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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 8:05 p.m. on Wednesday the 14th day of September 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 City Clerk, Mark H. Bernacki: O God, our Heavenly Father, as we reflect on the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorists attacks, we ask for your blessings and help in continuing our struggles to live in a free, peaceful and just world. Look down on the men and women who are placed in harm's way, both foreign and domestic, defending our liberties and way of life. Give our world leaders the courage and vision to protect all free citizens from future harm and help lead the world through the strength of our convictions and ideals. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

The pledge to the flag was led by Joseph Gergenti.

Mayor Stewart reminded everyone of Main Street USA on Saturday Sept. 17th 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – fireworks at 8:45 p.m.

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 8, June 22, July 13, August 10, 2016 and the Special Meeting of June 22, 2016, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted.

Ald. Giantonio moved to amend the Agenda by adding 33607(12) and 33608(13) and by moving 33606(11) to the end of the Agenda. Motion seconded by Ald. Sanders. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

PETITIONS

- 33609 RE: ALD. BLACK FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR IN FRONT OF 15 ACORN ST. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- 33610 RE: ALD. NAPLES, BLACK AND SMEDLEY FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALLEN ST FROM DIXON ST TO STANLEY ST. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 33611 RE: ALD. SANCHEZ FOR REPLACING SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF 22 BRIGHTON ST. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 33612 RE: ALD. CARLOZZI FOR REQUESTING THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THE TOTAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WORK DONE AT ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL IN PREPARATION FOR THE AUGUST ELECTION. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**
- 33613 RE: ALD. SMEDLEY FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR ON HIGHLAND TERRACE IN THE AREA OF CARLTON ST. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 33614 RE: ALD. HARGRAVES FOR INVESTIGATING LOUD NOISE COMPLAINTS AT THE CORNER OF BELDEN AND CHAPMAN STREETS. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

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- 33615 RE: ALD. SANDERS JR. FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY ON CHILDS STREET TO INVESTIGATE EXCESSIVE SPEEDING. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 33616 RE: ALD. CARLOZZI FOR REQUESTING THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE TO PROVIDE A REPORT REGARDING ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AUGUST ELECTION. REFERRED TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.**
- 33617 RE: ALD. CARLOZZI FOR REQUESTING THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PREPARING ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL AND ANGELICO'S RESTAURANT FOR ELECTIONS. REFERRED TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.**

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Smedley. Due to a conflict of interest, Ald. Salvio and Ald. Salerno recused themselves and left the Chambers at 8:12 p.m. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Stewart.

CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

33401-1 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:

The Traffic Safety Bureau conducted a traffic speed operation on Halsey Road on March 1, 2016. The average speed determined by the study was 20 mph, the 85th percentile speed was 25 mph (the posted speed limit) and the highest speed was 35 mph. There has only been one unfounded motor vehicle complaint in the past year. The Data indicates no excessive speed issue for Halsey Road.

The Board voted to take no further action at this time.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

33418-1 RE: TRAFFIC/PARKING STUDY ON SYMCO DRIVE

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 inspected the Symco Drive neighborhood, monitoring both the parking and the flow of motor vehicle traffic. There were no issues noted that would justify designating specific NO PARKING areas other than those already covered by City Ordinance such as fire hydrants and intersections. Only one violation was noted, a single motor vehicle parked in the intersection of Symco Drive and Janet Drive. A check of the three year history of the area yielded three incidents, none of which involved parking or sight line issues. The Traffic Bureau Supervisor recommends no further action by the Board on this petition.

The Board voted to take no action.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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33419-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY ON CARROLL STREET

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

Speed data for this traffic study on Carroll Street was incomplete.

The Board voted to table this petition until more definitive data can be collected and the speed study completed.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

33455-1 RE: TRAFFIC STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF WYNOLA AVE AND BERKLEY 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 traffic study and found only one motor vehicle accident in this intersection in the past three years. During the same time period, there have been no reported motor vehicle complaints and only one motor vehicle arrest.

The Board voted to deny this request for a four-way stop at the intersection of Wynola Avenue and Berkley Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

CITY CLERK

33581 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

- Allstate Insurance a/s/o Gurpreet Singh
- Bogdanski, Antonette
- Doe, John, ppa Jane Doe
- Jaramillo, Jose M.
- Ortiz, Kevin
- Ramos, Juana C.
- Rich, Anne Joy

Mark H. Bernacki
City Clerk

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

33582 RE: CURRY J. SIMPSON V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN ET AL

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 THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) be paid to Curry J. Simpson and Sally A. Roberts, his attorney, in full settlement of her suit against the City of New Britain, et al now pending in the Connecticut Superior Court under Docket No. HHB-CV-15-60279450 as the result of an incident which took place on January 18, 2015

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between 2:30 and 3:00 a.m. While investigating a noise complaint, the New Britain Police Department had arrested the plaintiff and charged him with interference of police in violation of Connecticut General Statute Section 53a-167a for plaintiff's refusal of providing his date of birth. The criminal charge was nollied. Plaintiff had alleged that his first, fourth, and fourteenth amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution to be free from unlawful arrest, retaliatory arrest and malicious prosecution were violated and that the defendant actions constituted false arrest and malicious prosecution.

This recommendation is made upon the advice of City Attorney Irena J. Urbaniak, after a settlement conference before Judge Young, with the approval and consent of Corporation Counsel Gennaro Bizzarro, Esq.

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

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

33583 RE: JESSICA GERRATANA VS. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN AND JESSICA GERRATANA VS. LOUIS SALVIO

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 NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) be paid to Jessica Gerratana and James F. Sullivan, Esq., her attorney, in full settlement of her pending claim before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and her lawsuit which has been filed in the New Britain Superior Court.

The settlement of both cases is based on a number of considerations including the anticipated legal fees if the lawsuit is not resolved and a trial on the merits is required. This resolution is in the best interests of the City of New Britain and is recommended by Attorney Joseph E. Skelly, Jr., with the approval and consent of Corporation Counsel Gennaro Bizzarro.

Both cases are to be withdrawn by the plaintiff without costs to the City of New Britain and settlements are without any admission of liability.

Joseph E. Skelly, Jr.
Assistant Corporation Counsel

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33584 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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33585 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, MAILING MACHINE LEASE FOR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

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

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested by Central Administration for a lease of a new mailing machine under the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award 11PSX0037:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Pricing</u>
Neopost New England Farmington, CT.	Lease of a IN700DS30 Mailing Machine	\$420.26/month

Central Administration requested a purchase order for a sixty-three (63) month lease for a new mailing machine for the Mail Room in City Hall. The present mailing machine is over five (5) years old has become inoperative at times and needed to be repaired or reprogrammed to get it to be operational again. The lease on this present mailing machine, which is with Neopost New England, will be expiring in October 2016. The monthly lease pricing on the new mailing machine also includes all maintenance, repairs, and rental costs of the mailing machine and postage meter. The monthly lease price submitted by Neopost New England for this new mailing machine is the same as the State of Connecticut's Contract, 11PSX0037 that they have with them. Funding is available for the lease of this new mailing machine in Central Administration's account number 001110001-5440, Rentals/Supplies Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order and to enter into a sixty-three (63) month lease agreement with Neopost New England of Farmington, CT for the lease of a new Mailing Machine at \$420.26 per month utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #11PSX0037.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33586 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING - FIBER OPTIC SWITCH

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 New Britain Information Technology Department for the Purchase and Installation of a new Fiber Optic Switch.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Needed Items</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Total Communications, Inc. East Hartford, CT.	Fiber Switch, Cords and Installation	\$24,040.72

The New Britain Information Technology Department requests the Purchase and Installation of a new 48 port Cisco fiber switch to be installed in the data center at City Hall for traffic signal programming, video monitoring and WiFi internet access. This equipment is necessary for the Mayor's Smart City Initiative connecting streets and intersections with smart technology. The provided pricing utilizes National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Agreement #AR233 (14-19) of which the State of Connecticut is a member, participating contract #SO-98-15. The new Fiber Switch will extend the City's network downtown and beyond. Funding is available for this in the New Britain Information Technology Department's account number 0040700611-56133, Capital Equipment, IT Data Center Equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$24,040.72 to Total Communications, Inc. of East Hartford CT for the Purchase and Installation of a new Fiber Switch for the New Britain Information Technology Department utilizing the State of Connecticut NASPO Master Agreement #AR233, Participating Contract #SO-98-15.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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33587 RE: FIRE FIGHTERS ACADEMY – FOUR NEW RECRUITS

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 purchase order has been requested by the Fire Department, for four (4) new Fire Fighter Recruits to attend the State of Connecticut's Fire Academy. The State of Connecticut Commission of Fire Prevention and Control is the only source that can provide this training in the State of Connecticut.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Fire Fighters</u>	<u>Class/Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
State of Connecticut Fire Academy Windsor Locks, CT.	Fire Fighter Academy	4	\$6,075.00	\$24,300.00

The Purchasing Agent has verified that this class can only be taught by the State of Connecticut's Fire Academy, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, and that they are the sole source provider of this training in the State. Bid solicitation for the four (4) new Fire Fighter Recruits to attend the Academy would not be beneficial to the City. Funding for the classes is within the Fire Department's account, 001212002-5337, Fire Operations, Training and Conferences.

Resolved: That the Purchasing Agent be and hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$24,300.00 to State of Connecticut's Fire Academy, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control of Windsor Locks, CT for the four (4) new Fire Fighter Recruits to attend the Academy.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33588 RE: TASER BATTERY PACKS AND TASER CARTRIDGES FOR THE 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 2-538 (a), a sole source purchase order was requested by the New Britain Police Department for the purchase of Taser Battery Packs and Taser Cartridges.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Need Supplies</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Taser International Scottsdale, AZ.	Taser Batteries Pack	60	\$66.51	\$3,990.60
	Taser Cartridges	500	\$28.65	\$14,325.00
			Total Cost:	\$18,315.60

The New Britain Police Department has requested the purchase of Taser Battery Packs and Cartridges. Taser International is the manufacturer of all Taser products and accessories. They no longer have a dealer in the State of Connecticut where their products can be purchased. All purchases for the Tasers accessories must be made directly from Taser International. The Purchasing Agent verified this and has been in contact with Taser International. Therefore bid solicitation for the purchase of the Taser Batteries and Cartridges would not be beneficial to the City. Funding is available for this purchase in the Police Department's account numbers 001211015-5614, Firearms Training, Ammunitions and Explosives.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$18,315.60 to Taser International of Scottsdale, AZ for the purchase of Taser Batteries and Cartridges for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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33589 RE: POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE LICENSE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 New Britain Police Department for a Policy and Procedure Management Software License and Technical Support Package.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
PowerDMS, Inc. Orlando, FL	Policy and Procedure Management Software License and Technical Support Package	\$10,595.70

The New Britain Police Department has requested a Policy and Procedure Management Software License and Technical Support Package. PowerDMS provides an all-inclusive solution for the electronic maintenance and administration of policies, certification, and other document-based elements. The New Britain Police Department will be able to distribute policies, train personnel, and manage the holistic accreditation process, as well as testing and surveying. The Purchasing Agent has verified that PowerDMS, Inc. is the sole proprietor and provider of this Policy and Procedure Management Software License. Therefore bid solicitation for the purchase of the Policy and Procedure Management Software License and Technical Support Package would not be beneficial to the City. Funding for this License and Technical Support Package is available in the Police Department's Drug Investigation Fund, account number 28921128-5740, Asset Forfeiture Federal, Other Miscellaneous Equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$10,595.70 to PowerDMS, Inc. of Orlando, FL, for the Policy and Procedure Management Software License and Technical Support Package for the New Britain Police Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33591 RE: SNOW AND ICE CONTROL FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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. 3894 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Purchase of Sand used for Snow and Ice Control for the Public Works Department. Funding is available for this purchase from the Public Works Department's account, 001315007-5659, Street Snow Removal, Operating Material and Supplies.

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-six (26) Sand Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Sand Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses were received and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office..

The bids and samples of sand submitted by the bidders were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Herb Holden Trucking, Inc. of Broad Brook, CT who was the lowest bidder and met all of the bid specifications for the Sand.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a standing purchase order for \$15.75 per Cubic Yard of Sand delivered to City Yard for Snow and Ice Control for the 2016-2017 winter season to Herb Holden Trucking, Inc. of Broad Brook, CT per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3894.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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33592 RE: ROLL-OUT TRASH CARTS, SPARE WHEELS AND LIDS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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. 3895 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for new Roll-Out Trash Carts, Spare Wheels and Lids needed by the Public Works Department. Funding for this purchase is available in the Public Works Department's account numbers 001315004-5659, Sanitation, Operating Material and Supplies.

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 eight (8) Trash Cart Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Trash Cart Companies who were on the mailing list indicating they could not provide a response to the bid request. Responses were received and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Otto Environmental Systems, LLC was awarded the bid when the City went out to bid for the Roll-Out Trash Carts in 2010 and 2014. Therefore the Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded for the purchase of three hundred (300) new Roll-Trash Carts, fifty (50) Spare Wheels, and one hundred (100) Lids and that the bid be awarded again to Otto Environmental Systems, LLC of Charlotte, NC who was the lowest bidder and met all of the bid specifications.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Otto Environmental Systems, LLC of Charlotte, NC for the purchase of three hundred (300) new Roll-Out Trash Carts at \$49.77 each, fifty (50) Spare Wheels at \$2.50 each and one hundred (100) Lids for \$11.00 each for a total price of \$16,156.00 for the Public Works Department, per the terms and conditions of Public Bid No. 3895.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

33593 RE: SALE OF SURPLUS AND UNREPAIRABLE CITY VEHICLES

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

Per Resolution 33363-2, dated February 10, 2016, the Purchasing Agent reports that he and the City's Public Works Fleet Manager conducted an on-line auction for a City Surplus and Unrepairable Vehicle. The on-line auction services were provided by Gov-Deals at no charge to the City. Gov-Deals provides on-line auction services for vehicles and equipment only to government agencies. They provide this service to over 5,900 municipalities and state governments in 48 states. They have over 315,000 registered buyers who receive e-mails from them regarding the items that they have on their website for auction.

The money received for the sale of the Surplus Vehicle was deposited into the City's General Fund Account, 001624005-4481, General and Administrative, Sale of Property.

The highest bidder for the auctioned Surplus and Unrepairable Vehicle for the month of August 2016 are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. It indicates the vehicle, buyer, number of bids received and the dollar amount received for the vehicle sold.

The total dollar amount that the City received for the on-line auction sale of the Surplus and Unrepairable Vehicle during August 2016 was \$3,011.00.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

33594 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS 8/2/16 THRU 9/6/16

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 September 6, 2016

2. Department: Town Clerk
From: 249108101-5331 (Historical Documents - Professional Services)
To: 249108101-5124 (Historical Documents - Part Time Salaries)
Amount: \$6,000.00
Brief Description: Historic Document Preservation Activities
3. Department: Finance
From: 001110001-5659 (Central Admin - Operating Material & Supplies)
To: 001110001-5440 (Central Admin – Rentals/Supplies & Equip)
Amount: \$1,000.00
Brief Description: Funds needed due to increase in new mail machine lease and property taxes on mail room equipment

Lori Granato
Finance Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

33595 RE: SUBWAY RENTAL CHARGES: JANUARY 1, 2017 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2017

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

On August 22, 2016 the Board of Public Works held a required Public Hearing on the 2017 Subway Rental Charges.

Operating Expenses for the maintenance and extension of the Subway Conduit System requires an income of \$79,243 during 2017 to be obtained from the rental of occupied underground conduit.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, Connecticut that Subway Rental Charges for the year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 be assessable at the rate of \$2.13 per linear foot, per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July, 2017 and the first day of January, 2018.

Mark E. Moriarty Director,
Public Works

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

33576-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-54 OF THE ORDINANCES ELIMINATING THE HUD GRANTS COMMITTEE

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, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item

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#33576, proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-54 to eliminate the HUD Grants Committee. The Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing voted to accept and recommend that the following item be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
President Pro Tempore

33578-1 RE: PROPOSED SALE OF 74 KELSEY STREET TO CHRYSALIS CENTER REAL ESTATE CORPORATION

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, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #33578, conveyance of property known as 74 Kelsey Street to Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation for Eighty Thousand Dollars. The Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing voted to accept and recommend that the following item be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
President Pro Tempore

ZONING COMMITTEE

33320-2 RE: GRANTING OF A CERT. OF LOCATION APPROVAL FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER'S LICENSE AT 475A JOHN DOWNEY DRIVE - XTREME RIDES 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 Zoning Subcommittee of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of item #33320, Xtreme Rides LLC. seeks granting of a certificate of location approval for a motor vehicle dealer's license for property at 475A John Downey Drive. The Zoning Subcommittee voted to accept and recommend that the following petition be referred back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
President Pro Tempore

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

33597 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS TERESA SKONIECZNY AND ELLEN PERKINS-SIMPSON

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

The Standing Claims Subcommittee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, September 7, 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:

- A. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$12,000.00 be paid to Teresa Skonieczny and Timothy Sullivan, her attorney, in full settlement of her claim of personal injury due to an elevated sidewalk on November 5, 2015.

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- B. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$8,037.54 be paid to Ellen Perkins-Simpson of 74 Dennis Drive, New Britain, Conn., in full settlement of her claim of property damages sustained as a result of the City's sewer main back up on July 6, 2016.

Alderman Don Naples
Chair

Ald. Salvio and Ald. Salerno returned to the Chambers at 8:15 p.m.

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

33436-1 RE: THE REMOVAL OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON ARCH 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 consulted the City Engineering Project manager about the parking on Arch Street. After surveying the area, CJ Ganza recommended creating two new parking spaces on the southbound side of Arch and adding four or five parking spaces on the northbound side of Arch.

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of creating two new parking spaces on the southbound side of Arch and adding four or five parking spaces on the northbound side of Arch.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

Ald. Sanchez moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Smedley. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33590 RE: ROOFING AND RELATED WORKS AT 55 HARVARD ST FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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. 3888 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Reroofing and Related Work at 55 Harvard Street. The Reroofing and Related work is on the Public Works Department's Fleet Maintenance Building. Funds for the Reroofing project were approved by the Common Council at their February 24, 2016 meeting, Resolution 32373-5. Funding is available in the Public Works Department's account number, 0083237301-5454, Capital Projects, Citywide Facilities, Construction Contracts.

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 thirty-five (35) Roofing Contractors. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Roofing Contractors on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. Responses were received and are on file in Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department Administration, the City's On-call Engineering Company associated with this project and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of Fleet and Facilities Department is recommending the bid be awarded to

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Offshore Construction, Inc. of Manchester, CT who submitted the lowest responsible bid and met all of the bid specifications for the Reroofing and Related Work at 55 Harvard Street.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$249,371.00 and enter into a contract with Offshore Construction, Inc. of Manchester, CT. for the Reroofing and Related work at 55 Harvard Street for the Public Works Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3888.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sanders. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

TAX DEPARTMENT

33596 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

Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

33576-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-54 OF THE ORDINANCES ELIMINATING THE HUD GRANTS COMMITTEE

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

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE. To eliminate the HUD Grants Committee because it is an unnecessary part of the grant approval process, which is ultimately the responsibility of the Common Council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that, Section 2-54 of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strikethrough~~; new sections begin with the word [new]):

~~Sec. 2-54. HUD grants committee.~~

(a) ~~Establishment and composition. There is hereby established a HUD grants committee of the common council. Said HUD grants committee shall consist of all current members of the common council except for those members who have a conflict of interest as defined under the conflict of interest regulations for HUD programs. The chair shall be elected by the members of the committee.~~

(b) ~~Duties. The HUD grants committee shall be responsible for the consideration and approval of all grants issued by HUD, including, but not limited to, under the community development block grant program, HOME program and emergency solutions grant program.~~

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~~(Res. No. 31754-2, 4-11-12)~~

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. Resolution adopted with Ald. Carlozzi opposed. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33578-2 RE: THE SALE OF 74 KELSEY STREET TO CHRYSALIS CENTER REAL ESTATE CORPORATION FOR \$80,000.00

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 vacant property for rehabilitation and housing.

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is committed to improving the housing stock and quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain currently owns property known as 74 Kelsey Street, which has been acquired through purchase from the previous owner; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation has offered to purchase the property for \$80,000.00 and will immediately work to obtain the funding to rehabilitate the condition of the building; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation has had significant experience in rehabilitating buildings and improving the appearance and condition of residential property; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation intends to spend at least six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) in rehabilitating and refurbishing this building and will not seek any enterprise zone benefits; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation intends to create approximately thirty rental apartment units with four units being reserved as a priority for veterans and the other units to be offered at a range of rental rates; and

WHEREAS, Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation will agree to a clause that all agreements between the parties will be canceled and the property will automatically revert back to the City of New Britain if it does not obtain project funding, purchase the property and start construction within forty eight months of the date of the Purchase and Sale Agreement that will be prepared from this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of New Britain to have this property restored to the grand list with property assessment and property taxes determined in a way that shows City financial support for this project to the project funders and establishes property taxes that are based on the restricted Fair Market Value of the property; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Erin E. Stewart, Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of New Britain, a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chrysalis Center Real Estate Corporation for property known as 74 Kelsey 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 sale price of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00), and to execute any and all documents necessary to establish a property tax assessment that reflects the restricted Fair Market Value based on the actual project net operating income and the current market capitalization rate, and to establish a phased in property tax with no property taxes during construction and for one year following completion of construction, and property taxes phased in at 10% per year over the next 10 years.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hargraves. So voted. Approved September 15, 2015 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

33598 RE: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 9/15/16 THRU 10/15/16

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, National Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized from September 15th to October 15th of each year; granting us, as a Nation and a community, the opportunity to join together and celebrate the diverse culture and acknowledge the abounding achievements and benefactions of all residents with Hispanic roots; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic individuals have made major contributions to the development of our Country and our City through leadership in government, businesses, education, sports and the arts; and

WHEREAS, approximately 54 million Hispanic individuals reside in our Country making those with Hispanic roots the Nation's largest ethnic or racial minority; and

WHEREAS, there are over 2.3 Million Hispanic-owned businesses which have generated over \$350.7 Billion in our national economy, making them an asset to our economic health; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is honored to be a home to such an illustrious population and proudly recognizes all the accomplishments Hispanic men and woman have made in developing this community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain proclaim September 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all residents to celebrate with appropriate programs and activities that memorialize the contributions of Hispanic individuals to our Nation and our community.

Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon
Alderman Kristian Rosado

Ald. Rosado moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33599 RE: CREATION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

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, Connecticut State Public Act No. 15-57 took effect on October 1, 2015 and allows a municipality, through its legislative body, to establish a tax increment financing district (TIF District) which provides certain tax benefits to property owners located within the district;

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of a TIF district and approval of a district master plan, it needs to be determined whether the proposed district and plan will contribute to the economic growth of the municipality or to the health, welfare and safety of the residents;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Connecticut Main Street Center to pay in part for a Consultant to determine the feasibility of creating a TIF District in downtown New Britain; and the match will be paid for by the city; and

WHEREAS, Camoin Associates has extensive experience working with communities and developers on all aspects of development and TIF projects and is currently working with other towns in the state of Connecticut in establishing said districts; and

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WHEREAS, Camoin Associates will be assisted in the project by Attorney Michael Andreana of the law firm of Pullman Comley, who had a significant role in the process which resulted in the passage of Public Act No. 15-57; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of New Britain authorize Mayor Erin E. Stewart to sign an Agreement with Camoin Associates and any documents related thereto for an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of conducting an in-depth analysis and to assist in the drafting of a Tax Increment Financing District and District Master Plan to be used as a tool in the city's economic development tool box and to be used as incentive to future developers in the district.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Davis. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33600 RE: AMERICAN SAVINGS FOUNDATION GRANT \$150,000 - BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE: Authorize the Mayor to execute all documentation between the American Savings Foundation and the City of New Britain to receive grant monies to organize and run after school programs at Pulaski and Slade Middle School. Students in grades six through eight are targeted to attend the after school program each day from 2:45pm to 6:00pm. The after school program focuses on three major components: education, recreation and cultural arts with an emphasis on teen pregnancy prevention, leadership development, academic enrichment and family involvement.

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

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

WHEREAS, the American Savings Foundation awarded the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department a \$150,000.00 grant for the 2016-2017 school year to supervise middle school youth in after school programs, and

WHEREAS, the American Savings Foundation monies will pay for personnel and administrative costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$150,000 be appropriated in the City's special revenue fund account structure in accordance with the requirements of the grantor agency. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is respectfully requesting that the Finance Department set up expenditures and revenue accounts, then it be further

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

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

225420142-4232	Revenue – American Savings Foundation Grants and Contributions	\$ 150,000
	Total Revenue	\$ 150,000
225420142-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$ 89,199
225420142-5180	Fees, memberships & conferences	\$ 2,500
225420142-5231	Medicare	\$ 1,500

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225420142-5352	Data Processing	\$ 2,000
225420142-5412	Telecommunications	\$ 500
225420142-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$ 32,000
225420142-5540	Advertising and Printing	\$ 2,000
225420142-5659	Supplies	\$ 20,301

Total Expenditures \$ 150,000

Alderwoman Shirley Black
Alderman Jerrell Hargraves
Alderman Daniel Salerno
Alderman Louis Salvio

Ald. Hargraves moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33601 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$50,000 CAMP TOTALREC AND EVERY KID COUNTS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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: Through funding from HUD, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will provide two separate programs: 1. a summer component to the Camp TotalRec program in which campers will recreate at Camp Schade, in Burlington, CT, and 2. the Every Kid Counts After School Program at Lincoln Elementary School.

Initial Year of Grant Funding: July 1, 2016.

Local Program Operation Department: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Resolution Purpose: The Recreation Division is requesting approval of two (2) HUD grants in the total amount of \$50,000. 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, will be receiving two HUD grants, one for camp programming at Camp Schade in Burlington, CT and the other for an elementary after school programs at Lincoln Elementary School. Each program has been funded at \$25,000 for the 2016-2017 year, and

WHEREAS, the HUD grant monies from the Department of Municipal Development will pay for personnel, bus transportation, and subcontracting costs associated with bringing Camp TotalRec campers to Camp Schade on select days in the summer for the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation division also received a HUD grant to provide an after school program at Lincoln Elementary School to provide services such as recreational and wellness activities, homework help, and enrichment activities to city youth in an after school environment. The Recreation division is requesting approval of this grant in the amount of \$25,000, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the total amount of \$50,000 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, then it be further

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

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
232420147-4222	Revenue - HUD	\$25,000.
232420147-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$12,496.

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232420147-5231	Medicare	\$181.
232420147-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	<u>\$12,323.</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$25,000.

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
238420145-4222	Revenue - HUD	\$25,000.
238420145-5124	Part-time Salaries	\$19,285.
238420145-5231	Medicare	\$280.
238420145-5440	Rental and Leasing of Property	\$3085.
238420145-5611	Office Supplies	\$250.
238420145-5659	Supplies	<u>\$2,100.</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$25,000.

Alderwoman S. Black
Alderman D. Salerno
Alderman L. Salvio

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Smedley. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33602 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$7,500.00 SUMMER ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (S.E.E.)

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 a program for the Summer Enrichment Experience (S.E.E.) in collaboration with the Consolidated School District of New Britain. The S.E.E. Program, through the recreation division, will be offered at Smalley Academy for forty-five (45) 2nd-3rd grade students for a period of three weeks in the afternoon hours, noon-4:00pm. The intent of the S.E.E. Program is to reduce summer learning loss with summer classroom time and experiential learning.

Initial Year of Grant Funding: July 1, 2016.

Local Program Operation Department: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Resolution Purpose: The Recreation Division was granted money to provide enrichment experiences for the S.E.E. Program from the Consolidated School District of New Britain. The Recreation division is respectfully requesting that the Finance Department set up expenditures and revenue accounts per resolution below.

WHEREAS, the City, through its Recreation division, will administer an afternoon program with S.E.E. in collaboration with the Consolidated School District, and

WHEREAS, funding has been granted for this program that will provide services such as project-based learning, recreational and wellness activities, and enrichment activities to city youth in an after-school-style environment at Smalley Academy, and

WHEREAS, the S.E.E. grant monies will pay for personnel and administrative costs associated with the proposed programming strategy for the period of July 1, 2016, through August 12, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation division is requesting approval of this grant in the amount of \$7,500, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the total amount of \$7,500. be appropriated in the City's special revenue fund account structure in accordance with the requirements of the grantor agency. The account number has been established by the Finance Director, then it be further

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

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
233420148-4222	Revenue-CSDNB	\$7,500.
233420148-5124	Part-time salaries	\$4,320.
233420148-5231	Medicare	\$66.
233420148-5440	Rental/lease of property	\$989.
233420148-5659	Operating materials and supplies	\$2,000.
233420148-5810	Fees, memberships, conferences	<u>\$125.</u>
TOTAL:		\$7,500.

Alderman S. Black
Alderman J. Hargraves
Alderman D. Salerno
Alderman L. Salvio

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33603 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - "THE BORIQUENEERS" MONUMENT - \$300,000.00

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

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Bonding Committee has funding available under the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and,

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to develop and complete a monument in respect to the 65th Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Boriqueneers", and,

WHEREAS, there is no requirement for a cash match from the City and,

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$300,000, will be used as set forth in the budget listed below and monitored by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Veteran's Commission in conjunction with the New Britain Latino Coalition, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$300,000 be appropriated as follows:

Revenue:

255315017-4222	Boriqueneers Monument – State Revenue	\$ 300,000
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Expenditures:

255315017-5454	Boriqueneers Monument – Construction Contracts	\$ 300,000
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Ald. Emmanuel Sanchez
Ald. Wilfredo Pabon
Ald. Kristian Rosado

Ald. Pabon moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rosado. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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33604 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - FAIRVIEW CEMETERY - \$184,000.00

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:

Purpose: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the 2016-2017 Fairview Cemetery budget to allow for the construction of new water lines and hose bibs at Fairview Cemetery.

Whereas, the current water system has outlived its useful life expectancy and the Cemetery currently has only 1 of 26 hose bibs in operation due to collapsed pipes throughout Fairview, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, the Fairview Cemetery Commission voted to withdraw \$184,000 from the Fairview Cemetery Trust in order to fund for new water lines and hose bibs at Fairview Cemetery, and

Whereas, \$184,000 would be needed to cover the cost of the construction project, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the FY 16-17 Fairview Cemetery budget amended by \$184,000 for this purpose as outlined below:

Increase Revenues:

204419103-4567	Cemetery Fund Revenue	\$ 184,000
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Increase Expenditures:

204419103-5454	Cemetery Fund – Construction Contracts	\$ 184,000
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Alderwoman S. Black
Alderman J. Hargraves
Alderman D. Salerno
Alderman L. Salvio

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33605 RE: UPDATING THE 1998 FRINGE BENEFITS FOR NON-UNION MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

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 update the 1998 Fringe Benefits for Non-Union Management Employees

WHEREAS, a recommendation for changes to update the 1998 Fringe benefits package for non-union management employees was presented to the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission reviewed the proposal at its meetings on August 8, 2016 and September 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission found merit in the recommended changes and unanimously approved the changes which are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of New Britain approve the proposed revision to the 1998 fringe benefits package.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
President Pro Tempore

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Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33607 RE: SEPTEMBER – ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten,

WHEREAS chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two or three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates,

WHEREAS improving attendance and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community,

WHEREAS chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, it weakens our communities and our local economy,

WHEREAS the impact of chronic absence hits low-income students and children of color particularly hard if they don't have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom and are more likely to face systemic barriers to getting to school – such as unreliable transportation, lack of access to health care, unstable or unaffordable housing,

WHEREAS, chronic absence exacerbates the achievement gap that separates low-income students from their peers, since students from low-income families are both more likely to be chronically absent and more likely to be affected academically by missing school. Absenteeism also undermines efforts to improve struggling schools, since it's hard to measure improvement in classroom instruction if students are not in class to benefit from them,

WHEREAS schools and community partners can reach out more frequently to absent students to determine why they are missing school and what would help them attend more regularly,

WHEREAS schools and districts must do more to track, calculate and share the data on how many students are chronically absent so that we can deliver the right interventions to the right students,

WHEREAS all students – even those who show up regularly – are affected by chronic absence because teachers must spend time reviewing for students who missed lessons,

WHEREAS chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of New Britain and Common Council proclaim that the City of New Britain will stand with the nation in recognizing September as "Attendance Awareness Month." Hereby committing to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotional and socially.

Alderman Jerrell Hargraves

Ald. Hargraves moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

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33608 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-823 OF THE ORDINANCES REMOVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

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 amend Section 2-823 of the Code of Ordinances to remove the residency requirement for Human Resources director for the purpose of expanding the pool of eligible candidates.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that the Chapter 2, Section 2-283 of the Code of Ordinances, City of new Britain, be amended as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted texts appears in ~~strike through~~; new sections begin with the work [new]):

Sec. 2.-823 Examinations.

Open-competitive examinations shall be administered by the personnel director or by a competent outside agency.

All tests shall be practical and appropriate and shall consist only of subjects which will fairly determine the capacity of the person examined to perform the essential duties of the position, and may include tests of physical and psychological fitness or of manual skill. Any oral portion of the test shall be conducted by persons qualified in the relevant field. Efficiency in service shall be considered in connection with tests for promotion. No credit shall be allowed for service rendered under a provisional or emergency appointment.

Failure of the candidate appointed to a department head position, with the exception of the positions of finance director and human resources director to take up permanent residence in New Britain within one (1) year after the conclusion of the probationary period, shall result in immediate termination of employment.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33606 RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOCAL 1186

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 1186 have concluded negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for a collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Local 1186 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 1186 be and hereby is approved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

Alderpersion Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Polkowski.

Ald. Giantonio moved the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss Agreement between the City and Local 1186, and that they be accompanied by Mayor Stewart; Chief of Staff, Jodi Latina; Deputy

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Chief of Staff, Justin Dorsey; Corporation Counsel, Genarro Bizzarro; and contract Attorneys for the City, Rob Heagney, and Ray Hassett. Motion seconded by Ald. Salerno. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Executive Session began at 8:25 p.m.

The Council voted to return to Regular Order at 9:13 p.m. on motion of Ald. Giantonio, seconded by Ald. Salvio. Motion to accept and adopt carried by voice vote. Approved September 15, 2016 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Sanders moved to adjourn seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

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