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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2017**

Mayor Erin E. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order at 8:26 p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th day of January 2017 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, we extend our thoughts to all those who are less fortunate this evening, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm and protected. While we thank you for the mild winter we ask for more of the warm wet stuff to replenish our reservoirs. We pray for New Britain's youth that they may develop a spirit of reverence and humility. Keep them pure in heart and spirit and develop in them a desire to strive for excellence and become mature, responsible adults. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Judith Greco, member of the Board of Education, who died on January 12, 2017.

The pledge to the flag was led by Mary Lou Sanders.

Mayor Stewart wished Ald. Smedley a happy birthday.

Mayor Stewart took a moment to acknowledge Denis Pelegrino, Facilities Director, who is retiring after forty years of service to the City of New Britain.

Office Barry Hertzler acknowledged the PAL Cheerleading Champions who were in attendance: Jr. Peewee National Champions, Peewee National Champions, and Varsity National runner-up. Officer Hertzler also noted that all student athletes have not less than an 80% average.

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2016, seconded by Ald. Salerno. So voted.

Ald. Giantonio moved to amend the Agenda by substituting 33751(5), seconded by Ald. Salerno. Roll call vote – 12 in favor, 3 opposed. In favor: Ald. Giantonio, Smedley, Collins, Davis, Hargraves, Naples, Pabon, Polkowski, Rosado, Salvio, Sanders, and Salerno. Opposed: Ald. Carlozzi, Black, and Sanchez. Agenda Amended.

PETITIONS

33752 RE: ALD. GIANTONIO FOR CONDUCTING A STUDY TO LOOK AT SPEEDING AND SIGNAGE ON BROOKSIDE RD. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

33753 RE: ALD. SANDERS AND NAPLES FOR REVISING THE CITY'S DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN TO CLARIFY REPORTING REQUIRMENTS AND MAKE TRIGGER LEVEL CRITERIA CONSISTENT FOR ALL DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

CITY CLERK

33744 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

- Aponte, Edwin A. by Atty. Sally A. Roberts
- Buckingham, John L.
- Fernandez, Carmen by Law Firm of Jonathan Perkins
- Gunn, Andrew by Atty. Martin McQuillan
- Jane Doe by Atty. Christoher J. McCarthy
- Rejczyk, Mariusz and Beata

Mark H. Bernacki,
City Clerk

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

33745 RE: STATE PROJECT 88-188, COLUMBUS BLVD. SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE IV FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

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

Public Bid No. 3853 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for State Project 88-188, Columbus Boulevard Safety Improvements – Phase IV, for the Public Works Department. This project consists of building a roundabout at the intersection of Columbus Boulevard and Bank Street as well as other Complete Street improvements to enhance safety in the area. Funding for construction is provided under the “Hazard Elimination” component of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST), with a participation ratio of ninety percent (90%) Federal/ten percent (10%) Municipal. Funding is available in the Public Works Department’s account number 0083238401-5454, Streetscape Improvement Projects Bond, Construction Contracts.

Invitations to bid were solicited and the bid was duly advertised in the Hartford Courant and New Britain Herald Newspapers, the City and State of Connecticut’s Department of Administration Services websites and mailed to fifty-two (52) Construction Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Construction Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses received are on file in Town Clerk’s Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Morais Concrete Service, Inc. of Springfield, MA. who submitted the lowest responsible bid and met all of the Bid Specifications.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$3,115,770.55 and enter into a contract with Morais Concrete Service, Inc. of Springfield, MA. for State Project 88-188, Columbus Boulevard Safety Improvements – Phase IV, for the Public Works Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3853.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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Ald. Carlozzi moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Sanders. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33746 RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ANNUAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY ASSESSOR’S OFFICE SOFTWARE SYSTEM

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 2-531 a purchase order was requested by the City Assessor’s Office for the annual software maintenance and technical support of their appraisal software.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vision Government Solutions, Inc. Northboro, MA.	Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support	\$8,010.00

The City Assessor’s Office has requested a purchase order for the Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support of their computer assisted mass appraisal software (CAMA), Vision Appraisal. The Vision Appraisal software maintains data on approximately 17,000 City properties including ownership information, land data and building data, building sketches and photos. Vision’s data is used by various City departments, City taxpayers, lawyers, title searchers and is an essential tool for the Assessor’s Office in the compilation of the annual real estate Grand List. Vision Government Solutions, Inc. has been providing this annual software maintenance and technical support service to the City Assessor’s office since 2002. The Vision Appraisal software is owned by Vision Government Solutions, Inc. and is the predominant software provider for this type of application. Therefore it would be very difficult to find another local software company to provide a competitive bid for annual software maintenance and support. Bid solicitation for the annual renewal of annual software maintenance and technical support would not be beneficial to the City. The cost of this annual software maintenance and technical support is shared by the Public Works Department. Funding for this annual software maintenance and technical support is available in the City Assessor’s account number 001107001-5352, Assessor, Data Processing and the Public Works Department’s account number 001315001-5436, Public Works Administration, Equipment Maintenance and Repair.

RESOLVED: The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$8,010.00 to Vision Government Solutions, Inc. of Northboro, MA. for Annual Software Maintenance and Technical Support of the City Assessor’s Office appraisal software.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33747 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, COPIER LEASE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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 Economic Development Office for the following under the State of Connecticut’s Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #12PSX0026:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Pricing</u>
A&A Office Systems Middletown, CT.	Lease of a Savin C3004 Copier	\$160.80/Month and \$0.005 per copy over 8,000 copies per month and \$0.05 per Color Copies

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The Economic Development Office requested a five (5) year lease of a multifunctional copier that can copy, print, scan, e-mail, duplex, staple and fax for the their Office. The pricing includes all maintenance, repairs, service, toner and supplies excluding paper for 8,000 black and white copies per month. The Economic Development Office does not have an existing copier. They presently share a copier with the Department of Municipal Development and need a copier to be in their office location now. The monthly lease price submitted by A&A Office Systems for the new copier is the same as the State of Connecticut's Contract, #12PSX0026 that A&A Office Systems has with them. Funding is available for the new Copier Lease in the Economic Development's Office account number 0011050002-5440, Equipment Rental.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order and to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with A&A Office Systems of Middletown, CT for the lease of a new copier for the Economic Development Office at \$160.80 per month utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #12PSX0026.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Hargraves. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

TAX DEPARTMENT

33748 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. Giantonio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Polkowski. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

33749 RE: PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – CONSTRUCTION OF THE BORIQUENEERS MONUMENT

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 Erin E. Stewart to execute all documentation between the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the City of New Britain to receive state bonding money for the construction of the Boriqueneers Monument on Washington Street in New Britain.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Bonding Committee has approved funding for a Boriqueneers Monument on Washington Street in the amount of \$300,000, AND

WHEREAS, Resolution #33603 was approved on 9/15/2016 authorized the reception of state funds and set up the income/expenditure accounts for the project, AND

WHEREAS, Mayor Stewart has given the Veterans Commission, in cooperation with the New Britain Latino Coalition, and under the direction of the New Britain Parks, Recreation and Community Services

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Department, the authority to move forward with the architectural/design work and construction for the Boriqueneers Monument, AND

WHEREAS, Erin E. Stewart was elected Mayor and her term of office began in November 10, 2015 and will continue until November 14, 2017. As the Mayor, Erin E. Stewart serves as the Chief Executive Officer for City of New Britain, and is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the City of New Britain a Personal Services Agreement with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erin E. Stewart, Mayor of the City of New Britain be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to develop a monument recognizing the 65th Infantry Puerto Rican Regiment of the United States Army, the Boriqueneers, project agreement number CUAP 2017-01.

Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Jerrell Hargraves
Alderman Daniel Salerno
Alderman Wilfredo Pabon
Alderman Kristian Rosado
Alderman Emmanuel Sanchez

Ald. Rosado moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Pabon. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33449-1 RE: BUDGET – LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION GRANT AND HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM FUNDS

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 set up budgets for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the approved Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant and Healthy Homes Program funds.

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2016, the Common Council approved Resolution #33449 for the City of New Britain to submit an application for the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant at \$3,000,000 together with the Healthy Homes Component in the amount of \$400,000 and execute all required documents, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development has approved the grant awards of:

Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant \$3,000,000
Healthy Homes \$ 400,000

For a total of \$3,400,000 with an end date of October 31, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that budgets be, established in special revenue funds to formally increase the appropriate accounts as follows to be in accordance with the

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development approved budget for this project:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Increase Revenues:		
243522191-4223	Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant	\$3,000,000.00
243522192-4223	Healthy Homes	<u>400,000.00</u>
		\$3,400,000.00

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Increase Expenditures:

Lead Admin Costs

243522190-5121	Full Time Salaries	\$11,819.00
243522190-5220	MERF Employer	1,290.00
243522190-5237	Health Insurance	4,419.00
243522190-5231	Medicare	171.00
243522190-5337	Training/Conferences	6,800.00
243522190-5855	Contractor Expenditures	<u>274,136.00</u>
		\$298,635.00

Lead Project Costs

243522191-5121	Full Time Salaries	\$ 66,409.00
243522191-5124	Part Time Salaries	33,475.00
243522191-5220	MERF Employer	7,245.00
243522191-5237	Health Insurance	19,934.00
243522191-5231	Medicare	1,448.00
243522191-5821	Town Clerk Fees	6,400.00
243522191-5855	Contractor Expenditures	<u>2,566,454.00</u>
		\$2,701,365.00

Health Homes

243522191-5855	Contractor Expenditures	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
		\$3,400,000.00

Alderman Jamie Giantonio
Alderman Daniel Salerno

Ald. Salerno moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33560-4 RE: RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAX BENEFITS FOR 125 COMMERCIAL STREET XENOLITH PARTNERS LLC

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 provide Section 22-10 residential and commercial tax benefits for 125 Columbus Boulevard.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 33560, the Common Council has authorized Mayor Erin E. Stewart to execute all documents required for the sale of 125 Columbus Boulevard to Xenolith Partners, LLC for the purchase price of \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, 125 Columbus Boulevard is located in an enterprise zone and is eligible for tax assessment modification/deferral benefits pursuant to Section 32-71(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 22-10 of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain and Xenolith Partners, LLC are desirous of entering into a residential real estate tax abatement that limits taxes to \$900.00 per unit for the 80 residential units as of the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy with increases of 3% annually as of each following assessment date for a total term not to exceed thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that Xenolith Partners, LLC may apply for a commercial assessment deferral benefit as provided for and in compliance with Section 22-10 for a period not to exceed seven years beginning either on the first assessment date of partial construction or the first assessment date following issuance of a certificate of occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the commercial assessment related benefit shall be equal to a 100% deferral of the assessment increase related to the commercial portion of construction for the first two assessment years followed by a 50% deferral of assessment increase in year 3, a 40% deferral of assessment increase in

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year 4, a 30% deferral of assessment increase in year 5, a 20% deferral of assessment increase in year 6 and a 10% deferral of assessment increase in year seven.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Erin E. Stewart, Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Tax Assessment Modification and Deferral Agreement on behalf of the City of New Britain with Xenolith Partners, LLC and to sign any documents related thereto.

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Davis. So voted. Approved January 26, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

33750 RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY LOU SANDERS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE DEATH OF TOM SCHENCK

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, there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals due to the passing of Thomas Schenck and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the City of New Britain, 3-2 (f) (2), the Common Council is vested with the authority to fill the vacancy of a member on the Board of Assessment Appeals

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, the following individual be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Mary Lou Sanders (R) 322 Glen Street 1/25/17-11/14/17

Alderman Jamie Giantonio

Ald. Sanders recused himself due to a conflict of interest – Mary Lou Sanders is his mother. Ald. Giantonio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved January 25, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

Ald. Sanders returned to the Chambers.

33751 RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF MALLORY DEPREY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE DEATH OF JUDITH GRECO

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, there is a vacancy on the Board of Education due to the passing of Judith Greco and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the City of New Britain, 3-2 (f) (2), the Common Council is vested with the authority to fill the vacancy of a member on the Board of Education, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, the following individual be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Mallory Deprey (D) 40 Symco Drive 1/25/17-11/14/17

Alderman Daniel Salerno
Alderman Robert Smedley

Ald. Smedley moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rosado. Ald. Carlozzi moved to amend by replacing “Mallory Deprey (D) 40 Symco Drive” with “Violet Jimenez Sims (D) 77 Adams St.”, seconded by Ald. Black. ROLL CALL VOTE – 5 in Favor, 10 Opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Carlozzi, Black,

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Davis, Sanchez and Sanders. OPPOSED: Ald. Giantonio, Smedley, Collins, Hargraves, Naples, Pabon, Polkowski, Rosado, Salvio and Salerno. AMENDMENT DEFEATED. Roll call vote on original motion – 10 in Favor, 5 Opposed. IN FAVOR: Ald. Giantonio, Smedley, Collins, Hargraves, Naples, Pabon, Polkowski, Rosado, Salvio and Salerno. OPPOSED: Ald. Carlozzi, Black, Davis, Sanchez and Sanders. RESOLUTION ADOPTED. Approved January 25, 2017 by Mayor Erin E. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Collins moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Rosado. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

ATTEST: Mark H. Bernacki, City Clerk

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