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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Mayor Timothy T. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 11th day of February 2009 at 7:45 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

All members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Rocha, Sherwood, Magnuszewski, Platosz, Gerratana, Centeno, Black, Cruz, Collins, Catanzaro, Hermanowski, Salvio, Bernacki, and Bielinski.

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, gave the invocation: O God, our Heavenly Father, as we gather here tonight for this Common Council Meeting, we invoke Thy blessings. May all proceedings be in a spirit of brotherhood and in the best interests of our city. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

Patricia Johnson led the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Stewart asked that a moment of silence be observed in memory of three native sons of the Greatest Generation, who not only served proudly in the military, but served the City of New Britain as well.

Former Mayor James Carey was a decorated veteran of the 102nd Army Infantry Division during WWII, earning 2 Purple Hearts, including one at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a dedicated school teacher who went on to become principal in the New Britain School system. In addition to serving as Mayor, he served a Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners, as a member of the Zoning Board of appeals, and most recently as a member of the Mattabasset District Commission.

William Sanders served in the 69th Engineering Topographical Company in both WWII and the Korean War. He served the City of New Britain as a member of the Fire Department for 32 years having achieved the Rank of Lieutenant. In addition, he was active in the Boy Scouts and in his local parish church – St. Jerome.

Joseph Cannata served in the US Army in WWII. Prior to moving to Pennsylvania several years ago, Joe was known as “Mr. Parade” here in New Britain for the many years of service to the annual Columbus Day Parade. He was also active in the Kiwanis Club, the Columbian Federation, and the Italian American War Veterans.

The Council also expressed good wishes to Clerk of Committees, John Melecsinsky, who is recovering at home after being hospitalized.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by moving 30466(B) and 30467(C) to the end of the agenda, by substituting 30470(F), and by withdrawing 7. Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

PETITION

30464 ALD. CATANZARO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION APPROVAL TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE GENERAL REPAIRER’S AND AUTO DEALER’S LICENSE FOR PROPERTY AT 94 CHRISTIAN LANE. REFERRED TO CITY PLAN AND PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll Call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved Feb. 19, 2009 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

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CITY CLERK

30465 RE: CLAIMS FOR INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

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

CLAIMANTS NAME

- Ganeshan, Therese R.
- Muchewicz, Stanley W.
- Ortiz, Ramon S.
- Polkowski, Anna
- Stroczkowski, Piotr

Peter J. Denuzze
City Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

30469 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 1/22/09 THRU 2/3/09

To His 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(c), the following departments have transferred monies from one line item to another within their departmental budget (total department budget has not changed). Each transfer will be continuously numbered from month to month throughout the fiscal year. This report represents the transfers executed by the mayor in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance for the period ending February 3, 2009

18. Department:	Common Council
From:	001-1111-1110-110 (Full Time Salaries)
To:	001-1111-1110-210 (Office Supplies)
Amount:	\$450.00
Brief Description:	Funds needed to purchase fax machine and office supplies

Robert Curry
Finance Director

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30471 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – EMERGENCY AIR PACK SYSTEM – FIRE DEPARTMENT

To His 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 for the following under the State of Connecticut’s Cooperative Purchasing Plan for the Fire Department:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>
Shipman Fire Equipment Company, Inc. Waterford, CT.	Scott RIT Pak II Emergency Air Pack System	1	\$3,465.00

The New Britain Fire Department requested the purchase of one (1) Scott RIT Pak II Emergency Air Pack System utilizing the State of Connecticut’s Contract Award #02PSX0046. The Emergency Air Pack System will be used to supplement a firefighter’s air supply if they become trapped while fighting a fire and their air pack system is inadequate. It will also support civilian rescues within unbreatheable environments where operations are of a complex nature. The retail price of this Emergency Air Pack System is approximately \$4,158.00. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 215-2291-2206-421.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$3,465.00 to Shipman’s Fire Equipment Company, Inc of Waterford, CT for the purchase of one (1) Scott RIT Pak II Emergency Air Pack System, utilizing the State of Connecticut’s Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #02PSX0046.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30472 RE: NEW AND REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTERS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3397 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for New and Replacement Bus Shelters at eight (8) City locations for the Public Works Department. Funding available for the purchase of these New and Replacement Bus Shelters is within Account Numbers, 219-1300-2268-322 and 213-1800-1864-BUS.

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-four (34) Building and Construction Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Building and Construction Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not provide a response 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 Engineering Department and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of Public Works is recommending that the bid be awarded to LTC Construction Company, Inc of New Britain, CT who was the lowest bidder for these Bus Shelters.

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RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order and enter into a contract with LTC Construction Company, Inc of New Britain, CT for the New and Replacement Bus Shelters at eight (8) City locations for a price of \$196,000.00 for the Public Works Department per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3397.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30475 RE: HARTFORD WOLF PACK FIELD TRIP FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

To His 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 Parks and Recreation Department for a Hartford Wolf Pack field trip for the after School Program.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Hartford Wolf Pack Hartford, CT.	Field Trip/After School Program	\$4,693.00

The Park and Recreation Department requested the purchase of tickets to the Hartford Wolf Pack. They will be taking three hundred and sixty one (361) children and staff from thirteen (13) schools to see the WolfPack play in Hartford on February 27, 2009. Funding is in an After School Program Grant that Park and Recreation has received and will not cost the City for this event. The grant money for this Hartford Wolf Pack, After School Field Trip, is available in accounts 237-1511-5111-330, 225-1511-5111-330, 236-1511-5111-330, 251-1511-5111-330 and 238-1512-5111-330.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent be and hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$4,693.00 to the Hartford Wolf Pack of Hartford, CT for the purchase of 361 Tickets for the Parks and Recreation Department's After School Program.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30476 RE: EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER – REPAIRS TO PLOW’S FRAME AND REPLACEMENT OF FRONT PLOW HITCH – TRUCK #8 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

To His 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 V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order was authorized by the Mayor and issued to the below listed vendor for the purpose specified on January 26, 2009:

Tenco Southern New England East Berlin, CT.	\$3,752.00	Repairs and Replacement of a Front Plow Hitch
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The Purchasing Agent reports that no formal bid solicitation and advertisement as outlined in the Purchasing Ordinances was made for this item. In accordance with Section 2-606b of the City Code of Ordinances, the Purchasing Agent reports:

An emergency purchase order was requested by the Public Works Department. Truck #8, is utilized to plow and sand City streets. Truck #8 sustained damage to the plow's frame and hitch while plowing snow from City streets on January 5, 2009. The front plow hitch connects the plow to the truck's frame. The repairs to the plow's frame and replacement of the front plow hitch were needed to be made quickly so that the truck could be put back into service and be utilized to plow and sand City streets for the next snowstorm. Funding for these emergency repairs was available from Account 704-1923-1944-761.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30477 RE: EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER – COMPUTER SYSTEMS INTEGRATION – NEW STORAGE AREA NETWORK

To His 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 V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order was authorized by the Mayor and issued to the below listed vendor for the purpose specified on January 29, 2009:

Computer Systems Integration New Britain, CT	\$80,814.00	New Storage Area Network
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The Purchasing Agent reports that no formal bid solicitation and advertisement as outlined in the Purchasing Ordinances was made for this item. In accordance with Section 2-606b of the City Code of Ordinances, the Purchasing Agent reports:

An emergency purchase order was requested by the Finance Department because of a computer hardware failure of the SAN (Storage Area Network). The SAN contained critical files used to run the City's computer system. Because of this failure the City's computer system was not operational. The manufacturer of the existing SAN is bankrupt and could no longer support the system. The Finance Department has to purchase a new SAN System, Ethernet Switches and Blade Servers from Computer System Integration. Computer Systems Integration's personnel helped with the installation of the new computer hardware as well as assisted in the recovery process of the data stored on the failed system. Funding for this emergency purchase and the installation of a new SAN was available from Account 008-2105-1532-442.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

LICENSE COMMITTEE

30462-1 RE: COLEMAN BROTHERS CARNIVAL – APRIL 3, 2009 THRU APRIL 13, 2009

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

The License Committee recommended on February 2, 2009 the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue to the Italian American War Veterans of the U.S. Bernardino-Badolato Post #2, Inc. together with the 169th Infantry Association such license to hold the Coleman Bros. Carnival as may be

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issued under Article II – Amusement Activities – Section 5-16. License – Required of the Ordinances of the Common Council for the period of April 3 – 13, 2009. Permission to use the former Greenfields lot at 327 Main Street for this event has been given by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski
Chair

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

BOARD OF ETHICS

30468 RE: COMPLAINT AGAINST ALD. PAUL D. CATANZARO

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

The Board of Ethics held a hearing on January 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in City Hall, Room 201, to take evidence regarding two complaints filed against Paul D. Catanzaro by Louis G. Salvio dated November 4, 2008, and December 3, 2008. The Commission unanimously found that Alderman Catanzaro's actions in contacting William DeMaio, Director of Parks and Recreation, about a landscaping contract the Purchasing Agent was planning to recommend to the Common Council and then participating in the vote on the contract violated the following provisions of the Code of Ethics:

Section 2-449(a):

No official or employee shall have any interest, financial or nonfinancial, direct or indirect, or engage in any business, employment, transaction or professional activity, or incur any obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his/her duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the charter and ordinances of the city or the laws of the state.

Section 2-449(k):

No official or employee who makes decisions on behalf of the public shall participate in matters in which he or his immediate family will gain financial advantage or suffer financial detriment as a result of the decision reached. In any situation in which a decision on any question can not be arrived at without the participation of a decision-maker who would otherwise be disqualified under this paragraph, such decision-maker may participate and act, but shall make his conflict of interest public.

Section 2-453 of the Code of Ordinances provides that "The board of ethics shall report its findings to the common council as to whether or not a violation of this article has occurred, together with recommended sanctions to be imposed by the common council, unless city procedures and policies require that the matter be addressed elsewhere." Pursuant to City of New Britain Ordinance Section 2-453, the City of New Britain Board of Ethics recommends that Paul D. Catanzaro be reprimanded. A copy of this report is being provided to the Mayor per Section 2-453 of the Code of Ordinances.

William V. Dworski
Chair

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept for the purpose of discussion, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Motion to accept the report failed by voice vote.

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30470 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – COMPUTER BLADE SYSTEM – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

To His 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 issued for the following under the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) cooperative purchasing plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Computer Systems Integration New Britain, CT.	Bladesystem: Server, Ethernet Switch, San Switch, Battery Backups, and Software	\$53,260.00

Finance Department requested the purchase of a Computer Bladesystem utilizing the Western States Contracting Alliance’s (WSCA) Contract Award #A63309. The existing Computer Bladesystem is part of the hardware within the City’s computer system that failed. The new Bladesystem is an upgrade from the failed hardware and will serve the City’s future needs. Funding is available for this purchase in Account Number, 008-2105-1532-442.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$53,260.00 to Computer Systems Integration of New Britain, CT for the purchase of a Computer Bladesystem utilizing the Western States Contracting Alliance’s (WSCA) Contract Award #A63309.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30473 RE: WOOD AND BRUSH CHIPPING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3461 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Wood and Brush Chipping to be conducted at the City’s Landfill for the Public Works Department. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 001-1338-3240-320.

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 (20) Wood and Brush Chipping Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Wood and Brush Chipping Companies indicating that they could not provide a response to the bid request. Responses received 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. The Public Works Department’s Administration conducted an

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analysis of the bid results. Their analysis looked at the time it would take to chip a ton of wood and brush as well as the cost to truck and dispose of the chippings off of City property. Their analysis indicated that Green Cycle of Ct, Inc had adequate equipment to chip a ton of wood and brush. Because of their location in Farmington, CT their bid price to truck and dispose of the chipping was lower than all the other bidders. Therefore the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to Green Cycle of CT, Inc of Farmington, CT who was the overall lowest bidder for these services.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract and issue a standing purchase order to Green Cycle of CT, Inc of Farmington, Connecticut per the attached pricing to chip wood and brush and dispose of it effective through December 31, 2009 with an option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year if approved and agreed upon by the Public Works Administration per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No 3461.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30474 RE: PRINTING OF BROCHURES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3465 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Printing of Summer 2009 and the Fall, Winter, and Spring 2009-2010 Brochures for the Parks & Recreation Department. Funding is available for the purchase of these brochures within Account Numbers 001-1511-5111-S30, 001-1511-5111-330, 237-1511-5111-330 and 251-1511-5111-330.

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-nine (39) Printing Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Printing Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Parks & Recreation Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. The Parks and Recreation Department's Administration once again, like last year, would like a brochure that is very appealing to make more parents look at the brochure and to make them aware of the programs offered by the City for their children to participate in. To accomplish this, an addendum to the bid specifications was issued on January 12, 2009. The Parks and Recreation Department's Administration is proposing that 11,000 brochures be printed per the bid specifications for the Summer 2009, and the Fall, Winter and Spring 2009-2010 Brochures. Therefore the Director of Parks and Recreation is recommending that the bid be awarded to Interstate Graphics of Johnson City, TN who was the lowest bidder for this type of printed brochure and who submitted pricing per the addendum bid specifications.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with and issue purchase orders in the amount of \$1,825.56 for the printing of 11,000 Summer 2009 Brochure and Fall, Winter and Spring 2009-2010 Brochures with the additional cost of \$106.73 per 1000 Brochures if they are needed to Interstate Graphics of Johnson City, TN per the pricing, terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3465.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

30478 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - \$41,145.00

To His 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 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 has changed elections in the State of Connecticut and the City of New Britain; and,

Whereas: the City of New Britain has been using Optical Scan voting machines since 2007; and,

Whereas: the Optical Scan voting machines conform with the requirements set forth in the HAVA Bill by producing a paper audit trail and allowing individuals with disabilities to vote in private; and,

Whereas: because this newer technology has created new poll worker positions such as Demonstrator, Ballot Clerk and Tabulator Tender and these jobs will require an assigned hourly rate of pay; and,

Whereas: new election laws, new voting equipment and additional record keeping are putting a greater burden on poll workers who are required to attend one training session prior to each election and work 14 to 16 hours on Election Day; and,

Whereas: the Registrar of Voter’s uses the Professional Services account to fund its poll workers for primaries and elections. In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the Democratic Registrar of Voters budgeted Professional Services at \$100,000 for an August Primary and November Election, but only had the November Election. And the Republican Registrar of Voters budgeted Professional Services at \$36,500 for a November Election, but had both an August Primary and a November Election.

Whereas: in addition to the Primaries and Election Day, the City of New Britain has been selected to have a few of its polling districts audited by the State of Connecticut.

Whereas: this November Election had one of the highest, if not thee highest voter turnout ever and as such the Registrars of Voters requests budgetary transfers for Overtime; Part-time Salaries; Office Supplies; Professional Services; and Light, Power, and Telephone.

Whereas: there are monies available within the Registrar of Voter’s – Democratic department budget account for Professional Services (Account #001-1125-1250-320) and Light, Power, and Telephone (Account #001-1125-1250-360) to cover these shortages; so therefore be it,

Resolved: that the Common Council of the City of New Britain approve this budgetary transfer be made as follows:

From:		
001-1125-1250-320	Voters Democrat – Professional Services	\$39,645
001-1125-1250-360	Voters Democrat – Light, Power & Telephone	1,500
	TOTAL	\$41,145
To:		
001-1125-1250-111	Voters Democrat – Overtime	\$2,500
001-1125-1250-113	Voters Democrat – Part Time Salaries	3,768
001-1125-1250-210	Voters Democrat – Office Supplies	800

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001-1125-1251-111	Voters Republican - Overtime	800
001-1125-1251-320	Voters Republican – Professional Services	31,077
001-1125-1251-360	Voters Republican – Light, Power & Telephone	2,200
	TOTAL	\$41,145

Alderman Louis G. Salvio, Liaison
Alderman Mark H. Bernacki, Liaison
Alderman Adam Platosz, Liaison
Alderman Gregory Gerratana, Liaison

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30479 RE: REPLACEMENT OF THE TEN ACRE ROAD BRIDGE OVER WILLOW BROOK - \$20,000 INCREASE TO BL COMPANIES INC. FOR NECESSARY REVISIONS

To His 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 previously retained the services of BL Companies, Inc. under the City's on Call Consultant Contract and issued Purchase Order #59425 on 7/6/06 to prepare design plans for the replacement of the Ten Acre Road Bridge over Willow Brook which was to be advertised for bid and constructed by a private contractor;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain Public Works Department has determined that this bridge can be constructed with its own forces for a substantial savings over the cost of hiring a private contractor;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain Public Works Department is pursuing funding through the Local Bridge Program and will continue to pursue this funding even if constructed by City forces;

WHEREAS, the design of said bridge must be revised in order for City forces to be able to complete the construction;

WHEREAS, BL Companies, Inc. has submitted a proposal to complete the necessary revisions for a lump sum fee of \$20,000 and funding is available in Account # 008-3618-1240-324.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Common Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to increase Purchase Order #59425 by \$20,000 and authorize BL Companies, Inc. to complete the work as detailed in their proposed scope of services dated February 2, 2009.

Alderman Lori A. Rocha
Alderman Phil Sherwood

Ald. Rocha moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sherwood. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30480 RE: REPLACEMENT OF BROOKSIDE ROAD BRIDGE OVER WILL BROOK - \$15,000 INCREASE TO BETA GROUP, INC. FOR NECESSARY REVISIONS

To His 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 previously retained the services of BETA Group, Inc. under the City's On-Call Consultant Contract and issued Purchase Order #63375 on 10/10/07 to prepare design

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plans for the replacement of the Brookside Road Bridge over Willow Brook which was to be advertised for bid and constructed by a private contractor;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain Public Works Department has determined that this bridge can be constructed with its own forces for a substantial savings over the cost of hiring a private contractor;

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain Public Works Department is pursuing funding through the Local Bridge Program and will continue to pursue this funding even if constructed by City forces;

WHEREAS, the design of said bridge must be revised in order for City forces to be able to complete the construction;

WHEREAS, BETA Group, Inc. has submitted a proposal to complete the necessary revisions for a lump sum fee of \$15,000 and funding is available in Account # 008-3618-1241-324;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Common Council authorizes the Department of Public Works to increase Purchase Order #63375 by \$15,000 and authorizes BETA Group, Inc. to complete the work as detailed in their proposed scope of services dated January 27, 2009.

Alderman Lori A. Rocha
Alderman Phil Sherwood

Ald. Rocha moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sherwood. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30481 RE: THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF 49 AND 53 BEAVER ST. TO COREY MAITZ FOR A SALE PRICE OF NOT LESS THAN \$43,000.

To His 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 is committed to the revitalization of its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain's Housing Site Development Corporation owns two vacant lots known as 49 and 53 Beaver Street; and

WHEREAS, these lots are adjacent to property located at 608 Main Street (Berkowitz Building), a blighted property that is currently in the process of an ownership transfer to Corey Maitz of Burlington, CT who will be renovating the building for residential and commercial space and will need the lots on Beaver Street to ensure adequate parking for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has received a request for transfer of the properties known as 49 and 53 Beaver Street from Mr. Maitz for a total of Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) and other valuable consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is interested in encouraging business and economic development, particularly in our NRZ areas, such as the rehabilitation of these former blighted sites; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Housing Site Development Corporation (HSDC) a purchase and sales agreement with Corey Maitz for the properties known as 49 and 53 Beaver Street contingent upon his completion of the purchase and acquisition of the property known as 608 Main Street and further contingent upon the approval of the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development as the board for the HSDC. Mayor Timothy T. Stewart is further authorized to negotiate a reverter clause within said purchase and sales agreement that ensures proper and timely development of said properties and to execute any and all documents

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necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sale price of not less than \$43,000.00.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30482 RE: THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BLUM SHAPIRO, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, AS THE CITY'S INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITOR – FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2009

To His 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 Background and Summary:

The Common Council Audit Committee held a special meeting on February 11, 2009 to act upon a resolution recommending the re-appointment of Blum Shapiro, Certified Public Accountants, as the City's independent financial auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The firm has been and will continue to provide exceptional service in these tough economic times.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the firm of Blum Shapiro, Certified Public Accountants, be appointed as City of New Britain's independent financial auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and be it further,

Resolved, that Mayor Timothy T. Stewart is authorized to execute an agreement with Blum Shapiro on behalf of the City for the FY 2009 independent financial audit engagement at a cost of \$122,900.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Lori Rocha

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. Resolution adopted with Ald. Sherwood and Ald. Trueworthy opposed. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30483 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER - \$90,000 – PUBLIC WORKS – SNOW OVERTIME, TRAFFIC FULL TIME SALARIES

To His 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 is charged by ordinances of the City of New Britain with the construction, maintenance, alteration, repair, and supervision of the City's infrastructure. Under the category of maintenance, the Public Works Department is responsible for the removal of snow from the City streets to minimize the hazards caused by slippery road conditions for motorists, especially emergency vehicles.

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WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has been experiencing a wet period in which precipitation totals (63.8") in Connecticut for 2008 are up nearly 29% from the annual average precipitation totals (49.7"), and the State has experienced an abnormally high number of early season snow and ice events, including the weekend of December 19, 2008 through December 21, 2008, when the City experienced a heavy snow storm that lasted three days.

WHEREAS, it is impossible to predict the number of snow storms or their severity that will occur during the remainder of the Fiscal Year 08-09 winter season;

WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2009 budget includes monies within the Public Works Department Full Time Salaries Accounts and Overtime Accounts. THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that a transfer be made from the Public Works Full Time Salaries Accounts and Overtime Accounts to the Snow Overtime Account and Traffic Full Time Salaries as indicated below:

FROM:

001-1311-3110-110	Public Works Admin – Full Time Salaries	\$24,000
001-1311-3110-111	Public Works Admin – Overtime	\$3,000
001-1330-3112-110	Public Works Streets – Full Time Salaries	\$49,000
001-1338-3240-111	Public Works Sanitation – Overtime	\$14,000

TO:

001-1330-3116-111	Snow Removal – Overtime	\$80,000
001-1333-1831-110	Public Works Traffic – Full Time Salaries	\$10,000

Alderman Lori A. Rocha
Alderman Phil Sherwood

Ald. Rocha moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sherwood. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30484 RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING FROM STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH - \$6,000 – COMPREHENSIVE MUTUAL AID PLAN

To His 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: to upgrade New Britain's preparedness for response to Bioterrorism (BT), other outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health emergencies. To have the infrastructure in place to perform mass vaccinations for the entire population of the city. To prevent or minimize the effects of a (BT) event on the people of the City of New Britain.

Local Program Operation Department: Health, under the supervision of the Director.

Resolution Purpose: To approve the receipt of grant funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health through the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District.

WHEREAS; the State Department of Public Health through the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District has notified the City that additional funding in the amount of \$6,000 has been awarded to the City for Regional Planning work begun in 2008.

WHEREAS; the Health Department will utilize these funds to partner with the members of our local ESF-8 to develop a comprehensive Mutual Aid plan of which The Hospital of Central Connecticut is the lead agency. The funding is the City's contribution for Plan development, data collection, education and table and full scale exercising; and BE IT

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$6,000 be appropriated into Special Revenue Fund #245, Bioterrorism Planning Program as follows:

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Revenue:		
245-1427-4110	State of CT – PHP	\$6,000
Expenditures:		
245-1427-4110-221	Operating Materials & Supplies	\$ 300
245-1427-4110-320	Professional Services	\$ 5,700
	Total PHP Expenditures	\$ 6,000

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30485 RE: ALD. SILVIA J. CRUZ RE-APPOINTED TO SUB-COMMITTEES AND LIAISON POSITIONS

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

RESOLVED; that Alderwoman Silvia J. Cruz is hereby re-appointed to the following Sub-committees and Liaison positions:

1. Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing – Chair
2. Consolidated Committee
3. License Committee
4. Police Building Committee
5. Police – Liaison
6. Commission on Persons with Disabilities – Liaison
7. Human Rights & Opportunities – Liaison
8. Youth Services – Liaison
9. Housing Authority – Liaison

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept 30466(B), seconded by Ald. Bielinski.

Ald. Trueworthy moved the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in regard to 30466(B) and 30467(C) and that they be accompanied by the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

Executive Session began at 9:17 p.m.

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The Council voted to return to order at 9:25 p.m. on motion of Ald. Trueworthy, seconded by Ald. Bielinski.

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30466 RE: ANTHONY REYES V. DAVID E. WOODRUFF

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

A report on the status of the above-referenced lawsuit will be presented to the Common Council at its meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

Motion to accept carried by voice vote. Approved Feb. 19, 2009 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30467 RE: JEANNE RIVERS V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, ET AL

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

A report on the status of the above-referenced lawsuit will be presented to the Common Council at its meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved February 19, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

Ald. Bernacki moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk