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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 7:34 p.m. on Wednesday, the 8th day of April 2015 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 the days grow longer and warmer, we thank all of our volunteers that prepare the rose beds at the Walnut Hill Rose Garden. We thank our parks employees for getting Stanley Quarter Pond ready for this Saturday's fishing derby, Stanley Golf Course ready for another excellent season, all of the little league fields ready for opening day, all of the fantastic recreational programs for our youth and adults and, unfortunately, the last season of Rock Cats baseball. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by former Mayor Tim Stewart.

The Council stood at ease as Mayor Stewart called on Fire Chief Thomas Ronalter, Bruce Baxter, Executive Director of New Britain EMS, former Mayor Timothy Stewart, and Dr. David Bono, Director of the Emergency Department at the The Hospital of Central Connecticut. Chief Ronalter said they were here to celebrate ten years that the New Britain Fire Department has been providing first responder service to the City of New Britain. Now retired New Britain Firefighter, Dale Brunetto, suffered a cardiac arrest last September and was saved because of the first responder system.

Mayor Stewart relinquished the Chair to Mayor Pro Tem, Suzanne Bielinski, in order to read her proclamation congratulating the New Britain Fire Department and New Britain Emergency Medical Services for 10 great years of distinguished service which to date has benefited 24,000 patients.

Mayor Stewart returned to the Chair.

Ald. Bielinski was granted a point of personal privilege and added her support of the first responder system.

Ald. Trueworthy was granted a point of personal privilege and also added his support of the first responder system.

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 25, 2015, and March 11, 2015, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Collins moved to amend the Agenda by adding 33057(I), and by substituting 33067(10), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

PETITIONS

33069 RE: ALD. DEFRONZO FOR HAVING THE HEALTH DEPT. PROVIDE A REPORT WITHIN 45 DAYS TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING POTENTIAL TERMINATION OF THE CHILD CARE CLINIC SERVICES AT THE HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CT. REFERRED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

33070 RE: ALD. SMEDLEY REQUESTING A TIME LINE REPORT OF MEETINGS WITH "GO-APE" AND PARKS & RECREATION OR ANY OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT INCLUDING ANY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS, WRITTEN OR VERBAL AND/OR DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE AFTER THE "GO-APE" PRESENTATION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL. REFERRED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.

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Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

33051 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

- Almodovar, Marisol by Atty. Anthony E. Feit
- Brown, Jaimee by Atty. Jamaal T. Johnson
- Coughlin, John M.
- Evica, Alycia
- Facciolo, Michael
- Jackson, Phillip by Jonathan Perkins Law Firm
- Shaffer, Barbara by her atty. David J. Skolnick

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

33053 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS 3/18/15 THRU 4/1/15

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(3), 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 the transfers executed by the mayor in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance for the period ending April 1, 2015

8. Department:	Voters - Democrat		
From:	001104001-5331		(Professional Services)
To:	001104001-5124	\$30,000.00	(Part Time Salaries)
	001104001-5436	\$ 5,000.00	(Equip. Maint. & Repairs)
	001104001-5610	\$ 1,000.00	(Postage, Copies & Scans)
	001104001-5611	\$ 500.00	(Office Supplies)
Amount:	\$36,500.00		
Brief Description:	Adjust line items for poll workers, professional services, equipment maintenance and repairs, postage, copies and scans and office supplies		

Rebecca Salerni
Deputy Finance Director

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33054 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES, ELAM STREET WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITIES DIVISION

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

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The following on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3806, approved at its Regular Meeting of January 14, 2015. This project was presented and approved by the Water Commission at their April 7, 2015 meeting.

Project Name: Elam Street Water Tank Replacement Project
Vendor: Tata & Howard, Inc.
Amount: \$24,000.00
Line Items: 9303501100-5331 Water Capital Improvements, Professional Services
Requested By: Public Works Department, Utilities Division

Scope: Tata & Howard will provide fifty-five (55) hours of construction administrative services during the sixty (60) additional days it will take to complete the additional work needed for the installation of the new Elam Street Water Tank. They will consult daily with the Utilities Division's staff to make sure the new Water Tank and additional work is being installed to specifications. They will also provide one hundred and twelve (112) additional hours of construction administration services to attend on-site progress meetings every two (2) weeks with the contractor to answer any questions they may have regarding the project. Tata & Howard will continue to attend meetings with the Utilities Division and the Connecticut Department of Public Health to inform them of the status of the Water Tank replacement project and to answer any new questions they may have regarding the project.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$24,000.00 to Tata & Howard for the additional engineering work needed to the completion of the Elam Street water Tank Replacement Project.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33055 RE: EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER – REPLACEMENT OF TRANSFER CASE ON A VACUUM TRUCK – 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:

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order was authorized by the Mayor and issued to the vendor listed below on April 1, 2015

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
Bahr Sales Inc. Wallingford, CT.	Replacement of a Transfer Case on a Vacuum Truck	\$30,000.00

The Purchasing Agent reports that no formal bid solicitation and advertisement as outlined in the Purchasing Ordinances were made for this item. In accordance with Section 2-606b of the City Code of Ordinances, the Purchasing Agent reports:

An emergency purchase order was requested by the Public Works Department, to replace the Transfer Case on one of their Vacuum Trucks. The Transfer case is used to operate the Vacuum System on the Truck. The Vacuum System became inoperative when the gears in the Transfer Case failed. The gears could not be replaced and there was also internal damage to the Transfer Case. The Vacuum Truck is used to clean stoppages in sewer pipes and for cleaning street catch basins. The Public Works Department has an additional Vacuum Truck but it is also inoperative and they are waiting for parts to arrive to make repairs to it. The Vacuum trucks are a vital part of the day to day operations of the Public Works Department. Due to the urgency of getting this Vacuum Truck operational again it was found that Bahr Sales, Inc. had the replacement Transfer Case in stock and could install it immediately. Funding for these repairs came from the Public Works Department's account number 208315101-5660, Sewer Fund, Vehicle Damage and Equipment Supplies.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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**33056 RE: NEW 2015 FORD TRANSIT 250 CARGO VAN – PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,
UTILITIES DIV.**

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. 3818 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the purchase of a new 2015 Ford Transit 250 Cargo Van for the Public Works Department, Utilities Division. The new Cargo Van will replace an existing Public Works Department, Utilities Division Cargo Van that has been utilized since 2007 and has been driven 121,733 miles. The funding for this purchase is within the Public Works Department, Utilities Division's account number, 9303501000-5436, Capital Equipment Expense, Maintenance and Repairs.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald Newspaper, the City and State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to twelve (12) Ford Dealerships. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Ford Dealers on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond 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's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. The Deputy Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the existing van be traded-in to reduce the overall cost for the new Cargo Van. Therefore the Deputy Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid for the new 2015 Ford Transit 250 Cargo Van be awarded to Tasca Ford of Berlin, CT who submitted the lowest bid and met all of the bid specifications. The bid results were presented to the Water Commission at their April 07, 2015 meeting. At this meeting they approved the Deputy Director of the Public Works Department's recommendation for the purchase of the new 2015 Ford Transit 250 Cargo Van with the trade-in of the existing Cargo Van from Tasca Ford of Berlin, CT.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Tasca Ford of Berlin, CT for the purchase of the new 2015 Ford Transit 250 Cargo Van for \$24,125.00 which includes the trade-in price offered for the 2007 Cargo Van for the New Britain Public Works Department, Utilities Division, per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3818.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**33013-1 RE: DESIGNATING THE AREA AROUND HRA, 180 CLINTON ST. A "SCHOOL
ZONE"**

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

This request was submitted with the belief that a "School Zone" designation would alter their flow of traffic, which it would not. Two (2) City schools have bus stops on Fern Street and parents dropping off or picking up students at these bus stops impede traffic for arriving students at HRA. Joan Pena, from HRA, will contact the New Britain Board of Education and request that the bus stops be moved. The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor recommends that this request be denied.

The Board voted to deny this request to designate the area around HRA, 180 Clinton Street, as a "School Zone" pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 14-212B(B)(2).

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

**33014-1 RE: REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING SITUATION ON ONEIDA ST. FOR
RESTRICTING PARKING TO ONE SIDE OF THE STREET**

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor traveled the area and found Oneida Street to be narrow and when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, travel is severely restricted. It is recommended to post "NO PARKING" signs on the west side of Oneida Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Eddie Glover Boulevard.

The Board voted to approve this request to post "NO PARKING" signs on the west side of Oneida Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Eddie Glover Boulevard.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE

33057 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS: LIONEL DEJESUS, JAMIE BROWN

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

The Standing Claims Subcommittee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, April 1, 2015, at 6:30 pm in Room 201, City Hall, having held public hearings and made investigations of said claims, respectfully begs leave to recommend the following:

A. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$622.35 be paid to Lionel DeJesus of 35 Grand Street, New Britain, in full settlement of his claim of property damages sustained as a result of potholes on January 12, 2015.

B. RESOLVED; that Jamie Brown and Jamaal T. Johnson, her attorney, be given leave to withdraw her claim for personal injuries sustained on October 1, 2014.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Chair

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

33052 RE: REVISION TO THE MERIT RULES "OPEN COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT LISTS"

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

During recent contract negotiations between the City and Fire Union (Local 992), the parties agreed to develop a program for the hiring of already-certified firefighters from outside agencies. Said program would be similar to the Police Department's program for hiring already-certified police officers. In order to develop such a program, the Rules of the Civil Service Commission (a.k.a. the "Merit Rules") have to be amended –which requires the Civil Service Commission to hold a Public Hearing and then vote to forward a recommendation to the Common Council for consideration.

Rule V (B) of the current Merit Rules entitled "Open Competitive Employment Lists" states:

B. Open Competitive Employment Lists.

1. The Civil Service Commission shall establish and maintain such open competitive employment lists for the various classes of positions as it deems necessary or desirable to meet the needs of the City. On each such open competitive list the eligibles shall be ranked in order of their rating earned in tests give for the purpose of establishing such lists.

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- 2. Any individual who has a current certification from the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council ("POST") or an individual from another state who is deemed to meet POST training requirements, shall upon application for the position of Police Officer, be automatically eligible for appointment whether or not there is an active employment list at the time.

After holding both a Public Hearing and a Special Meeting on March 30, 2015, the Civil Service Commission is unanimously recommending the amendment of Rule V (B) of the Merit Rules to read as follows (new language is underlined and in bold print):

- 3. Any individual who is a recent graduate of the recruit firefighter program at the Connecticut Fire Academy (CFA) or possesses similar credentials from another state which meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualification System Standards, which is deemed by the Connecticut Fire Academy to be equivalent, shall upon application for the position of Firefighter, be automatically eligible for appointment whether or not there is an active employment list at the time. The candidate shall have passed the Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) within two years prior to appointment as a New Britain firefighter.

This new program would supplement, not supplant, the current open competitive exam process for the hiring of entry-level firefighters.

Karen R. Levine
Personnel Director

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

33058 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER - \$10,000 2015 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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:

Overview: Every year the City of New Britain has a Memorial Day Parade and money is budgeted in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to fund this festivity. In the FY 15, due to the current economic situation of the City, this line item was not funded. This resolution is to fund the FY 15 Memorial Day Parade for the City of New Britain.

Whereas, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at the City of New Britain is responsible for making all the arrangements for the Memorial Day Parade. The Department is requesting \$10,000 in order to pay for the Memorial Day Parade bands and entertainment, and

Whereas, there are monies available for this purpose under the City's Contingency account, Therefore, Be it

Resolved, that the FY 2014-2015 General Fund Budget be transferred for this purpose as follows:

<u>Decrease Expenditure:</u>		
001625101-5871	Admin & Contingency - Contingency	\$ 10,000
<u>Increase Expenditure:</u>		
001420001-5440	Recreation Programs – Rentals/Supplies	\$ 7,000
001420001-5550	Recreation Programs – Advertising	\$ 1,000
001420001-5659	Recreation Programs – Operating Materials & Supplies	\$ <u>2,000</u>
	Total	\$ 10,000

Alderwoman Shirley Black
Alderman David DeFronzo
Alderman Jamie Giantonio

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Alderwoman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Daniel Salerno

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33059 RE: APRIL 2015 – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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; Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. They include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder - not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome; and

WHEREAS; the following facts about autism:

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children: 1 in every 54 boys and 1 in every 189 girls
- More children will be diagnosed with autism than with AIDs, diabetes and cancer combined
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- It is estimated that there are over 1.5 million people in the United States with autism
- Autism receives less than 5% of government research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism; and

WHEREAS; the Eighth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2015. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events; and

WHEREAS; the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity for everyone to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community; and

WHEREAS; the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Division- Disabilities Programs also acknowledge the importance of autism awareness; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; by the Common Council and Mayor of the City of New Britain, to recognize that April is designated as "Autism Awareness Month".

Alderman Michael Trueworthy

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33060 RE: SUPPORTING NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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: Recognizing, promoting and supporting the month of April as National Fair Housing Month in the City of New Britain

WHEREAS; April 11, 2015 marks the 47th Anniversary of the passage of the Civil rights Act of 1968, which was meant as a follow up to the Civil rights Act of 1964. The 1968 act expanded on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, (and as amended) disability and familial status. Title VIII of the Act is also known as the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and

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WHEREAS; each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and communities and organizations across the country recognize Fair Housing Month by hosting an array of activities that enhance the community's awareness of their fair housing rights and highlight the national commitment to end housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS; an open and inclusive community committed to equal housing opportunity creates a diversity of people and cultures which greatly enhances every work and educational environment; and

WHEREAS; the City of New Britain is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

WHEREAS; the Mayor as well as the Common Council of the City of New Britain, the City of New Britain Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and Fair Rent Commission are committed to upholding the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 by continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every New Britain resident of their right to fair housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the City of New Britain endorses a Fair Housing Policy, Sec. 2- 198 of the City's Ordinance, to ensure that no person shall discriminate with respect to housing in the City in violation of any federal, state, or local law.

Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Sanchez moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33061 RE: LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Foundation of New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances, for Sunday, April 26, 2015, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the annual "Little Poland Festival" on Broad Street. The organization is also requesting that the Police Department allow the closure of Broad Street from Gold Street to High Street and the closure of Grove Street from Orange Street to Lyman Street. Horace Street access to Broad Street would also be closed.

Alderman David DeFronzo
Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and refer to the License Committee, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33062 RE: SACRED HEART CHURCH "ODPUST" FESTIVAL

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Sacred Heart Church said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section

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5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Friday, June 26, 2015, and Saturday, June 27, 2015, for the purpose of conducting their annual parish festival "Odpušt" on the Sacred Heart Church grounds, Broad Street and Gold Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman David DeFronzo
Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and refer to the License Committee, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33063 RE: PULASKI CLUB BAZAAR/CARNIVAL

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Pulaski Club, Inc., said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Thursday, April 23, 2015, Friday, April 24, 2015, Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM, for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival in the Pulaski Club parking lot at 89 Grove Street, New Britain, Connecticut. The organization is also requesting that the police department allow the closure of Grove Street between Broad Street and Orange Street to vehicular traffic during the times of the bazaar/carnival.

Alderman David DeFronzo
Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and refer to the License Committee, seconded by Ald. Smedley. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33064 RE: ANNUAL "DOZYNKI" FESTIVAL

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:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Council of Greater New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for Saturday, August 22, 2015, and Sunday, August 23, 2015, for the purpose of conducting the Annual "Dozynki" Festival at the Polish Falcon "Polanka" Field on Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman David DeFronzo

Ald. DeFronzo moved to accept and refer to the License Committee, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33065 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – POLICE DEPT. \$34,000 – STATE GRANT TO FUND COMMUNITY POLICING OUTREACH EVENTS

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 State Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has awarded the New Britain Police Department a \$34,000 grant to fund Community Policing Outreach Events and to support police

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personnel conducting proactive targeted investigations and operations in particular neighborhoods focusing on gun violence, gang violence, drug crime, domestic violence and sexual assaults, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to formally allocate these funds in a budget amendment for the period April 15, 2015 to December 31, 2015, and THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin Stewart is authorized to execute all grant documents with the State Office of Policy and Management on behalf of the City of New Britain, and FURTHERMORE

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment to formally appropriate \$34,000, and authorization to use police overtime to staff neighborhood outreach events and hire officers to conduct proactive targeted investigations and operations in particular neighborhoods as follows:

Revenue:		
269211154-4222	Revenue – State of CT	\$34,000
Expenditures:		
269211154-5122	OT- Neighborhood Events/Targeted Operations	\$34,000

- 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. Smedley. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33066 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – ACCEPTANCE OF STATE GRANT - \$53,300 TO THE 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:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Division of Highway Safety has made available Federal highway safety funds for overtime to support "Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement" efforts from April 2015 to the end of September 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, and

RESOLVED, that the Police Department has authority to accept a grant in the sum of \$53,300.

RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin Stewart is authorized to execute all grant documents with the State of Connecticut DOT on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Program grant in the sum of \$53,300 to provide Federal dollars for overtime to target those that choose to engage in distractive practices while driving, thus making City streets safer, and,

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$53,300 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

Revenue:		
288211153-4223	Federal Revenue	\$ 53,300
Expenditures:		
288211153-5122	OT-Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement	\$ 53,300

- Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison
- Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. - Police Liaison
- Ald. Wilfredo Pabon - Police Liaison

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Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez - Police Liaison
Ald. Robert Smedley - Police Liaison

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33067 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-10 OF THE ORDINANCES – COPYING AND SCANNING OF PUBLIC RECORDS – FEES, AND INCLUDING A DEFINITION OF “INDIGENT”

Proposed amendment on file in Town Clerk’s Office

Ald. Naples moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33052-1 RE: REVISING THE MERIT RULES TO ESTABLISH NEW PROCESS FOR THE HIRING OF ALREADY CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS

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 Civil Service Commission of the City of New Britain has adopted Merit Rules; and

WHEREAS, Rule I of the Merit Rules states that the Civil Service Commission may, after a Public Hearing, submit proposed amendments of the Merit Rules to the Common Council for approval, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission seeks to establish a new process for the hiring of already-certified Firefighters, and

WHEREAS, Rule V (B) of the current Merit Rules entitled “Open Competitive Employment Lists” states:

B. Open Competitive Employment Lists.

1. The Civil Service Commission shall establish and maintain such open competitive employment lists for the various classes of positions as it deems necessary or desirable to meet the needs of the City. On each such open competitive list the eligibles shall be ranked in order of their rating earned in tests given for the purpose of establishing such lists.
2. Any individual who has a current certification from the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (“POST”) or an individual from another state who is deemed to meet POST training requirements, shall upon application for the position of Police Officer, be automatically eligible for appointment whether or not there is an active employment list at the time.

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has unanimously recommended the amendment of Rule V (B) of the Merit Rules to read as follows (new language is underlined and in bold print):

3. **Any individual who is a recent graduate of the recruit firefighter program at the Connecticut Fire Academy (CFA) or possesses similar credentials from another state which meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualification System Standards, which is deemed by the Connecticut Fire Academy to be equivalent, shall upon application for the position of Firefighter, be automatically eligible for appointment whether or not there is an active employment list at the time. The candidate shall have passed the Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT) within two years prior to appointment as a New Britain firefighter.**

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission held a Public Hearing on this change on March 30, 2015, is now forwarding the proposed amendment to the Merit Rules to the Common Council for approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of New Britain approve the proposed amendment to Rule V (B) of the Merit Rules as recommended by the Civil Service Commission.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

April 8, 2015

Civil Service Commission Liaison

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33068 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – RECEIPT OF LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL FUNDING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACTION COUNCIL – FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND BULLYING ACTIVITIES

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: This resolution allows for receipt of Local Prevention Council funding of \$5,675 from the Substance Abuse Action Council for contract year ending July 30th, 2015. Funds to be used for the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and bullying activities, including; “Take Back the Streets”; Abilities Walk; and Veterans Stadium Signage. There is no match obligation on the part of the city for these entitlement funds.

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is committed to prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco, Bullying and other negative (abusive) behaviors by its residents, and particularly its children, AND

WHEREAS, there is a Local Prevention Council appointed under jurisdiction of the Commission on Youth Services, AND

WHEREAS, prevention funding from the Substance Abuse Action Council has been made available for Local Prevention councils and the Community Services Administrator applied and was successful at attaining funding in order to serve our youth and families by offering anti-drug, anti-violence, and anti-bullying events, AND

WHEREAS, such funding has been awarded to New Britain Youth & Family Services, the Local Prevention Council for New Britain, AND

WHEREAS, Recreation and Community Services Department will be providing several inflatables for the “Take Back the Streets” event on Saturday May 2nd, 2015 at Walnut Hill Park; purchasing T-Shirts, water, cake and give away prizes for the ADA “Walk and Roll” event Wednesday July 22nd, 2015; placing large 4 X 10 anti-drug, anti-smoking, anti-alcohol, and anti-bullying signage at Veterans Stadium, NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Erin E. Stewart receive full authority to execute all contracts in receipt of Local Prevention Council funding in the amount of \$5,675, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such funding, upon receipt; be placed in appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts as detailed below, under administrative purview of New Britain Youth & Family Services.

Revenue Account::		
296536103-4476	Local Revenue/Contributions	\$5,675
Expenditures accounts::		
296536103-5659	Operating Materials/Supplies	\$2,800
296536103-5336	Other Purchase Services	<u>\$2,875</u>
	TOTAL	\$5,675

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Sanchez moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 13, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

April 8, 2015