main Street Gate House Improvements for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3805.

Jack Pieper Purchasing Agent

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

32900-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-584 OF THE ORDINANCES REGARDING PROMOTION OF PUBLIC ARTS

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:

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE. To amend the Code of Ordinances regarding the authority of the New Britain Commission on the Arts.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that Section 2-584 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended to read as follows (inserted text appears in <u>underline</u>; deleted text appears in strikethrough; new sections begin with the word [new]):

Sec. 2-584. Promotion of pPublic aArts.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

City building means any building or facility owned or leased by the City of New Britain and open to the public or intended for such use, exclusive of any shed, warehouse, garage or building of a temporary nature.

City street means any street owned or otherwise controlled by the e<u>C</u>ity, including, adjacent to said street, all light posts, utility posts, traffic signs, traffic signal lights and associated equipment, street signs, etc.

Commission means the New Britain Commission on the Arts.

Construction project means any construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration to any \underline{eC} ity building, \underline{eC} ity street or \underline{eC} ity park, the value of which construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration is more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

Renovation does not include a project of which the principal purpose is the rehabilitation of:

- (1) Plumbing, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning or electrical systems; or
- (2) Light posts, utility posts, traffic signs, traffic signal lights and associated equipment, street signs, etc.

Work of art means art work created by a professional artist, artisan or craftsperson which is to be in, on or located in the immediate vicinity of such construction project, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Paintings, including all media and both portable and permanently affixed works of art such as murals and frescoes;
- (2) Sculpture, including bas-relief, high relief, mobile, fountain, kinetic, environmental, electronic, and in-the-round sculpture;
- (3) Prints, calligraphy, clay, drawings, stained glass, mosaics, photographs, fiber and textiles, wood, metal, plastics and other materials or combinations of materials;
- (4) Mixed media, including any combination of forms of media; or
- (5) Architectural embellishment or functional art; provided that "work of art" as used in this section shall not include building architecture, landscape architecture or landscape gardening.

(b) The <u>bB</u>oard of <u>tF</u>inance and <u>tT</u>axation and the <u>cC</u>ommon <u>cC</u>ouncil, in the allocation of monies for any construction project, shall allocate for works of art, with respect to each such project and for the purposes of subsection (d) of this section, an amount from such monies not less than one (1) per cent of the total estimated cost of such construction, reconstruction, repair or alteration; provided, that said required amount shall not be more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) and shall be calculated exclusive of:

- (1) The cost of any land acquisition;
- (2) Any nonconstruction costs;
- (3) Any augmentations to such cost; and
- (4) The amount of funding for such construction as is bound by rules or conditions that would preclude or prohibit the application of this section.

(c) The New Britain Commission on the Arts is hereby established. <u>Effective January 1, 2016, the</u> e<u>C</u>ommission shall consist of twelve (12) <u>nine (9)</u> members to be appointed by the <u>mM</u>ayor with the advice and consent of the c<u>C</u>ouncil_three (3) members named by the Greater New Britain Arts Alliance (provided that of the members named by the Greater New Britain Arts Alliance, no more than two (2) shall be members of the same political party). The term of each member shall be two (2) years. The e<u>C</u>ommission shall, in addition to its duties and responsibilities under subsection (d) of this section:

- (1) Make recommendations to the <u>mMayor</u> and <u>eCommon eCouncil</u> regarding any work of art which is in the custody or control of the <u>eCity</u>, including the public site for the display of such art;
- (2) When requested and subject to the availability of funds, to make funding recommendations to the mMayor and eCommon eCouncil on funding for local arts organizations and programs;
- (3) Advise the mMayor and eCommon eCouncil, with regard to a proposed removal, relocation or alteration of any public arts project or work of art in the possession of the eCity, to ensure proper preservation and display and advise the Mayor and Common Council regarding City involvement in the performing arts and with museums and art galleries;
- (4) Work to ensure that works of art are properly integrated into the e<u>C</u>ity building environments, especially in places open to the public;
- (5) Compile and update an inventory of valuable works of art in the possession of the e<u>C</u>ity. On an annual basis, <u>c</u>Onduct and catalog an inventory of valuable works of art, including all of the e<u>C</u>ity's war memorials. Working with the <u>pP</u>ublic <u>wW</u>orks, <u>pP</u>arks and <u>rR</u>ecreation and the

 \star <u>V</u>eteran's <u>e</u><u>C</u>ommission, provide a recommendation to the <u>m</u><u>M</u>ayor and <u>the city Common</u> <u>e</u><u>C</u>ouncil on a maintenance schedule.

(d) The e<u>C</u>ommission shall be responsible for the selection of a work or works of art to be placed in, on or located in the immediate vicinity of a construction project using monies allocated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The e<u>C</u>ommission shall be responsible for selection of the artist, artisan or craftsperson, review of any design or plan and examination of the completion and proper placement of such work of art. The e<u>C</u>ity <u>p</u>Purchasing <u>a</u>Agent, in consultation with the e<u>C</u>ommission, shall be responsible for the contractual arrangements with any such artist, artisan or craftsperson. The selection of contractors and the award of contracts under this section may be conducted contrary to normal e<u>C</u>ity bidding procedures, provided that:

The total amount that is to be paid for said contract is fixed prior to any request for proposals;

- (1) The e<u>C</u>ity <u>p</u>Purchasing <u>aAgent</u>, with the approval of the e<u>C</u>ommission, shall establish selection procedures that protect the e<u>C</u>ity's interests with respect to the durability, maintenance costs and aesthetic quality of works of art, and especially guaranteeing that the works of art be located in public places with public visibility and impact and will have a significant lifetime;
- (2) Such selection procedures shall provide for opportunities for members of the public and e<u>C</u>ity staff to comment on prospective works of art; and
- (3) The final selection of an artist or work of art shall be contingent upon the approval of the eCommon eCouncil.

Each request for proposal issued pursuant to this section shall specify the artistic genre and general characteristics the e<u>C</u>ommission chooses.

(e) The e<u>C</u>ommon e<u>C</u>ouncil or the e<u>C</u>ommission, with the approval of the e<u>C</u>ommon e<u>C</u>ouncil, shall have the power, should it determine that it is in the interest of the e<u>C</u>ity, to:

- (1) Place a work of art created with monies allocated pursuant to this section in a location other than the direct vicinity of the associated construction project; or
- (2) To exempt a particular construction project from the terms of this section.

(Ord. of 1-01; Res. No. 29064-2, 5-24-06; Res. No. 29391-2, 9-12-07; Res. No. 31710-2, 2-8-12) Secs. 2-585--2-590. Reserved.

Alderman Don Naples Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Platosz. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

32920 RE: CITY REQUESTING \$250,000 FOR TRANSIT - ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PRE-DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PRE-DEVELOPMENT WORK AROUND THE THREE NEW BRITAIN CTFASTRAK STATION SITES

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, Transit-Oriented Development is associated with creating more livable, attractive, walkable and sustainable urban communities that allow residents to have housing and transportation choices to live convenient, affordable and pleasant lives;

WHEREAS, Three new and modern transit stations are currently being built in New Britain by the CTfastrak Bus-rapid transit project and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) opportunities typically exist within walking distance of transit stations;

WHEREAS, Downtown New Britain has many favorable land uses needed to support future TOD within a half mile of the CTfastrak downtown station, and is making significant progress towards creating a more livable, attractive, walkable, and bikeable downtown area, and next needs to focus its efforts on further land-use planning around the three CTfastrak station areas;

WHEREAS, The City has received funding for TOD planning from DECD, and has recently completed a DECD based RFQ process, and through this process selected Crosby, Schlessinger, and Smallrideg as the City's TOD land-use planning consultant;

WHEREAS, The TOD planning project around the three CTfastrak Station areas needs additional funding to complete all the important work needed to have significant impact on TOD;

RESOLVED, The New Britain Common Council authorizes the City to submit an application to the State of Connecticut requesting \$250,000 for TOD planning and pre-development work around the three New Britain CTfastrak Station sites in accordance with the State's Transit-Oriented Development Request for Applications;

RESOLVED, The New Britain Common Council also authorizes the Mayor, or if applicable her successor, to sign the grant application and other documents associated with administering the grant, if awarded, including any amendments thereto.

Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. Ald. Eva Magnuszewski Ald. Don Naples Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez Ald. Daniel Salerno Ald. Robert Smedley

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32921 RE: THE TRADE-IN OF THREE MOTORCYCLES AND THE PURCHASE OF SIX MOTORCYCLES WITH FUNDS FROM THE DRUG INVESTIGATION FUND

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, the Drug Investigation Fund is an existing special revenue fund to which most revenue is credited as the result of the Federal 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 have the Council approve the trade-in of three (3) outdated motorcycles, and purchase of six (6) motorcycles with funds that have accumulated in the Drug Investigation fund from Gengras Harley Davidson, the State contract holder for police motorcycles, and

WHEREAS, these motorcycles will be used as patrol vehicles, funeral escorts, parade escorts and for community policing, and

WHEREAS, the three (3) trade-in motorcycles will reduce the bid price by \$24,000, and there are sufficient funds in the Drug Investigation Fund to purchase these motorcycles at no cost to the City, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council approve the trade-in of three (3) motorcycles and allocate funds that have accumulated in the Drug Investigation fund to appropriate six (6) motorcycles from Gengras Harley Davidson, the State contract holder for police motorcycles, with funds accumulated in the Drug Investigation Fund and outfit them with emergency equipment and graphics as follows:

Drug Investigation Fund

Revenue: 289211128-4223	Asset Forfeiture - Federal	\$106,284
Expenditure: 289211128-5740	Asset Forfeiture - Equipment	\$106,284

Ald. Daniel Salerno Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. - Police Liaison Ald. Wilfredo Pabon - Police Liaison Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez - Police Liaison Ald. Robert Smedley - Police Liaison

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart

32922 RE: CCSU FACILITY USE & NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATE

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:

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-March 2015 and is in its 22nd 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 \$15 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

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 <u>the City of New Britain</u>, 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 Act07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

Alderwoman Shirley Black Alderman David DeFronzo Alderman Jamie Giantonio Alderwoman Eva Magnuszewski Alderman Daniel Salerno

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32923 RE: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE -\$2,717,000 - FOR THE ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION OF THE FORMER POLICE STATION AT 125 COLUMBUS BLVD.

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:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

I, Mark Bernacki, Town and City Clerk, certify that below is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City of New Britain at a meeting of its Common Council duly convened on November

12, 2014, and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever and is at present in full force and effect.

Date

Mark Bernacki, Town and City Clerk seal

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-763 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of New Britain make an application to the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for \$2,717,000 in order to undertake the abatement, demolition and remediation of the former Police Station at 125 Columbus Boulevard and to execute an Assistance Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor of the City of New Britain, is authorized to file an application for State financial assistance in an amount of \$2,717,000 and act as the authorized representative of the City of New Britain, and is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information as may be required, and to execute documents as may be required including an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance, if such an agreement is offered, and any amendments and revisions thereto, for administration by the Department of Municipal Development

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins Alderman Wilfredo Pabon Alderman Jamie Giantonio Alderman Daniel Salerno

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32924 RE: THE PROPOSED SALE OF 48 PROSPECT STREET TO PETER LEMNOTIS, MANAGING MEMBER, POPCO LLC FOR NOT LESS THAN \$12,000

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:

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE. To convey a City of New Britain-owned property to be used as a parking lot for the adjacent property owner, Peter Lemnotis, Managing Member, Popco LLC.

WHEREAS: The City of New Britain currently owns a vacant .14 acre lot known as 48 Prospect Street which had been acquired through the foreclosure process and has been vacant since 10/22/08; and

WHEREAS: Peter Lemnotis, Managing Member, Popco,LLC, owns property adjacent to 48 Prospect Street and is interested in utilizing the property for parking for his tenants; and

WHEREAS: Peter Lemnotis, Managing Member, Popco LLC, has offered to purchase the property for Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00); and

WHEREAS: it is in the best interest of the City of New Britain to have this property turned into a useful and productive space and restored to the grand list: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Peter Lemnotis, Managing Member, Popco LLC for property known as 48 Prospect Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sale price of not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00).

Alderman Michael Trueworthy

Property Management Liaison

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32925 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-11 OF THE ORDINANCES REGARDING SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Proposed Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Defronzo. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32926 RE: PROPOSED SALE OF 12 GILBERT ST. TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES FOR NOT LESS THAN \$900.00

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:

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE. To Convey a City of New Britain-owned property for restatement to the Grand List.

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain currently owns an improved (vacant lot) property known as 12 Gilbert Street which has been acquired through the foreclosure process and has been vacant since 06/06/1994; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain has offered to purchase the property for Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) and will use the property as part of vehicular access for the Beaver Street Development; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of New Britain to have this property restored to the grand list; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain for property known as 12 Gilbert Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sales price not less than Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00).

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins Alderman Wilfredo Pabon Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32927 RE: PROPOSED SALE OF TAX LIENS ON 14 GILBERT ST. TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES FOR NOT LESS THAN \$4,500

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:

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE. To Convey a City of New Britain-owned property for restatement to the Grand List.

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain currently owns the tax lien on an improved property known as 14 Gilbert Street; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain has offered to purchase the tax liens on the property for Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) and will use the property as part of vehicular access for the Beaver Street Development; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of New Britain to have this property restored to the grand list; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain for the tax liens on property known as 14 Gilbert Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sales price not less than Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00).

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins Alderman Wilfredo Pabon Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved November 13, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy was granted a point of personal privilege and thanked Mayor Stewart for doing a wonderful job as ambassador for the City at the Veterans' Day ceremonies, he also thanked the Veterans Commission and Sandy Keefe who he said did a phenomenal job in putting it all together.

Ald. Salerno also recognized the Madrigal Singers and the New Britain High School band for their participation at the ceremonies.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Bielinski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk