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Delivering Progress for New Britain

By Mayor Bobby Sanchez

As we move into summer, there is a growing sense of momentum across New Britain. Whether it is investments in our neighborhoods, improvements to city services, community events, or continued financial stability, our administration remains focused on delivering results for residents and moving our city forward.

This month, the Common Council approved our city budget for the upcoming fiscal year, a budget that reflects our commitment to responsible government, strong neighborhoods, and long-term investment in New Britain's future.

Most importantly, this budget includes no increase to the local property tax rate while still making significant investments in the services residents rely on every day. At a time when families continue to face rising costs, we worked hard to protect taxpayers while ensuring the city continues moving in the right direction.

The approved budget also includes a historic \$14.75 million in new funding and budgetary savings for the school district, representing one of the largest school funding increases in recent city history. This investment strengthens support for our students, teachers, and schools while creating a stronger, long-term foundation for educational success in New Britain.

In addition to supporting education, this budget continues investments in public safety, infrastructure improvements, technology upgrades, sidewalk repairs, and operational efficiencies that will improve services for residents across the city.

One of the most significant developments this month was the announcement of an additional \$5 million in state bonding support for the Allen Street flooding and infrastructure project. Thanks to strong partnerships with Governor Ned Lamont, our state legislative delegation, and federal partners, we are now positioned to fully fund this long-overdue project without relying on additional dollars from the City's general fund.

For decades, residents in the Allen Street neighborhood have dealt with repeated flooding and infrastructure failures. This project represents more than drainage improvements; it is about protecting homes, improving quality of life, and finally delivering the long-term solution residents deserve.



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We also continued our Mayor's Listening Tour with a recent stop in Little Poland. These meetings remain one of the most valuable parts of this job because they give residents and business owners an opportunity to speak directly with city leadership about the issues impacting their neighborhoods and daily lives.

From public safety concerns and infrastructure needs to business development and neighborhood quality-of-life issues, the feedback we receive helps shape the priorities of this administration. Government works best when residents are engaged, and I appreciate everyone who has taken the time to participate in these conversations.

Another highlight this month was our Public Works Open House, which gave residents and families an inside look at the incredible work performed every day by our Public Works employees. From snow removal and road maintenance to sanitation services, engineering, and fleet operations, these dedicated workers help keep New Britain running every single day.

The event was a great opportunity for residents, especially young people, to learn more about city operations and meet many of the employees who work behind the scenes to provide essential services throughout our community.

While there is still important work ahead, New Britain is making real progress. Together, we are building a stronger, safer, and more financially stable city, one that continues to invest in its neighborhoods, support its families, and create opportunity for the future.

I look forward to continuing this work with all of you and seeing many of you throughout the summer months ahead.

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