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

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 8:05 p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th day of September 2014 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

The pledge to the flag was led by Carina Saverino.

The invocation was given by Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk: O God, our Heavenly Father, look down on our New Britain High School football players, marching band, cane-ettes, twirlerettes and color guard; all the best in the State of Connecticut. Turn these boys and girls into young adults and give them the grit and drive to learn the attributes of team work, hard work, precision, goal setting, responsibility and accountability. Teach them the humbleness of winning and how to graciously handle defeat, allow all of them to maintain these virtues through their entire life. Have all of these young adults retain the marching band commandments that must be memorized to build leadership skills and make them accountable to all band members. Teach our elected leaders one of the band tenets "To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is to be forgotten." We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The Council stood at ease as Mayor Stewart and Bill DeMaio, Director of the Parks and Recreation Dept. presented certificates to "Summer Stars". Certificates were presented to ten lifeguards, 3 tennis players, the Director of the summer lunch program, Carina Saverino; Isabella Boisert was presented the Barbara Zakrzewski Theater Program award and Michael Porter was presented the Hershey Track Meet award.

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2014, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Collins moved to amend the agenda by substituting 32784-1(C), by adding 32873(10), 32874(11), 32875(12) and by withdrawing item #2. Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

### **PETITIONS**

- 32865 RE: ALD. PABON FOR INSTALLATION OF "SCHOOL ZONE" SIGNS ON ALTON BROOKS WAY NEAR DILORETO SCHOOL. REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 32876 RE: ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR REPAIRING THE AERATOR FOUNTAIN IN THE POND AT MARTHA HART PARK PRIOR TO THE WINTER SEASON. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 32877 RE: ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR SERVICING THE PORT-A-POTTY PORTABLE TOILETS AT STANLEY QUARTER PARK, WILLOW BROOK AND OTHER PARKS IN THE CITY. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 32878 RE: ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR REPAIRING BATHROOM FACILITIES AT WILLOW BROOK SOCCER FIELD, INSPECTING GATES FOR PROPER SECURITY AND ADDING GRAVEL AT THE MAIN GATE ENTRANCE. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

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Ald. Collins moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved September 25, 2014 by Erin E. Stewart, Mayor.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**32861 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, LEASE OF SAVIN COPIER FOR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

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 Central Administration for the following under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #012PSX0026:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Pricing</u>
A&A Office Systems Middletown, CT.	Lease of a Savin Pro 8100S Digital Copier	\$808.00/Month and \$0.004 per copy over 1,188,000 copies annually

Central Administration is requesting a five (5) year lease of a multifunctional copier that can copy, print, scan, collate, staple and three (3) hole punch. The pricing includes all maintenance, repairs, service, toner and supplies excluding paper for 1,188,000 copies per year for City Hall's Mail Room. Central Administration's existing Mail Room copier is over eight (8) years old. The lease was extended in 2011 for three (3) additional years. The extended lease will expire in October 2014. The copier is not working properly to make copies at times. Parts to make the needed repairs to the copier are becoming hard to obtain and some are no longer available. Funding is available for the new Copier Lease in Central Administration's account number 001110001-5440, Rentals/Supplies Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order and to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with A&A Office Systems of Middletown, CT for the lease of a new copier located in City Hall's Mailroom for Central Administration at \$808.00 per month utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #012PSX0026.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**32862 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES - NEW BRITAIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT'S SOLAR PANEL STRUCTURAL INSTALLATION AND ELECTRICAL TIE-IN REVIEW SERVICES**

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 on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3620, approved at its Regular Meeting of October 26, 2011

Project Name: New Britain Water Treatment Plant's Solar Panel Structural Installation and Electrical Tie-In Review Services

Vendor: CDM Smith  
Amount: \$19,800.00  
Line Items: 9303501100-5331 Water Capital Improvements, Professional Services  
Requested By: Public Works Department, Utilities Division

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Scope: CDM Smith will review the proposed layout created by Solar City for the installation of the new solar panels onto the Water Treatment Plant's roof. They will then check the framing of the roof to see if it will be able to hold the additional weight of the Solar Panels and be in accordance with the latest Connecticut State Building Codes, Chapter 34. CDM Smith will also conduct an electrical design review proposed by Solar City for the interconnection of the Solar Panels to the Water Treatment Plant's existing transformer and switchgear to make sure it will also be in compliance to the National Electrical Code. Once CDM Smith's reviews of the proposed new solar system have been completed they will create a report summarizing their results. In order to avoid any high consequence electrical or roof failures, they will then make recommendations for any solar panel installation or electrical design modifications to meet compliance with applicable codes or with existing roofing or electrical systems at the Water Treatment Plant. CDM Smith will then meet with the Utilities Division and Solar City to discuss the results of their reviews and any recommendations that they have regarding the installation of the new Solar System.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$19,800.00 to CDM Smith for the New Britain Water Treatment Plant Solar Panel Structural Installation and Electrical Tie-In Review Services.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### 32784-1 RE: PARKING RATES/VIOLATIONS INCREASE

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

On September 11, 2014 the Parking Commission approved an increase in parking rates for city managed parking facilities as follows:

#### Parking Rates:

##### Blogoslawski Garage

Increase hourly rate by \$.50 to \$3.00/hour  
Maximum of 5 hours \$15.00

Current rate \$2.50/hour  
Current maximum 5 hours \$12.50

##### Szczesny Garage

Increase hourly rate by \$.50 to \$2.00/hour  
Maximum of 8 hours \$16.00

Current rate \$1.50/hour  
Current maximum 8 hours \$12.00

##### Parking Meters & Kiosks

Regular on street meters and kiosks increase to \$1.50/hour  
Pearl St/Badolato Dr/Bosco Dr. increase to \$2.00/hour

##### Parking Garage Monthly Rates

All regular monthly parking rates to increase by \$5.00/month

#### Violations:

##### Section 15-73(a)

Increase to \$30.00

Current rate \$10.00

##### Section 15-73(b)

Increase to \$60.00

Current rate \$20.00

##### Section 15-73e

Increase to \$99.00

Current rate \$60.00

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Section 15-73(d)  
Increase to \$90.00

Current rate \$30.00

Sections 15-122  
Adjusted to \$99.00

Current rate \$100.00

Mark E. Moriarty,  
Director Public Works

**32863 RE: SUBWAY RENTAL CHARGES: 01/01/2015 THRU 12/31/2015**

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

On September 15, 2014 the Board of Public Works held a required Public Hearing on the 2015 Subway Rental Charges.

Operating Expenses for the maintenance and extension of the Subway Conduit System requires an income of \$52,618 during 2015 to be obtained from the rental of 28,693 linear feet of occupied underground conduit.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, Connecticut that Subway Rental Charges for the year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 be assessable at the rate of \$1.83 per linear foot, per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July, 2015 and the first day of January, 2016.

Mark E. Moriarty Director,  
Public Works

**TAX COLLECTOR**

**32864 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

**CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE**

**32784-2 RE: NEW RATES FOR CITY OWNED ON-STREET PARKING AND PARKING GARAGES**

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

The Consolidated Subcommittee of the Common Council at a regular meeting held on Thursday evening, July 17, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of resolution #32784 – new rates for City owned on-street parking and parking garages, voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez,  
Chair

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## RESOLUTION RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

### 32784-3 RE: NEW RATES FOR CITY OWNED ON-STREET PARKING AND PARKING GARAGES

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, Public Works Fleet and Facilities Division is charged with the management of the City owned parking system including on-street parking and parking garages;

WHEREAS, Parking rates for on-street parking and parking garages have not been increased since 2010, but the costs associated with providing newer and more modern parking systems, like parking meter kiosks which take credit cards, have resulted in higher annual costs for the City;

WHEREAS, Revenue projections for parking revenue included in the FY-15 Budget which was passed by the New Britain City Council were based on increasing rates for both on-street parking and parking in the City parking garages;

WHEREAS, to best meet parking revenue projections for FY-15, Public Works Fleet and Facilities Division needs to have new rates in place by August 1, 2014;

WHEREAS, the new rates proposed for City owned on-street parking and parking garages is as follows:

#### Blogoslawski Garage

Increase hourly rate by \$.50  
Maximum of 5 hours \$15.00

Current rate \$1.50 hour  
Current maximum 5 hours \$12.50

#### Szczesny Garage

Increase hourly rate by \$.50  
Maximum of 8 hours \$16.00

Current rate \$2.50 hour  
Current maximum 8 hours \$12.00

#### Parking Meters & Kiosks

Regular on street meters and kiosks increase to \$1.50 hour  
Pearl St/Badolato Dr/Bosco Dr. increase to \$2.00 hour

#### Parking Garage Monthly Rates

All regular monthly parking rates to increase by \$5.00/month

WHEREAS, the rates and fees described within this resolution will not impact organizations and entities currently under contract with the City for parking usage within City owned facilities;

WHEREAS, Increases to parking rates and fees have historically been handled and approved by the City's Parking Commission, but in the absence of a Parking Commission this item is being handled by the New Britain City Council;

THEREFORE Be It Resolved that the Common Council authorizes the City's Public Works Fleet and Facilities Division to adopt the parking rates described in this resolution, and to start billing at these rates beginning on August 1, 2014.

Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.  
Ald. Jamie Giantonio  
Ald. Eva Magnuszewski  
Ald. Don Naples  
Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. RESOLUTION ADOPTED with Ald. Trueworthy opposed. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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Ald. Trueworthy was granted a point of personal privilege and wished all of our Jewish friends a happy new year – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown tonight.

Ald. Trueworthy also thanked Bill DeMaio and Mark Moriarty for their prompt service in response to petitions that he has submitted and also explained his reason for withdrawing Resolution #2 regarding the heavy trash program – he hopes to find a more consumer friendly way to administer the heavy trash program.

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **32866 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - OKTOBERFEST PARKING**

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 City of New Britain hosted its second annual Oktoberfest celebration in downtown New Britain and collected money for parking in both the Szczesny and Badolato garages for this event. The City charged \$5 per vehicle for all day parking and the festival was held from Friday, September 12, 2014, until Sunday, September 14, 2014, and

Whereas, the City of New Britain collected \$13,675 in parking fees from the Oktoberfest weekend and incurred overtime costs for the cashiers of approximately \$1,594 who worked at the parking garages all weekend long. This operation netted the City approximately \$12,081 for the total event. Both the revenues and expenditures were unbudgeted in the FY 2014-2015 General Fund budget, and

Therefore, be it resolved, that a budget amendment occur within the FY 2014-2015 General Fund budget for the purpose as follows to cover the costs associated with collecting parking fees for the 2014 Oktoberfest parking:

<u>Increase Revenue:</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Parking Admin – Special Events	001316005-4419	\$ 0	\$1,594	\$1,594
Increase Expenditure:				
Liberty Square Parking Garage Overtime	001316008-5122	\$2,500	\$910	\$3,410
Bank St Parking Garage Overtime	001316009-5122	\$2,000	\$684	<u>\$2,684</u>
		\$4,500	\$1,594	\$6,094

Majority Leader Tonilynn Collins

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart

#### **32867 RE: EVERY KID COUNTS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - APPROVAL OF STATE GRANT**

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: The Parks and Recreation Department provides comprehensive after school programming at three elementary schools: Gaffney Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School and Smalley Academy. Students in grades three through five are targeted to attend the after school program from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. The three major components of the after school program are academic enrichment, wellness and family involvement.

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Initial Year of Grant Funding: July 1, 2013.

Local Program Operation Department: Recreation and Community Services Department.

Resolution Purpose: The Recreation Division is requesting approval of a State Department of Education, After School Grant and Summer Pilot Program in the total amount of \$218,252. This is year two of a two-year After School Grant, and the Recreation Division is respectfully requesting that the Finance Department set up expenditures and revenue accounts per resolution below.

WHEREAS, the City, through its Recreation Division, will be receiving a State Department of Education, After School Grant for elementary after school programs for a two year grant period, this being the second year. The total funding over two years is \$406,504. Funding has been granted for this program that will provide services such as recreational activities, homework help and mentoring to City youth in an after-school environment, and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education, After School Grant monies will pay for personnel and administrative costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City received additional monies in the amount of \$30,000 to augment summer programming and collect attendance data; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the total amount of \$218,252 be appropriated in the City's special revenue fund account structure in accordance with the requirements of the grantor agency. The account number has been established by the Finance Director, then it be further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to enter into agreement with required consultants specified by the State of Connecticut, Department of Education for evaluation, computerization and training purposes, fully funded by the grant money, then it be further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes Mayor Erin E. Stewart to sign appropriate documents required for this grant.

		<u>Original</u>
237420134-4222	Revenue – State of CT	<u>\$ 218,252</u>
	TOTAL:	\$ 218,252
State of CT		
237420134-5121	Salaries	\$ 34,000
237420134-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$ 118,000
237420134-5227	Workman's Comp	\$ 1,820
237420134-5228	Health/Life insurance	\$ 75
237420134-5231	Medicare	\$ 2,186
237420134-5352	Data Processing	\$ 500
237420134-5412	Telecommunications	\$ 1,000
237420134-5436	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 250
237420134-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$ 37,200
237420134-5540	Advertising and Printing	\$ 700
237420134-5611	Office Supplies	\$ 1,400
237420134-5659	Supplies	\$ 18,521
237420134-5810	Fees, Memberships, Conferences	<u>\$ 2,600</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$ 218,252

Alderwoman S. Black  
Alderman D. DeFronzo  
Alderman J. Giantonio  
Alderwoman E. Magnuszewski  
Alderman D. Salerno

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Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32868 RE: APPROVAL OF STATE GRANT - OBESITY IN SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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: To assess the prevalence and demographics of obesity in school age children at preschool, kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the City of New Britain. Health Department nurses will extract data from existing Health Assessment forms.

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 for the grant period of October 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 for the New Britain Health Department.

WHEREAS; the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has granted the City of New Britain an award in the amount of \$18,575.

WHEREAS; these funds are to be used by the New Britain Health Department to identify clients with health-associated risk factors; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Erin Stewart, be authorized to sign any necessary and appropriate agreements in order to secure the use of such funds. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the monies in the amount of \$18,575 be appropriated within a special revenue fund as follows:

REVENUE:		
234522144-4222	Revenue – St of CT	\$18,575
EXPENDITURES:		
234522144-5124	Part Time Salaries	\$ 7,875
234522144-5231	Medicare	\$ 114
234522144-5611	Office Supplies	\$ 586
234522144-5331	Professional Services	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total Expenditures		\$18,575

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart

**32869 RE: AMERICAN SAVINGS FOUNDATION GRANT - YEAR 9 - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

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: Authorize the Mayor to execute all documentation between the American Savings Foundation and the City of New Britain to receive grant monies to organize and run after school programs at Pulaski and Slade Middle School. Students in grades six through eight are targeted to attend the after school program each day from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm. The three major components of the after school program are academic enrichment, dropout prevention and pregnancy prevention.

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Community Services Department is always seeking new and alternative funding to run programs and improve facilities, and



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WHEREAS, the American Savings Foundation has committed to expanding and improving middle school after school programs in the City of New Britain, and

WHEREAS, the American Savings Foundation awarded the Recreation and Community Services Department a \$125,000.00 grant for the 2014-2015 school year to supervise middle school youth in after school programs, and

WHEREAS, the American Savings Foundation monies will pay for personnel and administrative costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$125,000 be appropriated in the City's special revenue fund account structure in accordance with the requirements of the grantor agency. The Recreation and Community Services Department is respectfully requesting that the Finance Department set up expenditures and revenue accounts, then it be further

RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Community Services Department is authorized to enter into agreement with required consultants specified by the American Savings Foundation for evaluation, computerization and training purposes, fully funded by the grant money, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes Mayor Erin Stewart to sign appropriate documents required for this grant.

225420133-4232 Revenue – American Savings Foundation Grants and Contributions \$125,000

	<u>Total Revenue</u>	\$ 125,000
225420133-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$ 61,960
225420133-5180	Fees, memberships & conferences	\$ 1,600
225420133-5231	Medicare	\$ 1,850
225420133-5352	Data Processing	\$ 2,000
225420133-5412	Telecommunications	\$ 2,000
225420133-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$ 38,590
225420133-5540	Advertising and Printing	\$ 2,000
225420133-5659	Supplies	\$ 15,000
	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$ 125,000

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. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32870 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – STANLEY GOLF COURSE – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS  
FROM COSTCO - \$500,000**

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Naples. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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, under the terms of the Final Agreement between Costco and the City of New Britain, in addition to the sale price, Costco was required to pay the City the amount of \$500,000, and

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Whereas, these funds are to be allocated as follows:

\$300,000 for sodding the new Red Nine at Stanley Golf Course, and  
\$200,000 to offset any potential loss of revenue to the City, and

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment be made to properly reflect the receipt of these funds from Costco as well as to reflect the offsetting expenditures as referenced above.

<u>Stanley Golf Course - SRF</u>		<u>Increase:</u>
2014420101-4561	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$500,000
2014420101-5746	Miscellaneous Capital Projects	\$500,000

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

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Naples. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32871 RE: FISCAL YEAR 2013 -2014 BUDGET TRANSFER - GENERAL 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, revenue, expenditure, encumbrance and accrual activities for fiscal year 2013-2014 have concluded,

Whereas, the fiscal year 2013-2014 General Fund results from operations (unaudited) are in a deficit position as summarized below:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue	\$ 237,549,121	\$ 224,741,298	\$ (12,807,823)
Expenditures	\$ 237,549,121	\$ 232,260,313	5,288,808
FY14 Deficit from Operations (unaudited)			\$ (7,519,015)

Whereas, the following schedule depicts the General Fund operating results (audited) for the previous six (6) years:

FY 2013: \$ 395,000  
FY 2012: \$ 153,000  
FY 2011: \$ 3,011,000  
FY 2010: \$ (988,000)  
FY 2009: \$ (3,125,000)  
FY 2008: \$ 2,283,000

Whereas, revenues realized for: conveyance tax, landlord license fees, capital project reimbursement, sanitation, parking, Medicaid reimbursement, sale of property, police call hot spot and Educational Cost Sharing were lower than anticipated;

Whereas, to partially offset the lower than anticipated revenue collections, expenditures for: employee pension, unemployment compensation, debt service and personnel costs were also lower than anticipated,

Whereas, the FY14 operating deficit will be absorbed by the cumulative fund balance (\$12,595,000 as of June 30, 2013) leaving a reduced (unaudited) cumulative fund balance of \$5,075,985,

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Whereas, to more accurately reflect fiscal year 2013-2014 operating results, a budget transfer is proposed to adjust both revenue and expenditure budgets to more accurately reflect actual funds received / disbursed; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the line item transfers within the General Fund, as outlined in the attachment, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 be made and put on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Alderman Wilfredo Pabon  
Common Council Minority Leader

Ald. Pabon moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. RESOLUTION ADOPTED with Ald. DeFronzo opposed. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32872 RE: AGREEMENT WITH GO APE LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF A HIGH ROPES AERIAL ADVENTURE COURSE AT AW STANLEY PARK**

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 Purpose: To enter into an agreement with Go Ape LLC who will run a high ropes aerial adventure course in AW Stanley Park for a period beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2024. Go Ape agrees to pay the City of New Britain a minimum of \$20,000.00/yr. with this payment potentially increasing based on Go Ape's annual gross revenue. Go Ape will construct and break down the course with the highest priority being the protection of the natural features of AW Stanley Park while providing visitors with access and educational opportunities that are compatible with common resource protection goals. Go ape currently has courses all across the country and world with all reference checks stating a very positive relationship with the vendor with minimal disruption to the natural habitat.

Whereas, Go Ape LLC desires to build a high ropes aerial adventure course from tree top to tree top in AW Stanley Park, and

Whereas, Go Ape LLC is currently operating such courses all across the United States and Europe very successfully and with very little environmental impact, and

Whereas, Go Ape will use all the appropriate safety measures and hire staff with certifications in the operation of a course of this type, and

Whereas, Go Ape LLC will provide all insurances and hold harmless policies as determined by the City of New Britain Corporation Council and insurance consultants, and

Whereas, a minimum annual fee of \$20,000.00 will be provided to the City of New Britain with the potential for an increase in this amount based on Go Ape annual gross revenue, and

Whereas, this adventure course will bring tourism to the City of New Britain from all over the State of Connecticut and New England; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved, that Mayor Erin E. Stewart is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Go Ape LLC for the operation of a high ropes aerial adventure course at AW Stanley Park.

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

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. Ald. Black moved to table, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. RESOLUTION TABLED with Ald. Smedley and Ald. Salvio opposed.

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**32873 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC.15-73 AND 15-122 OF THE ORDINANCES REVISING THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PARKING SECTIONS**

*Proposed Amendment on File in Town Clerk's Office.*

Ald. Collins moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**32874 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT - \$192,300 - POLICE DEPT.**

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: The percentage of alcohol related fatalities in Connecticut during 2011 (45%) was higher than the national percentage of 36% and slightly above the 38% in the other New England States. Of the Connecticut fatal crashes, 40% were estimated to involve drivers above the legal alcohol limit. National statistics also reveal that almost 64% of such crashes occurred during the weekend between Friday and Sunday. In an effort to further reduce alcohol related accidents, the Federal government has continued its Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Program.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Division of Highway Safety has made available Federal highway safety funds for overtime to support DUI law enforcement efforts from October 2, 2014 to September 12, 2015, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Federal requirements, all initial allowable expenses will be provided for by the City and reimbursable on a 75% basis with the City's 25% match coming from monies budgeted for this purpose in the Police Department's Cash Match Grants Account, and

RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin E. Stewart is authorized to execute all grant documents with the State of Connecticut DOT on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Expanded Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Program grant in the sum of \$192,300 to provide Federal dollars for overtime to target those that choose to drive under the influence, thus making City streets safer, and,

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$192,300.00 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

<u>Increase Revenue:</u>		
288211151-4222	State Department of Transportation	\$144,225.00
288211151-6001	General Fund Match	<u>\$48,075.00</u>
	Total	\$192,300.00

<u>Increase Expenditures:</u>		
288211151-5122	Overtime	\$192,300.00
	Total	\$192,300.00

- Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison
- Ald. Carlo Carozzi, 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. Collins. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

September 24, 2014

**32875 RE: ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND COLUMBUS DAY**

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 United States Congress, by joint resolution on April 30, 1934 and modified in 1968 (36 U.S.C. 107), as amended, proclaimed the second Monday of October of each year as "Columbus Day"; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day has become a celebration of not only memorializing the man and his crew who journeyed to America 522 years ago, but also a day to reflect on the professional and social accomplishments of all Americans of Italian descent and their impact on American Society; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is proud to be home to such a distinguished population and recognizes the accomplishments Italian American men and woman have made in fields including business, education, government, law, medicine and public safety; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a strong professional presence, Italian American fraternal organizations, including Angelo Tomasso Sr. Lodge Order Sons of Italy in America, Calabria Mia, Italian Fraternal, Generale Ameglio Society, Angelo Custode Society, Campodipietra Society and Italian Heritage Foundation, Inc., have long been pillars in the New Britain community and have contributed to the rich, diverse culture of our City; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain proclaim October 13, 2014 as Columbus Day and call upon all residents to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain designates October as Italian American Heritage Month.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.  
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski  
Alderman Daniel Salerno  
Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Jamie Giantonio  
Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved September 25, 2014 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart

Mayor Stewart announced that Officer John Jackman is improving day by day and asked that we keep him and his family in our thoughts.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Bielinski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk