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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 8:02 p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th day of February 2016 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Thirteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Smedley, Carlozzi, Black, Collins, Davis, Hargraves, Naples, Polkowski, Rosado, Salvio, Sanchez, Sanders, and Salerno.

Two members were absent: Ald. Giantonio, who is at a work function and Ald. Pabon, who is in Puerto Rico.

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, while many observe the Lenten season by sacrificing something of importance, give us the will not to succumb to our vice. From Your spirit, guide us through our faults and weaknesses. Help us become less selfish. Give us the love, compassion and commitment for the less fortunate in our community as we attempt to do Your will and better the lives of others. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Mary Marrocco.

Points of Personal Privilege were extended to:

Ald. Polkowski, who spoke of the meeting held at Lincoln School regarding the Tilcon Project.

Ald. Salerno, who spoke of a fund raiser to be held on March 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW for the benefit of the New Britain High School Marching Band.

Ald. Smedley, who spoke of a benefit for Sergeant John Jackman to be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Generale Ameglio Civic Association at 13 Beaver St.

Ald. Smedley also spoke of "Legally Blonde The Musical" to be held on March 18th and 19th at New Britain High School.

Mayor Stewart wished a happy birthday to Adam Pokorski, Director of Information Technology, and to Jodi Latina, her Chief of Staff.

Art Simonian, Mattabassett District Director gave a presentation.

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2016, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted.

Ald. Salerno moved to amend the Agenda by substituting 33397(2), and by adding 33400(5), seconded by Ald. Sanders. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

PETITIONS

33401 RE: ALD. HARGRAVES FOR CONDUCTING A TRAFFIC STUDY ON HALSEY ROAD. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

33402 RE: ALD. NAPLES FOR REPLACING/REPAIRING PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS ON CARLTON ST BETWEEN EDDY GLOVER BLVD AND ALLEN ST. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Davis. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved February 25, 2016 by Erin E. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

33393 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

- Hansen, Peter V.
- Rivera, Richard

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

33394 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – OCT. 6, 2015 THRU FEB. 16, 2016

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 February 16, 2016.

- 3. Department: Civil Service
- From: 001521002-5338 (Test Fees)
- To: 001521002-5334 (Employee Physicals)
- Amount: \$2,500.00
- Brief Description: Additional funds needed due to employee required physicals for CDL license renewals

Rebecca Salerni
Deputy Finance Director

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33395 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES DAM INSPECTIONS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – UTILITIES DIVISION

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

The following on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3806, approved at its Regular Meeting of January 14, 2015. This project was presented and approved by the Water Commission at their February 9, 2016 meeting.

- Project Name: Dam Inspections
- Vendor: Lenard Engineering, Inc.
- Amount: \$10,500.00
- Line Items: 9303500101-5659 Water Operating Expense or Supply, Operating Material and Supply

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Requested By: Public Works Department, Utilities Division

Scope: Lenard Engineering, Inc will conduct inspections of the six (6) dams and two (2) dikes at the Utilities Division's Reservoirs in accordance with the CT DEEP Dam Inspection Regulations. Lenard Engineering, Inc will review their findings from past inspection of the Dams that was conducted in 2014 to more closely evaluate any past problem areas. The inspections will include observations of visible components of the Dams including their embankments, spillways, downstream channels, intake and outlet structures and training walls. Photographs of the Dam components and areas of concern will be taken along with aerial photographs of the watershed and impoundment areas of the reservoirs. Lenard Engineering, Inc will then create internal reports describing the conditions of each dam and estimate any seepage found. They will then meet with the Utilities Division to discuss their site inspection results of the Dams. They will make recommendations for any maintenance, improvements or repairs to the Dams. Lenard Engineering, Inc will then prepare the required CT DEEP formal Dam inspection reports and then submit the reports to them.

Resolved: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$10,500.00 to Lenard Engineering, Inc of Glastonbury, CT to conduct inspections of the six (6) dams at the City's Reservoirs and submit required reports to the CT DEEP for the Public Works Department, Utility Division.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

33119-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY OF CHURCH ST BETWEEN STANLEY AND FAIRVIEW STREETS

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

This is an area that has seen more than a dozen motor vehicle stops in the past year. The Traffic Safety Bureau and the Patrol Division will continue increased law enforcement activity in this area.

No further action is required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

33120-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY OF BROOK ST. REGARDING 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:

A similar petition (#33091), was addressed by the Board in June 2015. Since that time, increased enforcement activity has taken place in this area. Both the Traffic Safety Bureau and the Patrol Division will continue increased enforcement in this area.

No further action is required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

33122-1 RE: "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON BASSETT STREET

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

There are currently authorized parking restrictions in the area of Northend School. There is also a weekday, daytime restriction on the east side of Bassett Street just north of Brook Street. No further new restrictions are needed. However, the authorized signage will be reviewed by Public Works so faded and missing signs can be replaced.

No further action is required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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33158-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERSHING AVE. AND STERLING 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 this area and determined that this request is trying to use "STOP" signs for speed control, which is not an authorized use of a "STOP" sign. A check of the past three year history of this intersection finds only one motor vehicle accident since January 1, 2012. He recommends denying this petition.

The Board voted to deny this request for a four-way "STOP" sign at the intersection of Pershing Avenue and Sterling Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

TAX DEPARTMENT

33396 RE: TAX ABATEMENTS, CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS

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

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

Cheryl S. Blogoslawski
Tax Collector

COMMITTEE ON LICENSES

33386-1 RE: LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL

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 Licenses, held a meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, voted to adopt and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Foundation of New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances, for Sunday, April 24, 2016, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the annual "Little Poland Festival" on Broad Street. The organization is also requesting that the Police Department allow the closure of Broad Street from Gold Street to Washington Street and the closure of Grove Street from Orange Street to Lyman Street. Horace Street access to Broad Street would also be closed.

Alderman Daniel Davis, Chair

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

33386-2 RE: LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL – LICENSE SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

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

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Polish Foundation of New Britain, said licenses as may be issued under

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Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22, of the Code of Ordinances, for Sunday, April 24, 2016, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the annual "Little Poland Festival" on Broad Street. The organization is also requesting that the Police Department allow the closure of Broad Street from Gold Street to Washington Street and the closure of Grove Street from Orange Street to Lyman Street. Horace Street access to Broad Street would also be closed.

Alderman Daniel Davis
Alderwoman Shirley Black
Alderman Tremell Collins
Alderman Christopher Polkowski

Ald. Polkowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hargraves. So voted. Approved February 25, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

33397 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10-37, 14-211 THRU 214, 14-216, 14-218, 14-219, 14-222 THRU 14-224 REGARDING INCREASING CERTAIN FEES AND ADDITION OF MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES

Proposed Amendment on File in Town Clerk's Office

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Naples. So voted. Approved February 26, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33398 RE: REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION

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: RPIP Grant Support for CRCOG

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

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

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2015 and January 27, 2016 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed resolutions authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for founding under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

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

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

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1. Stop Loss Captive Insurance
2. Anchor Institution and Neighborhood Engagement in TOD – Next Steps
3. Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory
4. Economic Development Grant for the Towns of Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield and Tolland
5. Regional Service Management (CRM) System
6. Code Enforcement Software
7. Call Handling and Response Triage

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Britain Common Council does hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposal and authorizes the Mayor to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the City's participation in this program.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
President Pro Tempore
Alderman Daniel Salerno
Majority Leader
Alderman Carlo Carlozzi, Jr.
Minority Leader

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved February 25, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33399 RE: HOLY CROSS CHURCH BAZAAR/CARNIVAL

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

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Holy Cross Church, 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 16-18, 2016, for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival at 221 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Alderman Don Naples
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. Naples moved to accept and refer to the Licensing Committee, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved February 25, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33400 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-24 OF THE ORDINANCES REGARDING WRITTEN NOTICE OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Proposed Amendment on file in Town Clerk's Office

Ald. Smedley moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Rosado. So voted. Approved February 25, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Sanders moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Salerno. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

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