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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 7:38 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th of March 2015 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Two members were absent: Ald. Collins due to illness and Ald. Giantonio who is out of state on business.

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God our Heavenly Father. Thank you for hearing our pleas for winter to come to an end. We give thanks that each day grows longer in warm light and that we have been liberated from the extremely cold grip of a long cold winter. Look down on New Britain's leaders. Give them the determination and commitment to recognize the challenges of 2015 and work cooperatively to make New Britain a better place to live, work, receive an education or raise a family. Amen

The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Frank Bradley.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to suspend the rules to allow the Mayor to deliver her State of the City Address 2015, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

MAYOR

33039 RE: 2015 MAYOR ERIN E. STEWART STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

- To all those gathered here this evening in our Council Chambers, and to all of you watching at home: welcome to City Hall and thank you for being with us.
- Distinguished members of the Common Council, elected officials, department leaders, city employees and, most importantly, my fellow citizens, I come before you tonight to provide you with the annual State of the City address.
- One year ago, I stood here and declared that New Britain was at a crossroads.
- We were staring down a current year deficit of \$19 million and a projected deficit for the next year in excess of \$30 million.
- At that time I said we had to make a choice: whether we would continue down the same old path that had led us to the brink of financial collapse; staring right in the face of a state takeover; or whether we would chart a new course and begin making the difficult decisions that would return this City to solid financial footing.
- Today, I can stand before you and confidently say that, because of the actions we have taken together, the state of our City is strong...and getting stronger.
- Last year, I wasn't able to deliver this speech until almost midnight...wearing my slippers...
- Although the hour was late, it didn't seem to matter because during the first four hours of that meeting, the government of this City took its first bold steps toward recovery, first by admitting we had a problem and then by doing something about it.

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- That night, we rescinded over \$19 million in authorized-but-unissued debt.
- The Council also approved several transactions that would help us stabilize our finances for the remainder of the year and show the outside world that New Britain was serious about turning things around.
- Due in large part to the courage shown that night, the City of New Britain closed those gaping deficits and was able to finish the year in the black – and the recently issued 2014 audit confirms just that.
- What we did one year ago was just the first of many tough, but prudent decisions that had to be made...and we did so with the type of bipartisan support that has marked many of the City's achievement's over the last year.
- Last March, I laid out my vision for how I would govern and outlined the direction New Britain would take under my administration.
- That vision consisted of six key principles:
 - Being fiscally responsible;
 - Being transparent in all of our dealings;
 - Providing our children with the education they deserve;
 - Enabling New Britain to truly be “open for business”; and
 - Delivering the leadership needed to be most responsive to our residents.
- Being fiscally responsible meant addressing the City's financial crisis head on, not kicking the can to future Mayors and future Councils.
- I mentioned earlier that, as we began the budget process last year, our financial experts were already projecting a deficit of over \$30 million for FY 2015.
- We definitely had our work cut out for us.
- The 2014 budget had been shown to be woefully out of balance, so I made a promise to the citizens of New Britain that I would give them a budget that brought us back to structural balance.
- Simply put, structural balance means that our expenditures match our revenues.
- Unfortunately, it's simple concepts like this that government at all levels has a hard time grasping.
- We started from zero, analyzed everything, and spent days & nights in my conference room, but when we emerged we had a budget that was structurally balanced. We re-built every department budget from the bottom up.
- The budget I placed before this Council almost a year ago was truly honest.
- There were no phony numbers. We didn't spend all that time analyzing data and spending trends only to warp them into numbers that suited us.
- It contained over \$16 million in cuts from the prior year.
- I might remind you that \$120 million of our \$216 million total budget goes directly to the Board of Education, so \$16 million in cuts - to funds over which we do have discretion - represents a reduction of nearly 17% of the city's overall budget.
- The key was to achieve those cuts and still provide an extraordinarily high level of public services to our residents.
- One of the biggest cuts was a reduction of \$1.2 million to the Fire Department.
- Many people scoffed and said that there was no way we would ever achieve those savings.
- But, to their credit, the Fire Union worked with the City in long negotiations over the past five months and, tonight, the Common Council will be asked to approve a new contract that will

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actually net us \$1.3 million in savings in this fiscal year...and an additional \$3 million in savings over the remainder of the contract term.

- I actually think Lieutenant Sanzaro summed it up best in The Herald on Saturday when he described the contract as “Not the best deal for firefighters, but certainly a fair deal.”
- And I thank the Fire Union for ratifying that contract, even though it was by the slimmest of margins.
- While we are on the subject, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our union brothers and sisters for their willingness to be part of solutions that will make New Britain stronger.
- We could not make many of these critical, structural changes without them and their cooperation at the negotiation table.
- Unfortunately, after several years of poor budgeting, mismanagement, and overspending, \$16 million in cuts just wasn’t enough to restore balance.
- So we were forced to raise revenues.
- Did we want to? Of course not. We pay taxes here too.
- But I firmly believe that the people of New Britain sent me here to fix a problem, not to sugarcoat or downplay it.
- At the time I called it the bitter medicine the City needed to get us on a course to recovery and that is exactly how I view it today.
- To my fellow residents, thank you for the sacrifice you have made to restore stability and responsibility in city government.
- Nothing worth doing is ever easy, but when you can begin to see the results it all seems worth it.
- And in January, when Standard & Poor’s gave us an unprecedented three-notch upgrade in our bond rating from “BBB with a negative outlook” to “A with a stable outlook”, I think we all had reason to feel a degree of validation about the tough decisions we have made together.
- When you see, as we did last week, major cities like Chicago receiving three-notch downgrades, the courage that this City has shown to end “business as usual” becomes that much more apparent.
- And on that note, I’d like to say a few words about our employees.
- In November, I sent a memo to all department heads advising them that the financial picture for the next two fiscal years looked bleak and asked that their 2016 budget requests reflect that reality.
- They are in a far better position than any of us to know where to find savings and cost reductions within their own departments.
- So I was quite pleased to see that most of them heeded my message and have submitted requests that either hold the line or reduce it.
- We have a remarkable group of men and women who keep this City running and I thank our department heads, most of whom are here tonight, for their leadership and for keeping up with me.
- Thanks in large part to the job you have done implementing our budget and adhering to stricter cost-controls and oversight, our finance team now believes that we are poised to finish this fiscal year in the black.

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- We are making distinct progress, but we are far from being out of the woods. There is no question that we are moving in the right direction and I look forward to continuing that direction when I come before this body to present my 2016 budget in April.
- Last year I also pledged a command focus on economic development that fits into our overall vision for the City.
- Today, the phones in Bill Carroll and Ken Malinowski's offices are ringing constantly with people who are interested in checking out New Britain.
- On Farmington Avenue, we have a major development already underway that will bring a new gas station, a new convenience store, a new Dunkin Donuts, a new high-quality restaurant, a new ice cream parlor and a new senior living facility.
- That facility will have 90 beds, 30 of which will be dedicated specifically to Alzheimer's and dementia patients. The footprint will be 125,000 square feet, it is projected to create 212 new full-time jobs and scheduled to break ground in June.
- At Pinnacle Business Park, Polamer will soon be opening their new 150,000 square foot state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.
- On John Downey Drive, Admill Machine is set to double the size of their existing footprint.
- On Newington Avenue, in the old Macristy Building, Marsam Manufacturing is proceeding with a full-scale rehabilitation of their facility, including a new roof, new windows, and new offices.
- On Columbus Boulevard, the City has secured \$2.7 million in grants to demolish the old police station and get that piece of prime real estate back on the tax rolls.
- New restaurants like Riley's Gourmet Hot Dogs, Willy Pep's Corner Café, and Dulces Cupcakes are turning out delicious products.
- I am particularly proud that later tonight the Council will hopefully vote to approve the sale for the complete restoration of the Berkowitz Building on Main Street, rehabilitating one of the City's most notorious eyesores and creating a beautiful new gateway to our thriving Broad Street community that will consist of mixed-use retail and residential components.
- And it really wouldn't be a State of the City address if we didn't mention Costco.
- I am so pleased that after four years, we were finally able to come together and get this project off the ground so that, by the fall, our residents won't have to drive to Waterbury to shop there anymore.
- These projects represent only a fraction of the entire economic development picture, but the bottom line is that we'll be spending a fair amount of time together this year cutting ribbons.
- Much of this newfound interest in development is being spurred by the upcoming opening of CTfastrak on March 28th.
- It is no secret that New Britain has benefited from significant investment from the state and federal governments to assist transit-oriented development around the stations, and to make our downtown area more pedestrian-friendly.
- We have done our fair share of investing as well - People want to invest in cities that are investing in themselves
- Later this summer, Phase III of our streetscape program will commence.
- It will fundamentally transform downtown to have more of a "town square" feel. Central Park will be expanded and will soon become a place where people can congregate comfortably, while frequenting food trucks and street vendors & hopefully a farmers market.

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- In addition, we are moving forward with plans to renovate the Main Street overpass into something that truly connects downtown with Broad Street and gives us a new signature piece of architecture.
- No more will we have the 'tale of two cities' that were split by a highway.
- It will be known as "The Beehive Bridge" and will celebrate New Britain's motto that "Industry fills the hive and enjoys the honey" by incorporating a beehive sculpture as the focal point, as well as a honeycomb effect along the bridge façade itself, and honeybee's at either end.
- Whether folks are driving in on Route 72, or arriving via CTfastrak, this project will let them know that they have arrived in the center of our City.
- This spring will also see the start of Phase II of the Broad Street reconstruction project and will include new pavement, curbing, lighting, as well as a completely redesigned Pulaski Park.
- Over at our sports complex, we have made key investments in our three stadiums.
- Last summer, field turf was installed at Veterans' Memorial Stadium along with a state-of-the-art running track.
- A few weeks ago, contractors began a full-scale facelift on Beehive Stadium that will completely rejuvenate the facility while making it accessible and safe for all.
- And next month we will be installing a new gutter system at New Britain Stadium that will finally address some of the water runoff issues that have occurred over the past few years.
- I suppose I can't mention New Britain Stadium without making a comment or two about the Rock Cats.
- Surely the news that the Rock Cats would be departing for greener pastures in Hartford was a tough pill to swallow – especially the shady manner in which it was brokered and announced.
- But I reaffirm my pledge that, regardless of what the Rock Cats do, professional baseball will continue, in some form, in the Hardware City.
- Obviously, I cannot go into any level of detail, but suffice to say that conversations are ongoing with multiple leagues and there is no shortage of interest.
- In the meantime, New Britain will continue to be the proactive and dutiful hosts we have always been as the Rock Cats play their final season at Willow Brook.
- The upgrades at Beehive, New Britain & Veterans Memorial Stadiums are all critical projects to maintaining and enhancing key assets, but we have other equally important parks across the City that need some love too.
- At Stanley Quarter Park, we will be constructing a paved multi-purpose loop around the pond.
- At A.W. Stanley Park, we are preparing for the opening of New England's first Go APE! high ropes adventure course in the spring.
- And over at Chesley Park...I think it's time to put field turf there too.
- Chesley is home to the Junior Canes Football program – one of the finest youth programs in the nation – yet the field they play on is in such poor condition that it borders being unsafe.
- Both the Junior Canes and the children of our East Side neighborhoods deserve a quality playing surface, and – with the Council's help – I am prepared to push this project forward this year.
- Another project that will be accomplished in 2015 is the development and implementation of a new City website.
- Bringing City Hall into the 21st century is not something that can be done overnight – believe me, I've been trying.

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- But working with our Director of Information Technology, Adam Pokorski, and the members of the IT Commission, we will be moving more of our key services online and substantially enhancing the number of transactions that can be executed on the internet.
- Along those lines, our Town Clerk, Mark Bernacki, has already begun the herculean task of digitizing the records in his office to make it easier for people to access critical documents without having to leave their home.
- We are also moving ahead with the implementation of the RASTRAC system for monitoring our Public Works vehicles, which will increase the efficiency and accountability of our employees...especially during snow operations.
- Speaking of new technology, we are in the final phases of the largest solarization project ever to occur in New Britain.
- Solar arrays have already been installed on the roofs of Smith, Smalley and DiLoreto schools, and the array at Shuttle Meadow Reservoir is currently under construction.
- These systems will be energized this spring, saving the City money and reducing our carbon footprint.
- Continuing with that effort to achieve city savings, many of you participated on the Blue Ribbon Committee – which was a joint effort with the Board of Education & City Council to discuss ways we can better collaborate in order to use best practices and begin to break down the wall that exists between our two buildings.
- It certainly wasn't easy, but it was a great first step in building relationships, and I am proud to say we have begun acting on the Committee's final recommendations - one of which is on the council agenda for later tonight, to increase our city bid threshold to match the board of education's, making it easier for us to purchase items in bulk and realize savings.
- I am particularly pleased of the work we have done in the last year to address the issue of homelessness in our City.
- We brought community providers, city leaders, members of the clergy, and other key people around the table and collectively developed a new plan that is action-oriented and reflects today's realities.
- The 10 year plan to end homelessness is now known as "Building Hope Together: New Britain's Permanent Workplan to End Homelessness."
- I am very proud of the work this City continues to do to help those less fortunate than ourselves and I have been quite pleased by the commitment of the members of our Building Hope Together task force to find housing, treatment, and love for anyone who needs it.
- This past year, we received some devastating news that, due to a change in the federal formula, New Britain would no longer receive any Emergency Solutions Grant funding. We use that funding every year for our cold weather overflow shelter which on any given night has over 30 occupied beds from December to March.
- Once we realized this was happening, the Building Hope Together committee had to find a solution.
- Our friends at CMHA came to the table with the location, the Friendship Center pledged staff support, and a few of us were then able to successfully secure the \$90,000 in grants to operate it from the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, the Connecticut Department of Housing & TD Bank's Charitable Fund.
- It was a great example of how the City can work collaboratively with our community providers to get rapid, and successful, results.
- I am also proud of this administration's work in support of our friends at VA, Inc. to help homeless veterans and their families.

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- With our help, VA Inc. was able to secure final funds that were needed to finish their rehabilitation of their building on Arch Street, which will bring 18 new units of permanent supportive housing to homeless veterans.
- We have also gained an additional 25 units from other sources, for a total of 43 new permanent supportive housing units in New Britain in the last year alone.
- And beyond helping the homeless, the City's revitalized Homeownership Program successfully provided down-payment assistance to seven of New Britain's newest and proudest homeowners!
- I know that the members of this Council share my commitment to ending homelessness and encouraging homeownership in New Britain, and I thank you for that.
- Restoring the pride in New Britain is another key to my vision, and as you can see, we have a lot to be proud of.
- But in addition to what we have done financially, economically and socially, we have also had some wonderful opportunities to come together to celebrate that pride.
- Events like the Little Poland Festival, the Rose Garden Festival, the Great American Boom were resounding successes – most made possible by the generosity of our local businesses & foundations.
- Oktoberfest was even bigger and better than the previous year.
- Even though Nick is taking a year off due to the streetscape construction, plans are in the works for another signature New Britain event and I look forward to sharing those details once they are confirmed.
- The New Britain Museum of American Art is in the process of completing their latest expansion, which will further augment their reputation as one of the country's most prestigious art institutions.
- CCSU is completing work on their brand new 8-story dormitory, and they continue to expand their course offerings, as well as their standing, within the region's academic community.
- We are also blessed to have some of the finest emergency responders keeping us and our families safe.
- Whether it is fighting crime, fighting fires, or saving lives, the men and women of the Police, Fire and Public Safety Telecommunications Departments do us proud each and every day. There is never a dull moment in our 13.2 square miles and I speak on behalf of all our residents when I say thank you for keeping us safe.
- To be sure, there are a lot of reasons we can be proud to say that New Britain is our home, and I will continue working tirelessly to grow that list.
- Finally, I would like to thank my partners in government, the men and women of this Common Council.
- With a Republican mayor and a Democratic council majority, I think most people would assume that the result would be gridlock, but that couldn't be further from the truth.
- In fact, nearly every major accomplishment of the past year has been done on a bipartisan basis, and for that I thank you.
- I've been told much of that is due to the fact that my administration provides the Council with as much information as we can in advance of a vote or meeting.
- I believe strongly in transparency, and providing this Council with the ability to make as informed a decision as possible on any issue, to me, is a matter of simple respect.
- That's not to say we haven't had our "interesting moments" this year, but I believe that our relationship as coequal branches of government has been marked with civility, respect, and a desire to make our hometown better.

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- As long as that remains, we will continue to do great things together.
- Thank you for your time and attention this evening, may God bless you and may God bless the great City of New Britain.

Mayor Erin E. Stewart

Ald. Trueworthy moved to return to regular order of business at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Bielinski moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 28, 2015 and February 11, 2015, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted.

Ald. Bielinski moved to amend the Agenda by adding substitutes 33029 (h), 32905-1(dd) and 33038 (9), seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved March 12, 2015 by Erin E. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

33024 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

- Bukowski, Molly
- Carr, Andrew
- Chudy, Jessica
- Mangan, Stephen L.

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

CITY PLAN COMMISSION

32982-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTIES ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF ARCH ST FROM 66 WALLACE ST TO 700 ARCH ST FROM T AND B-1 TO B-3

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

The City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting held on March 2, 2015, voted 5 to 0 to recommend that this proposed zone change be approved.

BACKGROUND: This proposed zone change encompasses several properties along the eastern side of Arch Street between Wallace Street and Andrews Street. The five (5) individual properties' total land is approximately 1.7 acres, and the four (4) northernmost properties are currently zoned B-1, Neighborhood Business. 700 Arch Street is the southernmost property situated at the intersection of Arch Street and Kensington Avenue, running eastward to Andrews Street. It is split into two zoning districts,

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the western half fronting Arch Street being zoned B-1 and the eastern half fronting towards Andrews Street being zoned T, Two-Family.

PLANNING AND CONSIDERATIONS: The neighborhood surrounding the proposed zone change area consists of mostly residential properties, with the exception of a few businesses situated along Arch Street. Aside from the four (4) businesses at 672 Arch Street, there is a package store at the northeast corner of Arch and Wallace Streets and a commercial building at 687 Arch Street, opposite the zone change area, which has housed a variety of small businesses over the years including a plumbing contractor and a business that supplies inflatable “bounce houses” for parties. Other former commercial spaces in this area of Arch Street have either been converted to residential use or are unoccupied.

The B-3 zoning district permits a wide variety of business uses ranging from retail stores to restaurants and office buildings, and also includes, subject to special exception approval, auto repairs and sales, gasoline stations, billboards and alcohol permit licenses. The zoning district also permits mixed-use buildings with residential apartments on the upper floors over first floor business uses. The zone would allow nearly up to 50% lot coverage and requires no front, side or rear yard setbacks. A 25-foot undeveloped vegetated transitional yard is required wherever new B-3 development takes place abutting a residential zoning district.

The existing residential and commercial buildings within the zone change area are nonconforming relative to the B-1 zone required 40-foot front yard setbacks and the fact that residential uses are not permitted in the B-1 zone. The proposed change to B-3 would make these properties more conforming relative use and required yard setbacks. For the vacant parcels at 684, 690 and 700 Arch Street, the zone change petitioner has also shown a conceptual plan with lots merged to create a 1.32 acre commercial development site with plans for a Dollar General store.

The City’s 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development identifies the Arch Street corridor as being an important gateway into the city and into the central business district and emphasizes the importance of the design, appearance and uses that are sited at these critical gateway locations. The plan also notes that the southern portion of Arch Street, south of Hart Street is mostly residential in character with the upper portions closer to the downtown having a greater prevalence of commercial uses. It recommends that the southern half of the street remain more residential in character and that commercial development be encouraged in northern portions closer to the downtown.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Plan Commission views this location at the corner of Arch Street and Kensington Avenue to be an important gateway into the City and would require that any type of development at this location be well-landscaped and a higher quality architectural design. Notwithstanding the Plan of Conservation and Development general recommendation, the City Plan Commission is of the opinion that an attractive and appropriately designed commercial site could be a visual improvement to the corner and a moderately-sized convenience and discount retail sales operation would serve a neighborhood need for area residents. The City Plan Commission, therefore, recommends the adoption of this zone change to B-3.

Louis G. Amodio, Chairman
City Plan Commission

33002-1 RE: RECOMMENDING PROPOSED CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION AT 111-C CHRISTIAN LANE – R&M AUTO SERVICES LLC

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

The City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting held on March 2, 2015, voted 5 to 0 to recommend that this proposed certificate of location approval be granted.

BACKGROUND: The applicant is requesting the granting of a certificate of location approval to allow issuance of a used motor vehicle dealer’s license and general repairer’s license, in accordance with

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Section 14-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The subject property is situated on the western side of Christian Lane and is zoned I-2, general industry, which permits auto sales and automotive repair operations by right. The property is a single parcel (111-117 Christian Lane), and the applicant would lease a separate portion of the site and existing building.

FINDINGS: The subject site totals slightly over two (2) acres in area and was formerly used by a book bindery and later a commercial trash recycling operation and truck storage/maintenance facility. There is a large masonry and steel building on the site with an approximate floor area of 15,000 square feet. The site is entirely fenced and there is sufficient room for parking of more than 100 vehicles.

The site was originally granted auto repairers' and dealers' licenses in March 1988 (ZBA Application #3159), under ESP Autobody, with two subsequent approvals granted more recently. In May 2003, a certificate of location approval was issued for used auto sales in the name of Prestige Auto (ZBA Application #4100). More recent approvals were granted in May 2004 (ZBA Application #4038) to add two new licensees leasing portions of the site. Apparently, at least one of these operations vacated the premises, creating the opportunity for this current applicant. The applicant plans to lease approximately .39 acres of the property, essentially the northwestern quarter of the site and 6,800 square feet of building area. The interior work space is accessed by three large overhead garage doors, and the site plan shows a parking layout with five (5) customer spaces, six (6) employee spaces, four (4) vehicle display spaces and fifteen (15) storage and repair spaces. The site already has appropriate floor drains routed through an oil and grease separator located near the front of the property.

CONCLUSION: The I-2 zone allows auto sales by right, and the area has long been utilized for a variety of auto sales and related activities. The proposed change to add these current repairer/dealers' licenses to the property, in lieu of the business that has left, would have no effect on the overall character of the site and general area.

RECOMMENDATION: Recognizing that these auto-related uses are permitted by right in the I-2 zoning district and that this property has long been licensed for sales and repairers operations, the City Plan Commission has no objections to the granting of the certificate of location approval for this dealer/repairer license request.

Louis G. Amodio, Chairman
City Plan Commission

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

33033 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM - FRANCES DREZEK

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 and the Standing Claims Subcommittee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, March 4, 2015, at 6:00 PM in Room 201, City Hall, having held public hearings and made investigations of said claims, respectfully begs leave to recommend the following:

RESOLVED; that the sum of \$11,129.67 be paid to Frances Drezek of 81 East Street, New Britain, in full settlement of her claim of property damages sustained as a result of the City's main line back up on October 29, 2014.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Chair

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

33025 RE: JOSE DIAZ V. NEW BRITAIN 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:

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Summary Judgment was granted in favor of the New Britain Police Department by the Honorable Judge Cynthia K. Swienton on February 9, 2015. The Plaintiff had been arrested by the New Britain Police Department and as part of the arrest confiscated from the plaintiff two motor vehicles and a motor cycle. Plaintiff alleged that the vehicles had to be released to him. The Honorable Court agreed with the Defendant that the factual issues raised in the present case were litigated and decided against the plaintiff in the previous criminal action. Thus, the plaintiff had a full and fair opportunity to litigate the issues in the prior action and res judicata or collateral estoppel was dispositive of the claim and summary judgment was appropriate.

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

33026 RE: CHARLES NADEAU 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 FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5000.00) be paid to Charles Nadeau and Paul A. Catalano, Esq., his attorneys, in full settlement of his suit against the City of New Britain, now pending in Superior Court, Judicial District of New Britain, at New Britain, for injuries and losses he allegedly sustained on April 10, 2012, when the plaintiff fell on the public sidewalk at 283 Main Street in front of Amato's Toy Store. He has alleged that as a result of the fall, he hurt his left ankle, low back, right groin and right lateral thigh. The plaintiff has alleged \$18,414.49 in medical damages. Shaw Chiropractic has assessed the plaintiff as having a 12%ppd to the lumbar.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after a settlement conference between the Honorable Judge Young, City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and Atty. Paul Catalano 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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

33027 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PERIOD JANUARY 7, 2015 THRU MARCH 3, 2015

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 March 3, 2015

4. Department: Town Clerk
From: 001108001-5663 (Election Supplies)
To: 001108001-5611 (Office Supplies)
Amount: \$800.00
Brief Description: Funds needed for vital statistic binders and binding proceedings of the Common Council
5. Department: Town Clerk
From: 001108001-5336 (Other Purchased Services)
To: 001108001-5331 (Professional Services)
Amount: \$2,000.00

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Brief Description: Funds needed to purchase archival paper and binders for land records

6. Department: Voters – Republican

From: 001104002-5331 (Professional Services)

To: 001104002-5122 \$ 161.00 (Overtime)

001104002-5124 \$32,813.00 (Part Time Salaries)

001104002-5611 \$ 150.00 (Office Supplies)

001104002-5810 \$ 360.00(Dues/Fees/Memberships)

Amount: \$33,484.00

Brief Description: Adjust line items for poll workers, overtime during election and primary, office supplies and dues/fees for April registrar convention attendance

Rebecca Salerni
Deputy Finance Director

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33028 RE: FORENSIC SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR NEW BRITAIN 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 2-541 (a), a purchase order was requested by the New Britain Police Department for the purchase of a new forensic software license and renewal of current forensic software licenses.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Guidance Software Pasadena, CA	Purchase one (1) new forensic software license. Renewal of four (4) current forensic software licenses until July 2017	\$4,677.48

The New Britain Police Department requested the purchase of a new forensic software license and renewal of four (4) current forensic software licenses and technical support services until July 2017. The software licenses enable the Police Department to evaluate digital evidence. The software is proprietary intellectual property not subject to competition because these licenses allow the Department to continue with analysis tools currently in use. Guidance Software is the sole provider of this forensic software. The Purchasing Agent has verified that Guidance Software is the sole provider of this software system and has no dealers. Therefore bid solicitation for the purchase of the one (1) new forensic software license and the renewal of the four (4) current forensic software licenses that the Police Department has with Guidance Software until July 2017 would not be beneficial to the City. Funding is available for this purchase in the Police Department’s General Fund budget, account number 001211025-5436, Crime Lab - Equipment Maintenance & Repair.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$4,677.48 to Guidance Software of Pasadena, California for the purchase of a new forensic software license and the renewal of four (4) current forensic software licenses services until July 2017 for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33029 RE: RENEWAL OF CURRENT FORENSIC SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SUPPORT

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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In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-541 (a), a purchase order was requested by the New Britain Police Department for the purchase of a new forensic software license.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Annual Price</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Cellebrite USA, Corp. Glen Rock, NJ	Annual Renewal of a Forensic Software License and Support	\$3,299.00	3 Years	\$9,897.00

The New Britain Police Department requested the renewal of a current forensic software license and technical support services for the next three (3) years. The software license enables the Police Department to evaluate digital evidence. It is proprietary intellectual property not subject to competition because this license allows the Department to continue with analysis tools currently in use. Cellebrite USA of Glen Rock, New Jersey is the sole proprietor and provider of this forensic software. The Purchasing Agent has verified that Cellebrite USA of Glen Rock, New Jersey is the sole proprietor and provider of this system and has no dealers. Therefore bid solicitation for the renewal of the forensic software licenses and technical support services for the next three (3) years would not be beneficial to the City. Funding is available for this purchase in the Police Department's General Fund budget, account number 001211025-5436, Crime Lab - Equipment Maintenance & Repair.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order annually for \$3,299.00 for the next three (3) years to Cellebrite USA of Glen Rock, New Jersey for the annual renewal of a current Forensic Software License and Technical Support Services for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33031 RE: PRINTING OF BROCHURES FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 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. 3811 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Printing of Summer/Fall 2015 and the Winter/Spring 2015-2016 Brochures for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Funding is available for the printing of these Brochures within the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Account Number 001420001-5550, General Fund, Printing and Advertising.

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 sixty-three (63) Printing Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Printing Companies 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 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. As done previously, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department would like a brochure that is appealing so more parents look at the brochure and become aware of the programs offered by the City for their children. Therefore the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Woodward Printing Services of Platteville, WI who was the lowest bidder and met all of the bid specifications for the printing of the brochures. Woodward Printing Services was awarded the bid for the printing of the brochures in 2014

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RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract and issue purchase orders to Woodward Printing Services of Platteville, WI in the amount of \$1,787.00 for the printing of 10,000 Summer/Fall 2015 Brochures and \$1,787.00 for the printing of 10,000 Winter/Spring 2015-2016 Brochures for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3811.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33032 RE: PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS, FERTILIZERS, GRASSES AND PESTICIDES FOR PARKS & REC AND STANLEY GOLF COURSE

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. 3816 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for required purchases of Chemicals, Fertilizers, Grasses and Pesticides for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Stanley Golf Course. Funding is available for these purchases within the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Account Number 001419003-5659, General Fund, Horticulture, Operating Materials and Supplies and the Stanley Golf Course's account number 201420101-5616, Operational Fund, Fertilizers and Chemicals.

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 twenty-four (24) Chemical, Fertilizer, Grass and Pesticide Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Chemical, Fertilizer, Grass and Pesticide Companies on the mailing list indicating 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 with specifications by Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's and the Stanley Golf Course's Administration as well as the Purchasing Agent. Considerations in determining the awards were:

- In some instances two awards were made. Patents on the formulations of many previously purchased products have run out, and generic forms have emerged. In those cases a brand name and a generic product have been chosen. Generics, which do not have a proven track record, will be tested during the season.
- Ties were awarded in accordance with City of New Britain Code of Ordinance section 2-573.
- In some cases it appears that the low bidder was not selected; however, not all bidders submitted responses on the correct unit size. Conversions were made by Golf Course Administration for comparison.
- In some cases Bidders supplied the same prices because they are agency priced by the manufacturer so all distributors must sell at the same price for specific Pesticides. This will enable the Parks and Recreation Division and the Stanley Golf Course to obtain the needed items if one of the distributors cannot supply them in a timely manner.
- Four (4) Bidders no longer had sales representatives to handle orders or address product issues or concerns.

Therefore, the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to following companies, Hart Seed of Wethersfield, CT, Tom Irwin, Inc. of Burlington, MA., D&S of Durham, CT, Harrell LLC of Stafford Springs, CT., Metro Turf of Brookfield, CT., EH Turf Supply of Exeter, RI, Atlantic Golf and Turf of Turner Falls, MA., John Deer Landscapes of Cleveland OH., Seeton Turf Warehouse of Mount Laurel, NJ, Cardinals, Inc. of Unionville, CT., Plant Food Company, Inc. of Cranbury, NJ., Tuckahoe Turf Farms of Canton, MA., and Helen Chemical of Hatfield, MA.

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RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to Hart Seed of Wethersfield, CT, Tom Irwin, Inc of Burlington, MA., D&S of Durham, CT, Harrell LLC of Stafford Springs, CT., Metro Turf of Brookfield, CT., EH Turf Supply of Exeter, RI, Atlantic Golf and Turf of Turner Falls, MA., John Deer Landscapes of Cleveland OH., Seeton Turf Warehouse of Mount Laurel, NJ, Cardinals, Inc. of Unionville, CT., Plant Food Company, Inc of Cranbury, NJ., Tuckahoe Turf Farms of Canton, MA., and Helen Chemical of Hatfield, MA. on an as-needed basis, from March 15, 2015 to March 14, 2016 as per the selected prices highlighted on the attachment as well as the specifications, terms and conditions of Public Bid No. 3816.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

32494-1 RE: "STOP" SIGN AT THE END OF NELSON STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF NANCY RD

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor reviewed the intersection of Nelson Street and Nancy Road. This is a three-way intersection. Nancy Road is the major roadway and clear sightlines exist in both directions. An accident history inquiry shows no accidents in this intersection in the past year. State statutes provide instructions in that vehicles approaching an intersection that does not cross (Nelson Street at Nancy Road) are compelled to stop and ensure that the roadway is clear of oncoming traffic before turning in either direction, regardless of a stop sign being in place. It is recommended that this petition be denied.

The Board voted to deny this request to install a "STOP" sign at the end of Nelson Street at the intersection of Nancy Road.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32615-1 RE: CROSSWALK REVIEW NEAR JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE CORNER OF HORSEPLAIN RD AND SLATER RD

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor surveyed the area and found an existing crosswalk at the intersection of Horseplain Road at Slater Road that goes north/south across Horseplain Road. Approximately 100 feet up the road is a crosswalk that goes east/west across Slater Road at the intersection of Slater Road and Woodhaven Drive. Another crosswalk 100 feet away seems to be redundant. Recommend denial of this petition.

The Board voted to deny any revision to the crosswalks on the corner of Horseplain Road and Slater Road.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32616-1 RE: "NO PARKING ANY TIME" SIGN REMOVAL ON WESTERLY ST

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 Traffic Bureau supervisor surveyed the area of this request to remove all "No Parking Any Time" signs from the east side of Westerly Street. He found Westerly Street to be a low volume residential street with cars often parked on the west side of the street. Westerly Street is not of sufficient road width to allow parking on both sides of the street and still provide for two way traffic and access for emergency vehicles. The Acting City Engineer concurs. Their recommendation is to deny this petition.

The Board voted to deny this request to remove all "No Parking Any Time" signs from Westerly Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32635-1 RE: "NO PARKING BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM" SIGNS ON HIGHLAND TERRACE AT PARK DR AND IN FRONT OF 72 PARK DR

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 Bureau supervisor surveyed the area of this request and found signage indicating parking restrictions on Highland Terrace are currently in effect. However, he did find areas where the signage is missing. He also found that signage in front of 72 Park Drive to be unnecessary.

The Board voted to have Public Works replace missing parking restriction signage on Highland Terrace.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32636-1 RE: INVESTIGATION OF PARKING PROBLEMS ON TORKOM DR

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 interviewed several residents on Torkom Drive and found one person had complained that a neighbor was parking too close to her driveway. He spoke with her neighbor and asked him to not block her driveway and he agreed to be more cognizant of where he parked.

No further action is required.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32659-1 RE: LIMITING PARKING TO ONE SIDE OF THE STREET ON SOUTH BURRITT ST.

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 surveyed the area and found legally parked cars on both sides of South Burritt Street. This street is lightly travelled and there is ample room for two-way traffic to traverse the roadway. An emergency vehicle such as a fire truck or ambulance would have room to pass oncoming traffic at a reduced speed. A two year inquiry into the past accident history of the street revealed one motor vehicle accident and one accident involving a motorist attempting to evade police. It is recommended that this petition be denied.

The Board voted to deny this petition to limit parking to one side of South Burritt Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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32661-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF A "DEER CROSSING" SIGN ON SHUTTLE MEADOW AVE

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

The Board voted to approve this request to install a deer crossing sign on Shuttle Meadow Avenue just before the road splits off to Reservoir Road.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32769-1 RE: "STOP" SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WILLOW ST AND PUTNAM ST

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

The stop signs at the intersection of Willow Street and Putnam Street in this petition have been addressed and approved on several different occasions. The intersection of Willow and Putnam Streets is governed by a stop sign in each direction.

No action is needed by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32787-1 RE: "SPEED LIMIT" SIGNS AND "STOP" SIGN ON ELAM ST

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 personnel conducted a traffic survey in and around the area of Elam Street from 06/03/2014 to 06/08/2014. There were 2,033 cars that passed thru the area during the study at an average speed of 23 mph. The prevailing speed limit is 25 mph. There are no speed limit signs on Elam Street. Two should be posted, one in each direction on either side of the curve. There is no stop sign where Elam meets Osgood. Since visibility is an issue, it would be an added safety measure to place a stop sign on Elam Street as it intersects Osgood Avenue.

The Board voted to have two speed limit signs erected on Elam Street, one in each direction, and a stop sign installed on Elam Street where it intersects Osgood Avenue.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32804-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY AROUND THE AREA OF NORTHRIDGE CONDOMINIUMS ON NORTH MOUNTAIN RD

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor surveyed the area and found only one (1) complaint of speeding on North Mountain Road last year (2013). Directed traffic enforcement was conducted in the area and no speeding was noticed or documented. A one year check of traffic accidents revealed no accidents on North Mountain Road (only accidents within the DMV parking lot were found). Due to the very short distance between the DMV parking lot and the STOP sign on West Main Street, a driver would be driving in a fairly reckless manner to reach an excessive speed. There is no evidence of speeding vehicles on North Mountain Road.

No further action required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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32805-1 RE: NO TRUCK ZONE ON KELSEY ST

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 conducted a three (3) year traffic study of the area and found no truck-related accidents. A "NO TRUCKS" prohibition would make it illegal for any truck to use the street regardless of purpose. For example: residential oil delivery, parcel delivery, moving van, etc. A "NO THRU TRUCKS" exclusion could be posted, but the state statute is generally unenforceable. It only affects trucks that originate within the City or that have a stop within the City. Kelsey Street is low volume, and not a cut through in either direction. It is recommended that this petition be denied.

The Board voted to deny this petition to make Kelsey Street a no truck zone.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32839-1 RE: VAGRANCY ISSUE IN VACANT LOT ON THE CORNER OF MYRTLE STREET AND CLEVELAND ST

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 supervisor sent two officers to this location and found two couches and a carpet. There were no vagrants present or indications that this lot is used on a regular basis. An officer contacted Stanley Black & Decker to remove the couches and carpet. On a subsequent follow-up five days later, the couches and carpet had been removed from the lot. The property will be checked nightly to prevent any reoccurrence of the problem.

No further action is required by the Board at this time.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32857-1 RE: "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE STREET BETWEEN 700-772 ELLIS ST

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 surveyed the area and found that portion of Ellis Street to be very wide, had no line of sight issues for drivers and only one motor vehicle accident in the last three years. Due to the apartment complex on Ellis Street, on street parking is a necessity. It is recommended that this petition be denied.

The Board voted to deny this petition to install "NO PARKING" signs on either side of the street between 700 - 772 Ellis Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32858-1 RE: TRAFFIC FLOW AND "STOP" SIGN COMPLIANCE ON THE CORNER OF STANLEY ST AND SOUTH ST

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 Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor surveyed the area and found that Stanley Street ends at South Street in a "T" intersection. Stanley Street has a stop sign, South Street does not. No motor vehicle accidents or complaints of violations have been reported in the last 18 months. Traffic Enforcement Officers will monitor for speeding violations, stop sign compliance and target enforcement in the area.

No further action is required by the Board at this time.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32859-1 RE: PARKING IN THE AREA OF 467 MYRTLE ST

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 surveyed the area and found confusing parking signage. There is a "NO PARKING" sign and directly below it is a "PARKING from 7:00am-8:00am" sign on the same pole. This confusion may have caused motorists to park in front of 467 Myrtle instead of farther east toward Cleveland Street. He recommended removing the "PARKING" sign and moving the "NO PARKING" sign farther east to create more parking spaces. Alderman Smedley interjected the possibility of posting a "15 Minute Loading/Unloading" sign in front of 467 Myrtle to ensure parking availability for the resident's handicap van service.

The Board voted to remove the "PARKING" sign and move the "NO PARKING" sign farther east to create more parking spaces, additionally include posting a "15 Minute Loading/Unloading" sign in front of 467 Myrtle.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32892-1 RE: "NO PARKING" SIGNS AROUND THE AREA OF 222 HILLHURST AVENUE

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

The "NO PARKING" sign near 222 Hillhurst Avenue was removed or broken over last winter. Public Works will replace the missing sign.

No further action required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32893-1 RE: "NO PARKING" SIGNS IN FRONT OF 46-64 ROXBURY RD

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

The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor surveyed the area and found that removal of the "NO PARKING" signs on the north side of Roxbury Road, allowing parking on both sides of the street, would severely constrict the roadway. The curve in that particular section would also greatly reduce the line of sight for vehicles operating on the roadway. For these reasons, the Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor recommends denying this request to remove the "NO PARKING" signs in front of 46 - 64 Roxbury Road.

The Board voted to deny this request to remove the "NO PARKING" signs in front of 46 - 64 Roxbury Road

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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32905-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR ON STREET PARKING IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES

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 examined the feasibility of enforcing this ordinance. An officer observing a parked vehicle at the beginning of his/her eight (8) hour shift would not be on duty twelve hours later to check this parked vehicle, making this ordinance almost unenforceable. There is a mechanism in place for residents to address long term parking concerns and/or problems. The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor respectfully recommends denial of this resolution.

The Board voted to deny this petition to amend the Code of Ordinances to provide restrictions for on street parking in single family residential zones.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32909-1 RE: "STOP" SIGN AT THE EAST END OF AUSTIN STREET HEADING ONTO CHAPMAN ST

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 conducted a survey of the intersection and found traffic on Austin Street and Chapman Street is not governed by any traffic control signage. Austin Street is a minor road, lightly travelled. Clear sightlines exist on Chapman Street in both directions. A three year accident history shows no motor vehicle accidents occurring in this intersection. In accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices established by the USDOT, a "STOP" sign is not warranted on Austin Street absent an engineering study contrary to the above criteria. For these reasons, the Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor recommends denying this request to install a "STOP" sign at the east end of Austin Street heading onto Chapman Street.

The Board voted to deny this request to install a "STOP" sign at the east end of Austin Street heading onto Chapman Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32910-1 RE: "STOP" SIGNS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON MCKINLEY DR. AT THE INTERSECTION OF HALE LANE

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 reviewed the signage at the intersection in question and found no posted signs because it is a "T" intersection and State Statutes require motorists to stop and clear the intersection before entering the roadway. There is adequate line of sight in all directions; no reported accidents there in the last year and no complaints of speeding have been received. The petition asks for "STOP" signs to slow down speeding vehicles which is a direct violation of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. It is recommended that this request be denied.

The Board voted to deny this request to install stop signs in both directions on McKinley Drive at the intersection of Hale Lane to slow down the speeding vehicles.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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32960-1 RE: FOUR WAY "STOP" SIGNS AT THE CORNER OF CHAPMAN ST AND RHODES ST

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

Petition #32318 requesting "STOP" signs on Chapman Street at Rhodes Street was denied by the Board on June 18, 2013. It was recommended at that time that additional signage, "CROSSING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP", be attached to the Rhodes Street stop signs. Those signs are not currently present, but will be posted. Chapman Street is the major roadway. Clear sightlines exist on Chapman Street in both directions at Rhodes Street. In accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices established by the USDOT, "STOP" signs are not warranted on Chapman Street absent an engineering study contrary to the above criteria. For these reasons, the Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor recommends denying this request to install four way "STOP" signs at the intersection Chapman Street and Rhodes Street.

The Board voted to deny this request to install four way "STOP" signs at the intersection Chapman Street and Rhodes Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

32962-1 RE: "STOP" SIGN AT THE CORNER OF KERIN DR AND STANWOOD DR

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 conducted a survey of the intersection and found traffic on Kerin Drive and Stanwood Drive is not governed by any traffic control signage. Both Kerin Drive and Stanwood Drive are minor streets with Kerin Drive a dead end east of Stanwood Drive. Clear sightlines exist on Stanwood Drive in both directions. A three year accident history shows no motor vehicle accidents occurring in this intersection. In accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices established by the USDOT, a "STOP" sign is not warranted on Kerin Drive absent an engineering study contrary to the above criteria. For these reasons, the Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor recommends denying this request to install a "STOP" sign at the corner of Kerin Drive and Stanwood Drive.

The Board voted to deny this request to install a "STOP" sign at the corner of Kerin Drive and Stanwood Drive.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

33000-1 RE: FOUR WAY "STOP" SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF BINGHAM ST AND ROCKY HILL AVE

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

Petition #29721 requesting a four-way "STOP" at the intersection of Bingham Street and Rocky Hill Avenue was denied by the Board on August 21, 2007. The City Engineer conducted a survey of the intersection and found that traffic on Bingham Street is governed by a "STOP" sign and traffic on Rocky Hill Avenue is not. Rocky Hill Avenue is the major roadway and clear sightlines exist in both directions at Bingham Street. A three year accident history shows two (2) motor vehicle accidents occurring in this intersection since January 2012. In accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices established by the USDOT, "STOP" signs are not warranted on Rocky Hill Avenue absent an engineering study contrary to the above criteria. For these reasons, the Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor recommends

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denying this request to install a four-way "STOP" at the intersection of Bingham Street and Rocky Hill Avenue.

The Board voted to deny this request to install a four-way "STOP" at the intersection of Bingham Street and Rocky Hill Avenue.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LAW

33010-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES TO REFER RECEIVED REPORTS FROM THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LAW

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 at a regular meeting and public hearing held on Wednesday evening, March 4, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of resolution #33010 – Amend Code of Ordinances to refer received reports from the Compensation Committee to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman David DeFronzo
Chair

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

32997-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE CITY'S BID THRESHOLD FROM \$3,000 TO \$7,500

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 at a regular meeting and public hearing held on Wednesday evening, March 4, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of resolution #32997 – Amend Code of Ordinances to increase the City's bid threshold from \$3,000 to \$7,500, voted to accept as amended and recommend that the following amended resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

Alderman David DeFronzo
Chair

32990-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES TO INCREASE FEES FOR SITE PLAN APPROVALS AND ADDING A ZONING COMPLIANCE LETTER FEE

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 Planning, Zoning and Housing held a regular meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #32990, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to provide for an increase in fees for site plan approvals and to add a zoning compliance letter fee, voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Chair

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33009-1 RE: PROPOSED SALE OF 49 AND 53 BEAVER STREET, 610-626 MAIN ST, 634, 666, 676 AND 686 MAIN ST TO DOUGLAS BROMFIELD

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 Planning, Zoning and Housing held a regular meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #33009, the sale of 49 and 53 Beaver Street, 610-626 Main Street, 634, 666, 676 and 686 Main Street for \$130,000 to Douglas Bromfield, voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Chair

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33030 RE: SALE OF SURPLUS 2007 E-ONE CYCLONE II HEAVY DUTY RESCUE FIRE TRUCK

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

The City has for sale a 2007 E-One Cyclone II Heavy Duty Rescue Fire Truck which was deemed surplus by the New Britain Fire Department. The Fire Department was unable to generate any interest from Fire Departments within the State of Connecticut who would want to purchase this Recuse Fire Truck. When the bid to sell this E-One Cyclone II Heavy Duty Rescue Fire Truck was solicited by the City in September and October 2014 no bids were received from local Fire Departments or companies who were in the market of purchasing and selling surplus fire trucks.

The Common Council at their August 13, 2014 meeting, per Resolution # 32831 approved Brindless Mountain Fire Apparatus who is in the business of listing and marketing surplus Fire Vehicles to solicit this bid for the City if it could not be sold.

Brindless Mountain Fire Apparatus solicited the sale of the 2007 E-One Cyclone II Heavy Duty Rescue Fire Truck to Fire Departments throughout the United States and posted the sale on their website. They were able to obtain some responses from Fire Departments who wanted to purchase it. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The responses were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent. The results were given to the Fire Chief for his review. Therefore the Fire Chief is recommending the sale of the 2007 E-One Cyclone II Heavy Duty Rescue Fire Truck be sold for \$361,001.00 to Georgetown County of Georgetown, SC. who was the highest bidder.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to sell the 2007 E-One Cyclone II Heavy Duty Rescue Fire Truck for \$361,001.00 to Georgetown County of Georgetown, SC who was the highest bidder.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

32770-1 RE: ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC PLAN PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR GAFFNEY SCHOOL

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 personnel conducted a traffic study of the area around Gaffney School on two separate occasions. The combined results of the study show no ongoing speed or reckless driving issues. Mr. Paul Salina briefed the Board on changes to be made to the traffic pattern around Gaffney School over the course of the next year. The primary change would be the addition of a perimeter road linking the Stanwood Drive entrance with the Slater Road entrance. To stop motorists from using this road as a cut-thru, three gates will be installed that will be opened only during arrival and dismissal time. The main objective of this perimeter road is to allow the separation of buses from parents who pick up or drop off. This solution presents several options (one way on the perimeter road, buses only on the perimeter road, etc.) that can be perfected next year when the school is reopened. It is recommended that the Board of Education's traffic plan presented by Mr. Salina be approved.

The Board voted to approve the traffic plan presented by the Board of Education for Gaffney School.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

Ald. Carozzi moved to receive, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33001-1 RE: ADDITIONAL SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE ON BARBOUR RD DUE TO EXCESSIVE SPEEDING

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 conducted a survey of the area and found a multitude of traffic signage on Barbour Road. In the eastbound direction there are signs for: "NO TRUCKS" just east of Stanley Street, speed limit sign just east of Stanley Street, "SPEED ENFORCED BY LASER" sign at 35 Barbour Road, "NO TRUCKS" sign at Sunnyslope Drive, speed limit sign at 150 Barbour Road, curve sign at 295 Barbour Road, "SIGNAL AHEAD" sign at Volpe Court and "CAUTION TRUCKS ENTERING AND EXITING ROAD AHEAD" sign just west of Volpe Court. In the westbound direction there are signs for "CAUTION TRUCKS ENTERING AND EXITING ROAD AHEAD" just west of Ella Grasso Boulevard, "SLOW - CHILDREN AT PLAY" just east of Volpe Court, "SPEED ENFORCED BY LASER" sign just west of Volpe Court, speed limit sign at 299 Barbour Road and "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" sign at 176 Barbour Road. To address the excessive speeding, traffic enforcement will be increased and the speed trailer will be deployed to the area. The Traffic Safety Bureau supervisor feels the signage is adequate and recommends denying this request to install additional signage on Barbour Road.

The Board voted to deny this request to install additional signage on Barbour Road. Traffic enforcement will be increased.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

Ald. Naples moved to receive and refer back to the Board of Police Commissioners, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

32982-2 RE: CHANGE OF ZONE FOR PROPERTIES HAVING FRONTAGE ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF ARCH ST FROM T AND B-1 TO B-3

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

The Zoning Subcommittee of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing held a regular meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #32982, an amendment to the zoning map to change zoning properties having frontage on the eastern side of Arch Street, from 66 Wallace Street to 700 Arch Street, from T (Two-Family) and B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to B-3 (Secondary Business), voted to accept and recommend that the following petition be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Petition on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Chair

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Magnuszewski and Naples listened to the tape since they did not attend the meeting. Approve March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33002-2 RE: GRANTING OF A CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION APPROVAL TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER'S LICENSE AT 111-C CHRISTIAN LANE

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

The Zoning Subcommittee of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing held a regular meeting and public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #33002, Thomas Rodjenski of R&M Auto Services, LLC., seeks granting of a certificate of location approval to allow a motor vehicle dealer's license for property at 111-C Christian Lane, voted to accept and recommend that the following petition be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Petition on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Chair

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

32997-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES SEC. 2-566(A) INCREASING THE CITY'S BID THRESHOLD

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: To amend Sec. 2-566(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase the City's bid threshold.

WHEREAS, Sec. 2-566(a) of the Code of Ordinances requires that any purchase of supplies or contractual services in excess of \$3,000.00 shall be purchased by formal, written contract from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting proposals; and

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WHEREAS, this threshold is by far the lowest of any similarly situated city in the State of Connecticut and has become overly burdensome on the City's Bureau of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-148v permits municipalities to set any threshold they choose, not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Blue Ribbon Commission issued a recommendation that the threshold be increased to mirror the threshold amount set by the Board of Education for the Consolidated School District of New Britain;

Now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-566(a), be amended in the following manner (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strikethrough~~):

Sec. 2-566. When contract required.

(a) Purchases over ~~three thousand dollars~~ seven thousand-five hundred dollars (\$3,000.00) (\$7,500.00). All supplies and contractual services, except as otherwise provided in this article when the estimated cost thereof shall exceed ~~three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)~~ seven thousand-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), shall be purchased by formal, written contract from the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice inviting proposals.

A monthly report of the purchases in the aggregate of between five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and seven thousand-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) shall be provided to the Common Council by the Purchasing Director or designee for the City and by the Chief Financial Officer or designee for the Board of Education. Said report shall include a detailed description of the item(s) or service(s) purchased, the name of vendor from whom the items were purchased or services rendered, Owner(s) of the Business, and the dollar amount spent on each individual purchase and the aggregate total of spend to date for the fiscal year. These reports are for informational purposes only.

Alderman Robert Smedley
Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.

Ald. Smedley moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Carlozzi. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33010-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES SEC. 2-338 / COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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: INTENT AND PURPOSE:

To revise Section 2-338 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for the Common Council of the City of New Britain to refer the report received from the Compensation Committee to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that SECTION 2-338 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended as follows: (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strikethrough~~; new sections begin with the word [new].

Sec. 2-338. Compensation of elected and appointed officials.

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The compensation of elected and appointed city officials shall be established and increased periodically as follows:

- (1) In January of each odd-numbered year, the eCommon eCouncil shall appoint a eCompensation eCommittee consisting of three (3) members, two (2) of which shall be nominated by the majority leader of the eCommon eCouncil, and one of which shall be nominated by the minority leader of the eCommon eCouncil. The nominations shall be approved by a majority of the eCommon eCouncil present and voting. In the absence of a minority party on the eCommon eCouncil, the eCommon eCouncil shall, by majority vote, nominate and approve the appointment of the committee member which was designated as that of the minority leader;
- (2) The eCompensation eCommittee shall undertake a study in order to make a recommendation with respect to a salary adjustment for elected and appointed officials whose salaries are to be established by ordinance, including, but not limited to the mayor, the town clerk, the tax collector, the treasurer, the registrars of voters, the corporation counsel, the clerk of committees and the deputy treasurer. The eCompensation eCommittee shall take into consideration the salaries of comparable officials in other cities and towns and the adjustments in compensation granted to employees of the eCity. The committee may utilize, as necessary, appropriate eCity personnel to assist in its study committee shall report its recommendation to the full eCommon eCouncil in a timely manner;
- (3) The eCommon eCouncil, upon receipt of the report of the eCompensation eCommittee, shall refer the report including any resolution proposing an adjustment to compensation to the eCommittee on ~~ordinance and salaries for a public hearing~~ Administration, Finance and Law;
- (4) The compensation of elected or appointed officials shall not be adjusted unless modified by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the eCommon eCouncil following the process set forth in subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section;
- (5) The effective date of any adjustments to compensation of elected or appointed officials under this section shall be as follows:
 - a. For those officials who are elected or appointed for two-year terms, on the Tuesday following the mayoral elections, in each odd-numbered year;
 - b. For the town clerk, on the first day of the commencement of the term of office and on the first day following the completion of two (2) years of the term of office;
 - c. For the registrars of voters, on the first day of the commencement of the term of office and on the first day following the completion of two (2) years of the term of office, provided however, if such adjustments in compensation are enacted subsequent to the first day following the completion of two (2) years of this term of office, such adjustments shall be retroactive to the first day following the completion of two (2) years of the term of office.

Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

32990-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES SEC. 7-14 REVISING FEE SCHEDULE – ZONING PERMITS

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:

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Resolution Summary: INTENT AND PURPOSE:

To revise Section 7-14 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for an increase in fees for site plan approvals and to add a zoning compliance letter fee. The City of New Britain Building Commission approved the increased fees in order to be consistent with permit fees in other municipalities

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that SECTION 7-14 of Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended as follows: (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strike through~~; new sections begin with the word [new].

Sec. 7-14. Fee schedule--Zoning permits.

The City of New Britain Department of Licenses, Permits and Inspections shall charge the nonrefundable fees set out below for certain site plan approvals:

- (a) Site plan approval residential buildings with gross square feet (SF):
 - Under 1,000 SF . . . ~~\$25.00~~ \$40.00
 - 1,001--5,000 SF . . . ~~50.00~~ \$80.00
 - 5,001--10,000 SF . . . ~~100.00~~ \$160.00
 - Over 10,000 SF . . . ~~150.00~~ \$240.00
- (b) Site plan approval all other than residential buildings: new construction, addition or accessory structure:
 - Up to 5,000 SF . . . ~~\$100.00~~ \$250.00
 - For each additional 1,000 SF or portion . . . 5.00
- (c) Site plan approval no structure . . . ~~50.00~~ \$100.00
- (d) Change of occupancy . . . 50.00
- (e) Site plan approval telecommunication towers:
 - For new tower . . . 300.00
 - Co-location (new antenna) . . . 100.00
 - Annual inspection . . . 100.00
- (f) Zoning Compliance Letter Fee . . . \$40.00

Alderman Wilfredo Pabon

Ald. Pabon moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33009-2 RE: SALE OF 610-626 MAIN ST & 49 & 53 BEAVER ST AND 634, 666, 676 & 686 MAIN ST TO DOUGLAS BROMFIELD, CAPITAL RESTORATION, INC

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 rehabilitation, housing and retail use.

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain currently owns property known as the "600 Block of Main Street" and 49 and 53 Beaver Street; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Bromfield, Capital Restoration, Inc., has offered to purchase these properties for a total of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00); and

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WHEREAS, Douglas Bromfield, Capital Restoration, Inc. is proposing a two phase project first to extensively upgrade and modernize the property, known as the Berkowitz Building and restore it to its original use as retail/commercial space at street level with residential on all upper floors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed second phase of this development is to be newly constructed buildings on the balance of the Main Street frontage having design and character which would complement the adjacent neighborhood and act as a gateway to New Britain's "Little Poland" district; 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 Purchase and Sales Agreements with Douglas Bromfield, Capital Restoration, Inc. for properties known as 610-626 Main Street and 49 and 53 Beaver 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 Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Erin E. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Douglas Bromfield, Capital Restoration, Inc. for properties known as 634, 666, 676 and 686 Main 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 Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) providing that the rehabilitation of 610-626 Main Street and 49 and 53 Beaver Street is complete within 2 years of conveyance.

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Property Management Liaison

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

33034 RE: PURCHASE OF HISTORIC INTERPRETIVE KIOSKS AND DISTRICT MARKER SIGN PANELS - DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 entered into a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service (NPS) for a Preserve America Grant to install and fabricate Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage throughout the City;

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant Funds were allocated as a match for the Preserve America Grant;

WHEREAS, the first phase of the Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage project including major vehicular directional/gateway signs, secondary ground and pole mounted vehicular signs and pedestrian directional signs is nearing completion. The first phase also includes manufacturing 13 Interpretive Kiosk frames and 6 District Marker sign frames.

WHEREAS, the design team has determined adding 9 Historic Interpretive Kiosks locations to the previously proposed 13 locations will provide a more complete program. Actual pricing for the sign panels was lower than estimated, which enabled the expansion of the program without exceeding the original allocated funding;

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WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requests an increase to Purchase Order P0021325 in the amount of \$22,956.15 to Sign Pro, Inc. for the manufacturing of 9 additional Historic Interpretive Kiosk frames.

WHEREAS, the second phase of the Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage project includes fabrication of Historic Interpretive Kiosk sign panels and District Marker sign panels for installation into the frames manufactured in the first phase.

WHEREAS, in accordance with NPS procurement procedures, price quotes were solicited for the second phase - the fabrication of 22 double-sided Historic Interpretive Kiosk Sign Panels and 6 District Marker Sign Panels. The following price quotes were received:

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| • Sign Lite, Inc., North Haven, CT | \$16,700.00 |
| • Sign Pro Inc., Plantsville, CT | \$17,580.00 |
| • ViewPoint Sign and Awning, Northborough, MA | \$21,934.60 |

WHEREAS, in order to provide continuity between phases, the Public Works Department reviewed the quotes for the second phase and recommends acceptance of the quote submitted by Sign Pro, Inc. of \$17,580.00 to fabricate Historic Interpretive Kiosks & District Marker Sign Panels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Purchasing Agent to increase Purchase Order P0021325 in the amount of \$40,536.15 to Sign Pro, Inc. for the manufacturing of 9 additional Historic Interpretive Kiosk frames (\$22,956.15) and for the fabrication of 22 double-sided Historic Interpretive Kiosk Sign Panels and 6 District Marker Sign Panels (\$17,580.00).

Alderman Carlo Carozzi, Jr.
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Carozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33035 RE: EVERY KID COUNTS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - APPROVAL OF HUD 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 will provide comprehensive after school programming at Lincoln Elementary School. The students in grades three through five are targeted to attend the after school program from 3:35 to 5:45 p.m. The three major components of the after school program are education, recreation, and cultural arts.

Initial Year of Grant Funding: July 1, 2014.

Local Program Operation Department: Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Resolution Purpose: The Recreation Division is requesting approval of a HUD Grant in the amount of \$29,000. 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, was awarded a HUD Grant for an elementary after school program. 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 HUD Grant monies will pay for personnel and program supply costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the amount of \$29,000 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, and be it further

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

238420129-4222	HUD		<u>Original</u>
			<u>\$ 29,000</u>
		TOTAL:	\$ 29,000
HUD			
238420136-5124	Part-time Salaries		\$ 24,867
238420136-5231	Medicare		\$ 361
238420136-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property		\$ 1,950
238420136-5659	Supplies		<u>\$ 1,822</u>
		Total Expenditures:	\$ 29,000

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

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. DeFronzo. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33036 RE: BAZAAR/CARNIVAL – SAINT JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS - JUNE 18-20, 2015

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 Saint John Paul II Catholic School, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances for the period of June 18-20, 2015, for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival on the Saint John Paul II Catholic School grounds, 221 Farmington Avenue, 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. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33037 RE: DESIGNATING MARCH 2015 AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY 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, women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every facet of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

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WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders in not only securing rights of suffrage, equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which creates a fairer and more just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of history; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council and Mayor of the City of New Britain recognize that March 2015 is designated as "Women's History Month".

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Shirley Black

Ald. Magnuszewski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Bielinski moved the Council enter into Executive Session for the purpose of contractual discussion regarding Resolution #33038 (item 9) and that they be accompanied by Mayor Stewart, Corporation Counsel Gennaro Bizzarro, City Counsel Mary Pokorski, Personnel Director Karen Levine, John Healy, Attorneys Raymond Hassett and Robert Heagney, Insurance Consultant Tom Doyle and Fire Chief Tom Ronalter. Motion seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Executive session began at 9:07 p.m.

The Council voted to return to order at 9:52 p.m. on motion of Ald. Trueworthy, seconded by Ald. Bielinski.

33038 RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN AND LOCAL 992

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 and Local 992 have concluded negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for a collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Local 992 members have ratified the tentative agreement; and

WHEREAS, Action is required by the Common Council of the City of New Britain in accordance with Ordinances of the City of New Britain and Connecticut General Statutes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed agreement between the City of New Britain and Local 992 be and hereby is approved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon

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Ald. Pabon moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanchez. So voted. Ald. Pabon recused himself from the vote – his son works for the Fire Department. Approved March 12, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk