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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 7:57 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th day of March 2016 in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

The invocation was given by Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk: O God, our Heavenly Father, we give thanks that each day grows longer in warm light. Look down on our residents as they responsibly celebrate St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. Watch over our local leaders. Give them the strength, determination and commitment to identify the challenges of 2016 and work cooperatively to make New Britain a better place live, work, go to school or raise a family. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Kimberly Jehning.

Ald. Hargraves was granted a point of personal privilege and invited everyone to attend the Parks and Recreation Championship games on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Ald. Giantonio moved to suspend the rules in order to allow Mayor Stewart to present her State of the City Address, seconded by Ald. Sanders. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

**MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**33416 RE: MAYOR STEWART'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

*State of the City Address 2016  
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Hello New Britain! Mayor Erin Stewart here to bring to you our 2016 State of the City Address.

We've been breaking a lot of records since I called upon our city to set a new standard for what they should expect from their government and today is just another example of meeting another milestone.

Ladies & Gentlemen, citizens of New Britain, to all of those watching, this is the first ever state of the city address given electronically, whether you are watching on Nutmeg TV or on your mobile device or computer: I welcome you to the **21<sup>st</sup> Century 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 to provide you with the annual State of the City address.)*

We are on the way to a new place: a state of recovery and a renaissance.

New Britain is rising! The state of the city is strong and we have a front row seat to watch its rebirth.

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The courage and will to tackle tough decisions is being accomplished by a team of dedicated public servants who join me in our passion to put New Britain back on track.

Our recent audit confirms our Rainy day fund is on its way to being robust... \$14.9 million in the bank today and more savings to come.

That money is our safety net, an emergency reserve that we hope to never touch. Our goal is to maintain a safe yield of 10% of the city's total budget in savings, but we aren't there yet. Much like maintaining a personal savings account, the city needs to do the same. And prevent what was happening before – wasteful spending.

The rating agency Standard and Poor's validated our hard work by giving New Britain an A+ rating this year! We have improved our investment portfolio by leaps and bounds in just three short years.

The success was apparent when we recently sold bonds to restructure our debt and had so many interested investors that we ran out of bonds to sell as the buyers lined up! We even saw other Connecticut municipalities jump into the market and invest in us.

They too understand New Britain is making a comeback and that we are a good investment.

We have been steadily building a foundation of solid financial practices.

It started with pulling apart a budget full of extras. We reduced nearly 20% of the city budget, raised revenues and worked with our union brothers and sisters to find concrete solutions. These were not easy choices but necessary and lasting ones – ones that worked and continue to work to this day.

It goes without saying that our department heads have also been doing a lot of heavy lifting. We have a remarkable team.

Thanks in large part to the job they did, we were poised to finish FY 15 in the black and we did!

My vision since becoming your Mayor has consisted of five key principles:

- Being fiscally responsible;
- Being transparent in all of our dealings;
- Ensuring our children have access to 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.

I will continue to keep that vision alive with the help of our City Council.

Communication is key and for that I will always invite everyone to have a seat at my table.

We've certainly proved that during the past year, with open office hours, town hall meetings, coffee hours, you name it my door is always open to you.

A major part of that communication is my focus on economic development. This is a joint effort. I stand here to confirm we are well on our way to rebuilding this city.

Last year, Farmington Avenue blossomed with a new Dunkin Donuts, gas station and grocer along with a family run dairy bar – and there's still room for additional developments.

Polamer Precision, a world class aerospace manufacturer which relocated here from Newington, has a 152,000 square foot state of the art manufacturing facility and is already looking to increase its footprint in Pinnacle Business Park, all while being focused on hiring New Britain residents for New Britain jobs.

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Following their lead is Admill Machine, and Marsam Metals along with Peter Paul Electronics, all manufactures that are also growing & we are proud that they call New Britain their home.

I'm happy to report to you the Old New Britain Herald building has been bought and is being transformed into a state of the art Dialysis Center with an anticipated opening this fall. This will be a great addition to the medical corridor of our city.

The largest private investment we've seen in decades will be a \$35 million project to rehabilitate the old Landers, Frary & Clark factory into Ellis Street Commons – with over 150 condos and businesses. This will open an area of the city to many new young professionals looking to make their mark.

The rebirth of New Britain will be marked by our ability to transform our old buildings, and find adequate adaptive reuses for them.

One of the most pivotal pieces of property, right in the middle of our downtown, is an open canvass. The demolition of the old police station will open up Columbus Boulevard along with the adjacent vacant lot, that's been empty for 30 years, and will serve as the catalyst to rebuilding our downtown. These are the opportunities we have to seize!

With accessibility to CTFastrak and ample space for parking and convenience to a hotel and restaurant complex it truly is a developers dream and we won't settle for anything but the best.

That's just it, we will not settle anymore, we are raising that standard because we deserve to! No longer should we let people look at investing in our city any differently - than they would look at investing in our neighboring towns– we deserve the best development for that space and I'm going to make sure that we get it.

The gateway to our popular Little Poland will finally be restored. The Berkowitz Building on Main Street has been designated as a historic landmark & has been purchased by a developer who is getting started on restoring this property. Businesses and residents will soon flourish in this building once considered an eyesore, with construction set to begin this summer.

All in all, we cut ribbons on 34 new businesses and saw the creation of about 683 new jobs.

Places like Frisbie's Ice Cream & Dairy Bar, Costco, Peel Liquors, Atlantic Restoration, Willie Pep's Corner Café and the list goes on...

It is because of all of this private investment that we saw growth in our grand list for the second year in a row! We are continuously growing and that makes all the difference. We need to keep cutting those ribbons!

The history evident throughout our city will be coming alive as we embark on a fun tourist attraction - self guided tours along our three loops of the historic walking trail. We will use our new wayfinding signs and historic venues to allow visitors to step back in time and relive the beautiful history encapsulated in our city.

We can't get to where we want to be without understanding our past and having an appreciation for it.

At the center of the city sits our Central Park. If you haven't noticed it's been under construction since last spring, renovations are coming along nicely and it will be opened before we know it.

The new and improved Central Park is going to allow for pedestrians to walk and enjoy our downtown and we want you to use it – it is **your** park come visit and enjoy it!

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We are moving forward with plans to bring food trucks to areas of our downtown as well. This will be a great opportunity for businesses to flourish & bring life back to Main Street.

As many of you know the city motto centers around the beehive. "Industry fills the hive and enjoys the honey." Filling the hive will take planning and thoughtful decisions.

The city is embarking on a major TOD - Transportation Oriented Development - plan that involves design work, engineers, city planners and transportation experts along with environmental leaders.

That planning will create a master plan of development for the city in our downtown area for years to come. This will ensure that long after me, there is still a solid vision on where we need to go and how to get there. Proper planning is key to a successful future.

One of the more visible parts of the award winning complete streets plan will be the transformation of the Main Street overpass into the "Beehive Bridge."

We are capitalizing on the presence of the highly successful CTFastrak. State grants to clean up brownfields near the two additional stops at East Main Street and East Street will be the focus of much new development along this line. Bringing accessibility to a new generation of people and opening the travel corridor for even more economic development.

It's no secret that New Britain is land-poor. At only 13.2 square miles we have to get very creative about how and where we develop – and balance that with the need for open space. We want to make New Britain a destination and with everything we have going on we're sure to hit a home run soon! Speaking of home runs...

New Britain Stadium is being spruced up as we speak - the pride of hosting professional baseball is one I take very seriously. I am so excited for opening day of the New Britain Bees on April 21st! By the way that is an opening day that is on schedule with NO DELAY!

Another recent addition to our sports complex is the American Soccer League. We recently announced the Connecticut United Football Club will play at Veterans Memorial Stadium in early April.

Future stars of Major League Soccer will be making their debuts here in New Britain! I have to say that we truly are making our city the "Sports Capitol of Connecticut".

We wouldn't be able to host these teams if it weren't for our gems: our parks.

Enjoying the great outdoors has been helped with upgrades to: Stanley Quarter Park - where walking and cycling paths are now refreshed and new lights installed on the baseball diamonds. AW Stanley Park now hosts GO APE - a high ropes adventure course. And Chesley Park shines brightly with a new turf field at the DeMaio sports complex.

Soon we will begin a complete overhaul of AW Stanley Park, and will start planning this spring for a new pool, and upgrades to our fields on the north end of town. We will also begin to discuss future renovations for Osgood Park, including a new skate park that I am very excited about!

Enjoying the environment also means thinking about how we harness mother-nature and utilize her gifts.

I have created the Mayor's energy and innovation committee to oversee New Britain's SMART city initiative. This group will help transform the old hardware city into a new and improved "Hardware" city. We have begun many projects that all aim to save the city money in our energy costs and reduce our carbon footprint. We are aiming to be a model for the entire state.

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We have so many SMART city projects that are already underway; we're adding solar panels on our roofs at schools, we are close to erecting our first Fuel Cell to take power off the grid, and we will soon begin the transformation to LED street lights.

Innovation at city hall includes enhancing our ability to make document searching easier for you from right in your home through the city website. Electric car charging stations are now available downtown, we are using technology to make it easier to pay to park in our garages, and we are taking steps to reduce our fleet.

There are many other potential projects that will show our commitment to finding innovative ways to use technology to reduce costs, make government more efficient, and enhance the quality of life for our residents.

While the energy & innovation committee is exciting, we can't forget about basic human services.

A labor of love which is near to my heart is also moving ahead. Building Hope Together - New Britain's work plan to end homelessness is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year – and after we took the plan - overhauled old practices and brought new ones in, we are seeing the benefits.

Housing, treatment and job skills are being provided to our most vulnerable citizens. We have increased our partnerships with service providers in town, and in the past year we were able to put 38 homeless individuals into apartments. Eradicating homelessness isn't easy – but it starts by giving them a home!

We were proud to support our friends at VA, Inc. to help homeless veterans and their families. In the fall, the doors were finally opened at their building on Arch Street.

A community is only as strong as the people who give back to it and we are lucky to have so many wonderful people who are a part of our New Britain community...

One of those people just became the new Superintendent of our school district– I'm proud to say that New Britain resident Nancy Sarra is now in charge. There are so many positive rays of light coming from our schools. I know Nancy is going to make sure they are shining brightly for the rest of the state to see and that means selling our New Britain brand.

Our city has much to offer yet we don't have a marketing strategy to showcase the best of the best. The last time any thought went into that was over 3decades ago when a bumble bee was put to good use in the 'New Britain is the place to bee' campaign. It's time for a new campaign with all the buzz about New Britain.

I'm looking forward to what this next year will bring – we have done so much, but we still have our work cut out for us.

Our financial house may be in order but we are definitely not out of the woods yet. We need to stay smart and stay the course on not spending more than we make.

We are in this together and will continue to make tough choices for the greater good of the community.

New Britain is strong, we are resilient because we don't give up. And neither do I. The commitment I made to you remains; to make New Britain better. We are on our way through recovery & on to rebirth.

Sit back, watch and have faith as we transform our city, one day, one development, one person at a time.

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Ald. Giantonio moved to return to regular order, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted.

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Feb. 10, 2016, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted.

## PETITIONS

**33417 RE: ALD. SANDERS FOR GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION APPROVAL TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE GENERAL REPAIRER'S AND AUTO DEALER'S LICENSE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 172 STANLEY ST. REFERRED TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND ZONING SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**33418 RE: ALD. POLKOWSKI FOR CONDUCTING A TRAFFIC/PARKING STUDY ON SYMCO DRIVE. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**33419 RE: ALD. NAPLES AND POLKOWSKI FOR CONDUCTING A TRAFFIC STUDY TO INVESTIGATE EXCESSIVE SPEEDING ON CARROLL ST. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**33420 RE: ALD. SALVIO FOR INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF RUSSWIN RD AND WEST MAIN ST. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Salerno. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### CITY CLERK

**33403 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

- Belliveau, Lynn M.
- Brook South I LLC
- Hansen, Peter V.
- Mou, Jason
- Risby, Lakesha
- Smith, Sylvia

Mark H. Bernacki  
City Clerk

## BUILDING COMMISSION

**33376-2 RE: ONE YEAR ZONING MORATORIUM ON PERMITTING MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND REPAIRERS LICENSES IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS**

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 Building Commission recommends that the one-year zoning moratorium is necessary to allow the staff of the City Plan Commission and the Department of Licenses, Permits and Inspections the opportunity to review criteria related to the granting of permits for Motor Vehicle Repairers and Motor Vehicles Dealers licenses.

The Building Commission therefore recommends that the Common Council of the City of New Britain impose a zoning moratorium, for a period of one year, on the permitting of Motor Vehicle Repairers and Motor Vehicle Dealers licenses. This one- year period will allow time for the new zoning amendments to be considered and enacted. In addition, this timeframe will give City staff the opportunity to engage with Community stakeholders to discuss what new zoning controls will be required to ensure that auto sales and repair businesses are designed and managed in a manner to limit adverse effects on the surrounding community.

Sergio Lupo, MPH, R. S.  
Director, Licenses, Permits & Inspections

## **CITY PLAN COMMISSION**

### **33376-3 RE: ZONING MORATORIUM**

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 7, 2016, voted 4 to 0 to recommend that a one-year moratorium on the processing and issuance of motor vehicle sales and repairers location approvals be adopted.

**BACKGROUND:** This purpose of the moratorium is to allow for the study and analysis of the motor vehicle related uses in the City and to allow for the development and adoption of new zoning controls, City ordinances, regulations and procedures, as may be deemed appropriate. The purpose of this effort is to formulate and institute measures which will help avoid and lessen the adverse effects of these types of uses on the surrounding neighborhoods and community in general.

The study would be performed by the staff of the City Plan Commission, in consultation with the office of Corporation Counsel, Department of Licenses, Permits, and Inspections, Department of Public Works, Police Traffic Bureau, State Department of Motor Vehicles and others. Throughout the process, periodic reports and updates would be given to the City Plan Commission and Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee of the Common Council prior to drafting recommended changes to the zoning ordinances and regulations.

**PLANNING AND CONSIDERATIONS:** Presently in the City of New Britain, there are a total of more than 100 active Department of Motor Vehicle licenses issued for 75 or more locations. Under current zoning, automobile sales and repairs are permitted by right in the I-1 (Industrial Park) and I-2 (General Industry) zoning districts and by special exception in the B-2 (Shopping Center) and B-3 (Secondary Business) zoning districts. In addition, there are a number of locations where auto-related uses have either been permitted by variance or grandfathered as legal nonconforming uses in residential zones or in commercial districts where these uses are not allowed. In many locations, these uses are inappropriate and damaging to the desired character and the quality of life for the surrounding neighborhood or business area. Even in appropriately zoned business districts, business operations are often conducted in a manner that results in overcrowded, unsightly appearance; unsafe traffic conditions; obstruction of the public sidewalk and limited on-street parking availability. While auto sales and repair businesses are recognized to be legitimate operations that create jobs and tax base and provide necessary and desired services to the City's residents, appropriate controls are needed to ensure that they are restricted to suitable sites and business areas and that they are designed and managed in a manner so as to limit the adverse effect to the surrounding community.

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Consideration will be given to potential modification in the various aspects of the review and approval process as well as zoning controls related to location, lot size, parking, signage, landscaping and buffering.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Plan Commission is of the opinion that the automobile sales and repair businesses have, in a number of instances, created undesirable conditions and that more stringent controls are needed on the location and layout of these operations. The City Plan Commission, therefore, strongly encourages the adoption of this proposed zoning moratorium.

Louis G. Amodio, Chairman  
City Plan Commission

## **OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL**

### **33404 RE: TAMMY GOMEZ V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN**

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

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) be paid to Tammy Gomez and the Law Firm of Segal & Laska, her attorneys, in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain, now pending in the New Britain Superior Court, New Britain, Connecticut as HHB-CV12-6017767-S. The plaintiff had alleged that on September 24, 2010 at approximately 8:00 am she was walking in a southerly direction on the sidewalk located on the north side of Precision Court adjacent to the parking area behind 230 John Downey Drive, New Britain, CT. She claims to have fallen because of the dangerous and defective condition of the sidewalk. As a result of the incident, plaintiff alleged to have suffered metatarsal fractures in the left foot. In specials, the plaintiff has alleged \$2,826.09. The current settlement recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after settlement negotiations between City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak and Attorney Ken Laska and the Honorable Judge Shaunessey, with the approval and consent of Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

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

Irena J. Urbaniak  
City Attorney

## **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

### **33405 RE: BID THRESHOLD ITEMS**

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 New Britain Code of Ordinances, Section 2-566, a monthly report of purchases between \$500 and \$7,500 shall be provided to the Common Council. The report shall include a detailed description of items or services purchased, name of vendor, owner of business and dollar amount spent on each individual purchase as well as the aggregate total of spend to date for the fiscal year.

The Finance Department, Purchasing Division has provided an electronic list of monthly purchases. This document is available in the Council office for review by Council members.

Acceptance and adoption is respectfully requested.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

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**33406 RE: PUBLIC RFP NO. 3861, PROFESSIONAL STATE LOBBYING SERVICE**

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

Public Request for Proposal, RFP, No. 3861 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the purchase of Professional State Lobbying Services. Funding will be available for this Professional within the Legal Service Department's account number 001109002-5340, Legislative Support.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the New Britain Herald Newspaper, the City, State of Connecticut's Department of Administration Services, and mailed to eight (8) State Lobbying Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Lobbying Companies on the mailing list indicating they could not provide a response to the RFP request.

The RFPs were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Mayor's Office Administration, the Mayor and the Purchasing Agent, The Mayor interviewed three firms. The Mayor recommended the bid be awarded to Gaffney Bennett and Associates, Inc. of New Britain, CT. who meets the entire RFP requirement for this service.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$45,000.00 and enter into contract for a (1) year period, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 with Gaffney Bennett and Associates, Inc. of New Britain, CT per the terms and specifications of Public Request for Proposal, RFP, No. 3861.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**33407 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CARPET FOR THE NEW BRITAIN PROBATE COURT**

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

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested by the Public Works Department, Fleet and Facilities Division for Purchase and Installation of new Carpet in the Probate Court location in Liberty Square.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Price</u>
John Boyle Company, Inc. New Britain, CT.	Provide and Install New Carpet	\$15,506.00

The New Britain Public Works Department, Fleet and Facilities Division requested the Purchase and Installation of new Carpet in the New Britain Probate Court utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award 12PSX0307. The carpets in the Probate Court are in deplorable condition and needs to be replaced. In numerous places the carpet fabric is delaminating from its backing material. As a result the carpet material is raised and loose and may present a trip hazard to the public. To ensure the safety to the public this carpet needs to be replaced immediately. John Boyle Company, Inc. is under State contract to provide and install carpet. The Purchasing Agent has verified this, and therefore bid solicitation for this service is not needed. The Town of Berlin will be reimbursing the City for forty-seven (47) percent, \$7,288.00, of the cost of the carpet and the installation of it. Funding is available for this purchase in the Public Works Department, Fleet and Facilities Division's account number 001103001-5721, Probate Court, Renovation Costs.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$15,506.00 to John Boyle Company, Inc. of New Britain, CT. for the purchase and installation of New

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Carpet for the Probate Court located in Liberty Square utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #12PSX0307.

Jack Pieper  
Purchasing Agent

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**33212-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE AND LINWOOD STREETS**

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 inspected the intersection of State Street and Linwood Street and found that there are no crosswalks at this location. There are several schools in the area. The installation of a crosswalk would alert motorists to the presence of pedestrians and assist them with safely crossing the street. It is recommended that this petition be granted.

The Board voted to approve this request to install a crosswalk at the intersection of State and Linwood Streets for the safety of school children in the area.

Jack W. Ferguson II  
Clerk of the Board

**33213-1 RE: INVESTIGATION OF PARKING SITUATION NEAR ALBANY AVENUE AND PULASKI STREET**

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 cited current City Ordinance (Section 15-73. Street and restricted area parking violations, penalties and enforcement.) prohibiting parking within 15 feet of an intersection 25 feet of a stop sign. Persons witnessing violations of this City Ordinance are encouraged to call Police at the time when it is observed.

No further action by the Board is required.

Jack W. Ferguson II  
Clerk of the Board

**33214-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY/PARKING EVALUATION IN THE AREA OF PATTON DRIVE, WAINWRIGHT DRIVE AND WALKER ROAD**

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

Traffic Safety Bureau personnel contacted Michael Thompson, City Public Works, with the possibility of reducing the no parking restrictions. In his opinion, reducing the no parking restrictions would have an adverse effect and hinder the plowing and removal of snow. Furthermore, the area currently has numerous residential and visitor parking lots. It is recommended that this petition be denied.

The Board voted to deny this petition and keep the current parking restrictions in place.

Jack W. Ferguson II  
Clerk of the Board

**33216-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY ON HALSEY ROAD**

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 will install a Speed Spy to determine the overall motor vehicle volume and median speed. The Traffic supervisor will also request Patrol Division assistance to increase their presence and conduct general motor vehicle enforcement operations on Halsey Road.

No further action is required by the Board.

Jack W. Ferguson II  
Clerk of the Board

## **CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

### **33408 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM SUSAN WASSILL**

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

The Standing Claims Subcommittee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a meeting held on Wednesday evening, March 2, 2016, at 6:30 PM in Room 201, City Hall, having held public hearings and made investigations of said claims, respectfully begs leave to recommend the following:

RESOLVED; that the sum of \$500.00 be paid to Susan Wassil of 161 South Main Street, New Britain, Conn., in full settlement of her claim of property damages sustained as a result of recessed manhole covers on March 13, 2015.

Alderman Don Naples  
Chair

## **REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS**

### **ZONING COMMITTEE**

Ald. Sanchez recused himself –he did not attend the Zoning Committee Meeting, nor did he listen to the tape. Ald. Sanchez left the chambers at 8:15 p.m.

### **33376-4 RE: ZONING MORATORIUM**

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 8, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of petition #33376, zoning moratorium on the permitting of motor vehicle dealers and repairers in all districts for a one-year period. The Zoning Subcommittee of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing voted to accept and refer back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Christopher Polkowski  
Chair

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

### **33376-5 RE: ZONING MORATORIUM**

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Alderman Christopher Polkowski  
Chair

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

## **RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE**

### **33376-6 RE: ZONING MORATORIUM: MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRERS' AND MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS' LICENSES**

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, in recent years there has been a proliferation of motor vehicle dealers' and motor vehicle repairers' licenses being sought for various locations throughout the City, and

WHEREAS, in a number of situations, the operations of motor vehicle dealers and repairers have resulted in adverse impacts to surrounding neighborhoods and business areas, including negative effects to the visual appearance and character of the area, to traffic safety, parking availability, noise levels, property values and compatibility with residential land uses, and

WHEREAS, under Article IV, Sec. 4.3 of the City Charter, the Common Council is entrusted with the duty to serve as the Zoning Authority of the City of New Britain and to exercise all the powers and duties pertaining to zoning enumerated under the Connecticut General Statutes, including the consideration and granting of Department of Motor Vehicle certificates of location approval for motor vehicle dealers and repairers, and

WHEREAS, a sufficient period of time is needed in order to conduct a thorough study of these businesses and their effects and to develop and adopt new zoning controls, City ordinances, regulations and procedures as may be found appropriate to minimize and mitigate the adverse effects noted, and

WHEREAS, a zoning moratorium is a legally recognized and commonly employed measure for municipalities to use in affording themselves time to study and assess the various issues related to these types of land uses and to develop and adopt the zoning controls, City ordinances, regulations and procedures, etc., deemed appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain does hereby adopt Petition #33376, and enact a zoning moratorium on the permitting of motor vehicle dealers and repairers in all zoning districts, for a period of one year from the effective date of adoption, subject to the exemptions enumerated therein.

Alderman Daniel Salerno  
Common Council Liaison  
City Plan Commission

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. Resolution Adopted with Ald. Salvio and Ald. Sanders opposed. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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Ald. Sanchez returned to the Chambers at 8:30 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

### **33409 RE: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH 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:

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

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 2016 is designated as "Women's History Month".

Alderman Shirley Black

Ald. Black moved to accept and asopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

### **33410 RE: AGREEMENT WITH UCONN CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH POLICY REGARDING OBESITY IN SCHOOL CHILDREN**

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; a budget within special revenue fund #234 Preventative Health Services, was established with a grant from the Connecticut Department of Public Health to assess the prevalence and variables associated with obesity in school children at preschool, kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades and assessments of nutrition and physical activity policies for the school and early care environments.

WHEREAS; Public Health research data analysis services are highly specific and we utilize UCONN Center for Public Health and Health Policy to provide these services;

WHEREAS; the Health Department would like to enter into an agreement for services with UCONN Center for Public Health and Health Policy, to provide the following services at a cost for the services of \$125/hr. for up to 160 hours of service;

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- Data management
- Descriptive, correlational and longitudinal analysis of the data
- Compile a detailed report of study findings
- Provide recommendations for policy and practice based on results
- Dissemination of findings and recommendations

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for services with the UCONN Center for Public Health and Health Policy, for the above services at the stated compensation. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the compensation come from special revenue fund #234, Preventative Health Services.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio  
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. Smedley moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33411 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER - POLICE DEPT. \$27,000 TO PROVIDE SALARY OF A TEMPORARY ACCOUNTING CLERK**

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 New Britain Police Department is charged to protect and preserve life, safeguard property, enforce laws, and provide public safety services in a lawful, professional and humane manner, with respect for the dignity of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, a budget transfer within the Police budget is requested to cover the salary of a temporary accounting clerk in the Administration office, and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient budgeted funds available for transfer within the Police Department's annual budget, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, that a budget transfer of \$27,000 be made within the Police Department budget to provide for the salary of a temporary accounting clerk in the Administration office as outlined below:

Transfer from the following accounts:

0011211002-5250	Retirements/FICA/MERF	<u>\$27,000</u>
	Total	\$27,000

Transfer to the following accounts:

0011211002-5121	Full Time Salaries	<u>\$27,000</u>
	Total	\$27,000

Ald. Carlo Carlozzi, Jr. - Police Liaison  
Ald. Wilfredo Pabon - Police Liaison  
Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez - Police Liaison  
Ald. Jim Sanders, Jr. - Police Liaison  
Ald. Robert Smedley - Police Liaison

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Ald. Pabon moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Carlozzi. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33412 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT AND APPROPRIATION FOR DECD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PLANNING 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:

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain Common Council, at its December 11, 2013 meeting, approved Resolution 32567 authorizing the Mayor to file an application and execute an Assistance Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD); and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain was selected to receive a Financial Assistance Grant from the DECD in the amount of \$500,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a budget amendment and appropriation be made as follows:

Increase Expenditures:		
0083238401-5331	Professional Services	\$ 500,000
Increase Revenues:		
0083238400-4222	State Revenue	\$ 500,000

Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Jim Sanders, Jr.

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33413 RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR COLUMBUS BOULEVARD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE IV STATE PROJECT NO. 88-188**

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 Public Works Department has completed the Preliminary Design stage and submitted a Semifinal Design on a project known as Columbus Boulevard Safety Improvements Phase IV, further identified as State Project No. 88-188, which is located on Bank Street and a section of Columbus Boulevard between Main Street and the Harry Truman Overpass; and

Whereas, the City of New Britain has published display advertisements in local newspapers, mailed the display advertisement to a number of officials and agencies and mailed a formal letter to abutting and surrounding property owners announcing a Public Information Meeting on the proposed Local Road Accident Reduction Program (LRARP) project known as Columbus Boulevard Safety Improvements Phase IV; and

Whereas, a Public Informational Meeting was held on Thursday February 11, 2016, in City Hall Room 504 located at 27 West Main Street New Britain, CT 06051, at 6:00 pm, at which meeting interested parties had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

Whereas, the project is located on municipally owned roads and construction costs are currently estimated at \$3.95M and will utilize 90% Federal Highway Administration funds and 10% City of New Britain funds; and

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Whereas, the Common Council has considered the concerns expressed at the public information meeting and finds that the proposed Columbus Boulevard Safety Improvements Phase IV project is in the best interest of the City of New Britain and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the public, and;

Therefore, be It Resolved that the City of New Britain, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the Columbus Boulevard Safety Improvements Phase IV project.

Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Jim Sanders, Jr.

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

**33414 RE: 2ND AMENDMENT TO COVANTA WATER DISPOSAL AGREEMENT**

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, Covanta Bristol, Inc. ("Covanta", or "Company") and the City of Bristol, Connecticut, Town of Berlin, Connecticut, Town of Branford, Connecticut, Town of Burlington, Connecticut, Town of Hartland, Connecticut, City of New Britain, Connecticut, Town of Plainville, Connecticut, Town of Plymouth, Connecticut, Town of Prospect, Connecticut, Town of Seymour, Connecticut, Town of Southington, Connecticut, Town of Warren, Connecticut, Town of Washington, Connecticut and Town of Wolcott, Connecticut (each a "Municipality" and collectively the "Municipalities") have entered into the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement dated as of December 21, 2012 as amended by the First Amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement dated May 27, 2015 ("Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Bristol Facility Policy Board ("BFPB"), a successor organization to the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee ("BRRFOC"), on behalf of the Contracting Communities, seeks to amend the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement to preserve capacity for "Residential Acceptable Waste"; and

WHEREAS, the parties propose execution of a Second Amendment to ensure that "Residential Acceptable Waste" will not be subject to the terms of the "Annual Reserve Capacity" as defined in the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement for the remaining term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment is beneficial to the Municipalities which comprise the BFPB, and the BFPB voted in favor of approving the Second Amendment at its Special Meeting held March 7, 2016;

RESOLVED, Mayor Erin Stewart is authorized to execute the Second Amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement on behalf of the City of New Britain.

Alderman Don Naples  
Alderman Jim Sanders, Jr.

Ald. Naples moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved March 10, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Polkowski recused himself in regard to the following resolution concerning Local 818 Agreement. He is a member of Local 818.

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Ald. Polkowski left the Chambers at 8:41 p.m.

**33415 RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN AND LOCAL 818 –  
MANAGEMENT BARGAINING UNIT**

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 818 have concluded negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for a collective bargaining agreement covering the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Local 818 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 818 be and hereby is approved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

President Pro Tem Jamie Giantonio  
Majority Leader Daniel Salerno

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rosado. Ald. Giantonio moved the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss the Agreement and that they be accompanied by the Corporation Counsel, Gennaro Bizzarro, Personnel Director, Karen Levine and Mayor's Executive Aide, Jodi Latina. Motion seconded by Ald. Smedley. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

Executive Session began at 8:42 p.m.

The Council voted to return to order at 9:09 p.m. on motion of Ald. Giantonio, seconded by Ald. Davis.

Resolution adopted by voice vote. Approved March 10, 2016 by Erin E. Stewart, Mayor

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Salvio moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Rosado. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk