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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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Mayor Timothy T. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 14th day of March 2007 at 7:39 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Thirteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Black, Rocha, Collins, Catanzaro, Carroll, Hermanowski, Platosz, Wyskiewicz, Salvio, Gostin, Bernacki, & Bielinski.

Two members were absent: Ald. Cruz and Ald. Kirejczyk.

The invocation was given by City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze: O God our Heavenly Father, tonight we pray for and recognize Girl Scout week and congratulate the New Britain High School girls basketball team on their winning the state championship. We also pray for our elected representatives and for the City of New Britain. We ask this in thy name. Amen.

Girl Scouts of the Connecticut Council of River Trails led the pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Board of Education Member, Vanard A. Dawkins, who died earlier today.

Mayor Stewart relinquished the Chair to Mayor Pro-Tempore, Suzanne Bielinski, in order to read his proclamation honoring Girl Scouting and proclaiming the week of March 11-17, 2007 as Girl Scouts make the World a Better Place Week.

The council remained at ease while Mayor Stewart delivered his State of the City address.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

29544 RE: STATE OF THE CITY 2007

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY EMPLOYEES, CITIZENS OF NEW BRITAIN.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME TONIGHT AS I ONCE AGAIN REPORT TO YOU ON THE STATE OF OUR CITY.

STATE OF THE CITY SPEECHES USUALLY REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PAST YEAR AND PROVIDES AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN OUR COMMUNITY. TO THAT END, I WILL HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2006.

BUT TONIGHT I ALSO INTEND TO FOCUS ON OUTLINING FOR YOU THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH WE WILL MOVE IN THE FUTURE. FIRST, LET ME BEGIN BY ASSURING YOU THAT THE STATE OF OUR CITY IS STRONG AND THAT OUR FUTURE IS FULL OF PROMISE.....PROMISE FOR AN EVEN BETTER AND VIBRANT NEW BRITAIN.

IN EVERY SECTION OF OUR CITY, FROM OUR REVITALIZED DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS....TO OUR COMMERCIAL AREAS, NEW BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN BUILT OR ARE BEING PLANNED. NEW JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED OR ARE BEING CREATED. NEW PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY OR IN THE PLANNING STAGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER LIFE ARE BEING CREATED FOR OUR CITIZENS.

DURING 2006, OUR CITY WAS A SAFER PLACE. AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THIS OFFICE AND CHIEF GAGLIARDI, OUR POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES ARE KEEPING THE POLICE FORCE AT A FULL CONTINGENT AND IT SHOWS BY THE DROP IN THE CRIME RATE. OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SAFER AND NEW INITIATIVES ARE MAKING OUR SCHOOLS SAFER FOR OUR CHILDREN.

IN OUR DOWNTOWN DISTRICT A NEW HOTEL OPENED ALONG WITH A NATIONALLY RENOWNED RESTAURANT BRINGING MORE PEOPLE TO OUR CITY. ALONG WITH INCREASED ACTIVITY AT TRINITY ON MAIN AND THE HOLE IN THE WALL THEATER, WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE MORE PEOPLE VISITING NEW BRITAIN EVERY WEEK.

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NEW DEVELOPERS HAVE PURCHASED VACANT BUILDINGS AND ARE PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOUSING AND BRING NEW COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO OUR CENTER CITY.

THE FIRST NEW BUILDING HAS RECENTLY OPENED IN SMART PARK TWO AS SIRACUSA MOVING AND STORAGE MADE GOOD ON ITS COMMITMENT TO EXPAND ITS PRESENCE IN NEW BRITAIN. GUIDA'S AND DATTCO WILL SOON FOLLOW SUIT BRINGING SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN OUR GRAND LIST.

WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS A NEW AND EXCITING INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN OUR CITY BY THOSE WHO CREATE JOBS AND BRING BUSINESS TO NEW BRITAIN. EVERY WEEK, NEW BUSINESS OWNERS AND INVESTORS CONTACT THE CITY TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN MOVING HERE. THIS IS A DECIDED CHANGE FROM THE DOWN YEARS OF THE PAST AND A PROMISE OF NEW GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

BUT IN THE FACE OF CHANGE AND GROWTH, WE MUST PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE TODAY AND FOR THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW US TOMORROW.

TOO OFTEN IN THE PAST, DECISIONS WERE MADE WITH THE NEXT ELECTION IN MIND. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO PLAN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION AND NOT JUST THE NEXT ELECTION.

IT IS WITH THAT IN MIND THAT WE MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY AND OFFER A VISION OF WHAT NEW BRITAIN CAN BECOME.

FIRST AND FOREMOST WILL BE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR DOWNTOWN. THE DOWNTOWN STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE HAS PRESENTED A BLUEPRINT FOR MAKING OUR DOWNTOWN DISTRICT A MORE VIBRANT AND VITAL PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO VISIT.

THIS VISIONARY PLAN INCLUDES THE FUTURE CCSU ARENA WHICH WILL SEAT 8,000 FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS AND CONCERTS.

THIS ARENA CAN SERVE AS A CORNERSTONE FOR FUTURE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND SPUR COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL EXPANSIONS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DOWNTOWN.

THE PLAN ALSO INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANDING RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL SPACE AS WELL AS ADDING NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL INCREASE THE DOWNTOWN POPULATION.

THE PLAN IS AN AMBITIOUS ONE.....ONE THAT CAN MAKE NEW BRITAIN A CENTERPIECE OF CENTRAL CONNECTICUT. IT WILL TAKE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP TO BRING IT TO FRUITION AND TO THAT END, WE ARE PLANNING ON SECURING THE SERVICES OF A MASTER DEVELOPER TO OVERSEE THE PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW DOWNTOWN.

DURING THE CURRENT YEAR WE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DEMOLITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PINNACLE HEIGHTS PROPERTY.....60 ACRES OF PRIME LAND THAT OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVANCES.

ALREADY SEVERAL VERY SERIOUS COMPANIES HAVE CONTACTED MY OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT DEVELOPING BOTH THE DOWNTOWN AND PINNACLE HEIGHTS.....DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO EXPANSION OF THE GRAND LIST AS WELL AS JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE BROAD STREET PROJECT WILL MOVE INTO ITS NEXT PHASE. THIS WILL FURTHER CLEAN UP AND DEVELOP THE MOST VIBRANT COMMERCIAL AREA IN OUR CITY. TWO DECADES AGO, BROAD STREET WAS IN DECLINE.....TODAY IT IS ON THE REBOUND WITH NEW RESTAURANTS, DELICATESSENS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE LIKE OPENING ON A REGULAR BASIS. BROAD STREET HAS BECOME SUCH AN ATTRACTIVE LOCATION THAT FARMINGTON SAVINGS BANK WILL OPEN ITS NEWEST BRANCH VERY SOON ON THE CORNER OF BROAD AND HIGH STREETS.

ARCH STREET WILL ALSO RECEIVE A BOOST AS THE HART STREET THROUGHWAY IS DEVELOPED THIS YEAR. PORTIONS OF ARCH STREET HAVE BEEN IN DECLINE IN RECENT

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YEARS AND THIS INITIATIVE WILL OFFER SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR BROAD STREET.

PLANNED FUTURE EXPANSION IN THAT AREA BY THE HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ALONG WITH POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITIES WILL ENHANCE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHILE PROVIDING NEW BRITAIN RESIDENTS WITH QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

ON THE EDUCATION FRONT, NEW BRITAIN CONTINUES TO MAKE A REAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR CITY. THIS YEAR SHOULD SEE THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW 9TH GRADE ACADEMY AT NEW BRITAIN HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WILL RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AND ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE OUR YOUNGSTERS HAVE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES, I INTEND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A COMPREHENSIVE "CLEAN CITY" INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO MAKE NEW BRITAIN A CLEANER AND ENVIRONMENTALLY BETTER CITY FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS.

THE "CLEAN CITY" PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY. THIS WILL BE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S APPEARANCE, ENCOURAGE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT, AND ENFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE FIRST STEP IN THIS ENDEAVOR HAS ALREADY BROUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. LAST YEAR WE EMBARKED ON A CHANGE IN THE CITY'S NON-BURNABLE TRASH PICK-UP PROGRAM. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN ASTOUNDING WITH LESS GARBAGE AND POSITIVE INCOME FLOWING THROUGH OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN INITIATED AND CALLED THE CLEAN CART PROGRAM.

IN THIS PROGRAM EVERY RESIDENCE IN NEW BRITAIN WILL BE GIVEN A NEW, LARGE CART WHICH CAN BE WHEELED TO THE CURB. THE CART WILL HOLD 95 GALLONS, THUS ELIMINATING THE UNSIGHTLY PILES OF TRASH ON OUR CITY STREETS. ADD TO THAT THE ABILITY OF OUR SENIORS TO OBTAIN A REDUCED SIZE CONTAINER IF THEY ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO HANDLE THE NEW STYLE CONTAINER AND THIS PROGRAM IS DESTINED FOR SUCCESS.

IT IS A SYSTEM ALREADY IN USE IN MANY CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES LEADING TO BETTER RUBBISH COLLECTION SERVICES, SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL COSTS, AND CLEANER NEIGHBORHOODS RESULTING FROM REDUCED LITTER.

AND FROM THERE WE WILL EMBARK ON A PROGRAM TO COMPLETELY REBUILD AND REALIGN OUR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THIS PROGRAM WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE WE SHOW TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND VISIT OUR GREAT CITY. IT IS TIME TO ONCE AGAIN TAKE PRIDE IN THE WONDERFUL PLACE THAT WE LIVE, CALLED NEW BRITAIN.

ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS PAST YEAR WAS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR CITY AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. WITH THE HELP OF MANY DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE NEW HOMES FOR SEVERAL FAMILIES WHO WILL INVEST IN THEIR OWN FUTURE AS WELL AS THAT OF OUR CITY.

WHAT WAS ONCE A BLIGHTED NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOW HOME TO A BLOCK OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES THAT WILL ENHANCE THE VALUE OF OTHER PROPERTIES AND MAKE THE AREA A SAFER AND MORE ATTRACTIVE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S EFFORT, WE WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR WORK WITH HABITAT TO PROVIDE EVEN MORE FAMILIES WITH HOMES OF THEIR OWN. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT BENEFITS EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ENABLES DESERVING FAMILIES TO REALIZE THE DREAM OF OWNING THEIR OWN HOME.

I HAVE SPENT A GOOD PORTION OF MY REMARKS TALKING ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROMISE THAT IT BRINGS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IN ESSENCE WHAT DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION MEANS IS A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS. IT MEANS JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS LOOKING

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TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND FOR FAMILIES LOOKING TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES.

BY EXPANDING OUR TAX BASE AND PROVIDING NEW AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS WE WILL BE ABLE TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT OUR CITY CAN PROVIDE.

WHILE SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TAXES GET THE MOST ATTENTION, THERE ARE A WHOLE HOST OF SERVICES THAT OUR CITY PROVIDES AND PROVIDES VERY WELL.

THEY ALL RELATE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT OUR RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE....FROM OUR DRINKING WATER TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.....FROM OUR SEWERS TO RECYCLING....FROM OUR PARKS TO THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR CITY STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN HAS A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF EVERYONE WHO LIVES HERE.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT INCLUDE THESE SERVICES AMONG A STATE OF THE CITY REPORT. THEY ARE AMONG OUR MOST IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WE DO ON A DAILY BASIS AND WE DO THEM VERY WELL.

AMONG THE QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES WE ADDRESSED DURING THE PAST YEAR AND CONTINUE TO ADDRESS TODAY ARE THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

RECENTLY, THE RESIDENTS OF THE BELVEDERE SECTION OF TOWN HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT HOUSING ISSUES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.....ISSUES INVOLVING STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY.

AS A RESULT, THE CITY HAS BEGUN A NEW COOPERATIVE EFFORT WORKING WITH DR. MILLER, PRESIDENT OF CCSU, NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS, LANDLORDS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF CITY GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS.

WHAT HAS BEEN A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE HAS LED TO NEW UNDERSTANDING OF EVERYONE'S CONCERNS AND OUR ABILITY TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF THIS NEW COOPERATIVE EFFORT CAN ONLY ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR BOTH THE RESIDENTS OF BELVEDERE AND THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

FINALLY, THE FINANCES OF OUR CITY REMAIN SOUND. THREE TAX CUTS IN THREE YEARS, BALANCED BUDGETS, A BOOST IN THE CITY'S BOND RATING ALL INDICATE THAT FISCALLY NEW BRITAIN IS ON SOUND FOOTING AND SHOULD REMAIN THAT WAY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

OF COURSE, WE MUST REMAIN COMMITTED TO LIMITING THE GROWTH IN CITY SPENDING AND TO FINDING NEW WAYS TO MAKE OUR OPERATIONS MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE.

VERY SOON, THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2008 WILL BE UNVEILED. AS SOON AS IT IS, WE WILL BEGIN WORKING TO TRIM COSTS WHEREVER WE CAN IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT SERVICES ARE MAINTAINED AND OUR TAXPAYERS ARE SPARED THE BURDEN OF UNDUE INCREASES IN THEIR PROPERTY TAXES.

IT'S A TOUGH JOB BUT I AM COMMITTED TO HOLDING THE LINE ON SPENDING AND TAXES ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR.

AS I SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF MY REMARKS, I HAVE TRIED TO OUTLINE FOR YOU MY VISION FOR NEW BRITAIN'S FUTURE AND TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR.

WHILE WE SHOULD NOTE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS GREAT AND SMALL OF THE LAST YEAR, WE AS LEADERS OF THIS CITY, NEED TO TO BUILD ON WHAT WE HAVE TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER.

AUTHOR JOHN KOTTER HAS WRITTEN, "LEADERS ESTABLISH THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE AND SET THE STRATEGY FOR GETTING THERE; THEY CAUSE CHANGE. THEY

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MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO GO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND THEY, ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE, SACRIFICE TO GET THERE.”

THIS IS OUR CHALLENGE AS WE HEAD INTO ANOTHER YEAR IN NEW BRITAIN.

I ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME IN THIS CHALLENGE SO THAT, TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER NEW BRITAIN FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE TODAY AND FOR THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW US TOMORROW.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND MAY GOD BLESS THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN.

Mayor Stewart returned to the Chair.

Ald. Catanzaro was granted a point of personal privilege to extend Happy St. Patrick's Day greetings to everyone.

Ald. Trueworthy was granted a point of personal privilege to congratulate Ald. Catanzaro on his recent appointment as Asst. Majority Leader due to the resignation of Ald. Bonola.

Mayor Stewart extended birthday greetings to his wife Patricia, who is celebrating her birthday on 3/15.

Ald. Gostin was granted a point of personal privilege to wish his mother a Happy 79th Birthday.

Ald. Platosz acknowledged his daughter for making the honor roll at New Britain High School.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by adding a substitute Resolution #29541 (item #13). Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote: All members present voted in favor.

PETITIONS

29542 ALD. GOSTIN FOR INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON BEACH STREET AT THE CORNER OF OAKLAND AVENUE. REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

29543 ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR REPAIRING STREET LIGHT ON CHESTNUT STREET IN FRONT OF FIRESTONE TIRE STORE. REFERRED TO DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote. All members present voted in favor. Approved March 16, 2007 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

29523 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

- Chudzik, Nadia
- Eguizabal, Adolfo
- Foster, Christine
- Kochin, John D.
- Stevens, Eric P.

Peter J. Denuzze
City Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

29524 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET FOR PERIOD – FEBRUARY 21, 2007 – MARCH 6, 2007

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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 March 6, 2007.

24. Department: Human Rights
From: 001-1410-4100-110 (Full Time Salaries)
To: 001-1410-4100-111 (Overtime)
Amount: \$900.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed for attendance at Commission meetings and other after-hours office assignments
25. Department: Human Rights
From: 001-1410-4100-110 (Full Time Salaries)
To: 001-1410-4100-310 (Advertising and Printing)
Amount: \$300.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed for printing of Spring 2007 Apartment Guide

Robert Curry
Finance Director

PURCHASING

29528 RE: PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR TWO (2) OZONE GENERATORS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER 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. 3324 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Preventative Maintenance Services for Two (2) Ozone Generators and Ancillary Equipment for the Water Department. Funding is available for the purchase of this service within Account Number, 930-1000-9064-XEY.

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 two (2) Ozone Generator and Ancillary Equipment Maintenance Companies. There are very few maintenance companies in the area that can provide this unique service. The Purchasing Administrator did not receive any letters from Ozone Generator and Ancillary Equipment Maintenance Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses were received and are shown below:

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BIDDER	PRICE
Finnegan-Reztek, Inc. Wayne, NJ.	\$17,925.57
Fuji Electric Saddle Brook, NJ.	\$32,600.00

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Water Department's Administration and the Purchasing Administrator. Therefore the Director of the Water Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Finnegan-Reztek of Wayne, NJ who was the lowest bidder for this preventative maintenance services.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Finnegan-Reztek, Inc of Wayne, NJ for a period of one (1) year with the City, at its option and agreed upon by the contractor to renew the contract for two (2) one (1) year terms for the Preventative Maintenance Services for Two (2) Ozone Generators and Ancillary Equipment per the pricing, terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3324.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

29161-1 RE: STOP SIGN REQUEST ON HOWE ROAD

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

Traffic Safety Bureau officers surveyed the area and found that just north of Sidoti Drive, Howe Road makes a sharp curve to the northeast. A "STOP" sign is not recommended for this location, however it is recommended to install a 90 degree warning arrow just north of Sidoti Drive on the east side of the street and to install two (2) additional chevron signs facing south between the existing warning signs that face the opposite direction.

The Board voted to deny the installation of a stop sign on Howe Road near pole # 2793, and to accept the recommendation to install a 90 degree warning arrow just north of Sidoti Drive on the east side of the street and to install two (2) additional chevron signs facing south between the existing warning signs that face the opposite direction.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

29244-1 RE: STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF MCKINLEY DRIVE AND HALE LANE

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

Traffic Safety Bureau officers surveyed the "T" type intersection and found no vehicle control signs of any kind and recommended installation of a "STOP" sign on Hale Lane at its intersection with McKinley Drive.

The Board voted to approve the request to install a "STOP" sign on Hale Lane at its intersection with McKinley Drive.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

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29293-1 RE: POLICE PATROL IN THE AREA OF ROMA'S RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 382 ALLEN STREET FOR CAR PARKING VIOLATIONS

To His 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 forwarded this petition to the Patrol Division for investigation and enforcement.

The Board voted to accept this petition to have the Police Department patrol along the street in front of Roma's Restaurant located at 382 Allen Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

29294-1 RE: POLICE MONITORING OF DIX AVENUE AND ALBANY AVENUE FOR SPEEDING VIOLATIONS

To His 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 forwarded this petition to the Patrol Division for investigation and enforcement.

The Board voted to accept this petition to have the Police Department monitor Dix Avenue and Albany Avenue for speeding violations.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

29295-1 RE: INSTALLATION OF A FOUR WAY STOP SIGN ON DIX AVENUE AT THIRD STREET

To His 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 researched this matter to include site surveys, interviews with residents and consultation with the City Engineering Department and concluded that due to line of sight issues, stop signs on Dix Avenue at Third Street would improve the safety of the intersection. It is recommended that a four-way stop be created on Dix Avenue at its intersection with Third Street.

The Board voted to install a four-way stop on Dix Avenue at its intersection with Third Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

29296-1 RE: TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON ALBANY AVENUE RESULTING IN INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON NASH, DODGE, MARMON AND PULASKI STREET

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

Both the Traffic Safety Bureau and City Engineering Department agree that stop signs are not appropriate to use as traffic calming devices. Therefore, placing a stop sign on Albany Avenue is not recommended. However, in researching this petition, it was noticed that the streets intersecting Albany Avenue are not controlled in any way. It is recommended that stop signs be installed on Nash, Dodge, Marmon and Pulaski Streets at their intersection with Albany Avenue.

The Board voted to deny a stop sign on Albany Avenue, but install stop signs on Nash, Dodge, Marmon and Pulaski Streets at their intersection with Albany Avenue.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

29428-1 RE: INVESTIGATION OF 118 MONROE STREET AND PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 665 ARCH STREET FOR UNREGISTERED VEHICLE COMPLAINTS

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

Members of the Traffic Safety Bureau inspected both properties and found them to be associated with Town and Country Auto, a licensed auto dealer/repairer. Unregistered vehicles are not illegal on the property of a licensed auto dealer/repairer. There is severe vehicle overcrowding, but that is an issue for the State's Department of Motor Vehicles and the City's Zoning Department to investigate.

The Board voted to accept the report and take no action regarding the vehicles on the property known as 118 Monroe Street and the property adjacent to 665 Arch Street. However, the State's Department of Motor Vehicles and the City's Zoning Department will be notified to further investigate this matter.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

29530 RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

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

The standing Claims sub-committee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a special meeting held Tuesday evening, March 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. 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 Mr. and Mrs. Taleb Ismail of 42 Mitchell Street, New Britain, Conn. and Nationwide Property & Casualty Insurance Co. be given leave to withdraw their claim for property damage sustained in an accident on January 8, 2007; and be it further
- B. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$20,000.00 be paid to Mirna Ayala of 49 Heather Lane, New Britain, Conn. in full settlement of her claim for property damage sustained in an accident on January 27, 2007; and be it further
- C. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$9,000.00 be paid to Jessica Albino, a minor, of 574 West Main Street, New Britain, Conn. and Jeffrey L. Polinsky, Esq. in full settlement of her claim for personal injuries sustained in an accident on July 20, 2006; and be it further
- D. RESOLVED; that the sum of \$5,288.96 be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Alan B. Mitchell of 50 Mitchell Street, New Britain, Conn. in full settlement of their claim for property damage sustained in an accident on January 8, 2007.

Alderman James A. Wyskiewicz
Chair

PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING COMMITTEE

29323-1 RE: PROPOSED PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT FOR 261 WASHINGTON STREET AND 213, 221 AND 227 GLEN STREET WITH REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

To His 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 meeting/public hearing on Tuesday evening, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #29323 – Purchase and Sale Agreement with Redevelopment Commission for 261 Washington Street and 213, 221 and 227 Glen Street voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderdwoman Silvia J. Cruz
Chair

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29494-1 RE: PROPOSED PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT FOR 46 AND 62 SILVER STREET WITH ATTORNEY ADRIAN BARON

To His 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 at a regular meeting/public hearing held on Tuesday evening, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #29494 – Purchase and Sale Agreement with Attorney Adrian Baron for 46 and 62 Silver Street voted to accept as amended and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderwoman Silvia J. Cruz
Chair

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LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

29522-1 RE: INSPECTION OF 109 HENRY STREET FOR PROPER PERMITS AND SAFETY CODES

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

Please investigate the property at 109 Henry Street for proper permits and safety codes.

Inspection on above mentioned address has been conducted and found no hazards on this site. Research in the department file in this matter revealed that the business at the present location could be continued under provisions of the City of New Britain Zoning Ordinance Sec. 260-10-20 and 260-20-10, as a nonconforming use.

Frank M. Wiatr, Director
Chief Building Official
Zoning Enforcement Office

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and refer to the Corporation Counsel, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

29525 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES – INFORMATIONAL REPORT ONLY

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

The following on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3185, approved at its Regular Meeting of August 10, 2005

Project Name: Geotechnical Evaluation for the Fafnir Smart Park Project

Vendor: JGI Eastern, Inc.

Amount: \$18,000.00

Line Items: 008-2904-5145-324 and 008-2904-1427-324

Requested By: Public Works Department

Scope: To complete a geotechnical evaluation of the Fafnir Smart Park location. To establish test boring locations at the site. Prepare a site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) because of the environmental issues associated with the site. Provide monitoring services during the test boring process. Perform laboratory testing of samples representative of the pavement sub grade and potential fill soils at the site. The purpose of the geotechnical evaluation will

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be to assess the extent and character of various soils that are underlying at the site. To provide an engineering assessment of the subsurface conditions as they are related to foundation and pavement design as well as any earthwork construction that may be needed. To prepare the necessary reports to the Public Works Department of the geotechnical evaluation and testing results that are found at the site.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

Ald. Wyskiewicz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rocha. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29526 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES – INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

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

The following on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3185, approved at its Regular Meeting of August 10, 2005

Project Name: Soil Management Plan for the Fafnir Smart Park Project

Vendor: HRP Associates, Inc.

Amount: \$14,200.00

Line Item: 008-2904-5145-324

Requested By: Public Works Department

Scope: HRP Associates, Inc will complete a soil management plan of the site in accordance with Connecticut DEP policy. The plan will identify the nature and location of any impacted soils and determine whether any soils known to be contaminated will need to be managed. A soil management plan will then be created and submitted to the DEP for their approval. HRP Associates, Inc will also work with the DEP, the City and Ingersoll Rand to resolve any regulatory issues at the site. When redevelopment does take place HRP Associates, Inc will also coordinate and conduct project management of this site. HRP Associates, Inc will provide reports, and any necessary updates concerning this project to the City as well as attend or conduct project meetings when necessary.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

Ald. Wyskiewicz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29527 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – ROAD SALT – INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

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 State of Connecticut cooperative purchasing plan. The State of Connecticut included the Road Salt needs of the City and 135 other Municipalities in their bid specifications for the purchase of this commodity during the 2006-2007 winter season. This enabling the State of Connecticut to get better pricing for this item for the City.

American Rock Salt Co. LLC	\$70,000	Road Salt for Winter Operations
Buffalo, NY.		

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The Department of Public Works requested the purchase of Road Salt utilizing the State of Connecticut Contract Award #06PSX0292. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number, 219-1300-3116-S75.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

Ald. Wyskiewicz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29529 RE: BROADCASTING / ADVERTISING FOR THE STANLEY GOLF COURSE 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:

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 Broadcasting and Advertisement Services.

Outlet Broadcasting Inc. (WVIT-TV) West Hartford, CT	\$8,704.25 (Quoted Cost of Services)
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The Parks and Recreation Department's Administration has received a proposal from Outlet Broadcasting Inc, (WVIT-TV) to provide broadcasting and advertisement services for the Stanley Golf Course. The services that WVIT-TV will provide are the following: produce a 30 second Stanley Golf Course Commercial, Broadcast of this TV Commercial, Advertise the Stanley Golf Course on their Weather Web-site and provide the City with \$2,700.00 worth of free Trade Ageements/Adversitements. Because WVIT-TV is in the area they are able to promote the benefits that the Stanley Golf Course has to offer to their viewers who live in the City and in the surrounding areas. Because of WVIT-TV's close location to the Stanley Golf Course, it enables them also to bring their clients to the course to play golf. The WVIT-TV has the frequency and the reach that the Stanley Golf Course dictates and needs. Funding for these Broadcasting and Advertisement Services is available from account 201-1335-2120-310.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Administrator be and here by authorized to enter into a contract and issue a purchase order to Outlet Broadcasting, Inc (WVIT-TV) to provide broadcasting and advertisement services to the Stanley Golf Course for the proposed price of \$8,704.25.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

27525-4 RE: ABANDONMENT / DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF VIRGINIA AVENUE FROM LAUREL ROAD TO WIGHTMAN ROAD

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 provisions of Ordinance 2-173 (d), the Board of Public Works held a public hearing on February 21, 2007 into the matter of the abandonment of Virginia Avenue from Laurel Road to Wightman Road and with full consideration of written and/or verbal comments received recommends that the Common Council:

Abandon Virginia Avenue from Laurel Road to Wrightman Road.

Mark E. Moriarty, Acting Director

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Carroll. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

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RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

29494-2 RE: THE SALE OF 46 AND 62 SILVER STREET TO ADRIAN BARON FOR NOT LESS THAN \$305,000

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 owns land and a building at 46 and 62 Silver Street which formerly was the site of My Cousin's Café. The buildings on both lots became neighborhood eyesores and were foreclosed on and the subject of nuisance abatement by the City. Since that time, the Department of Municipal Development (DMD) with the aid of federal HUD funds and assistance from the State of Connecticut has rehabilitated the building at 62 Silver into commercial space on the first floor, two apartments on the upper floors and has demolished the blighted building on 46 Silver. The vacant lot at 46 Silver will be utilized for the required parking for the residential units and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the DMD advertised in local newspapers seeking offers from interested parties and a total of six offers were received; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has received an offer to purchase this property from Adrian Baron for a total of Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000.00) and other valuable consideration; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Baron is a member of the law firm of Podorowsky & Thompson which has been located in Hartford since 1940 and last year opened a satellite office in leased space nearby on Broad Street. The firm will be entering into a lease with Attorney Baron for the space on the first floor of 62 Silver Street. The firm's client base has grown to where their New Britain office is open six days a week including evening hours. The firm has Polish and Spanish speaking attorneys and staff to assist the residents of the surrounding neighborhood and their commitment to serving the community is demonstrated by their free legal seminars and a weekly column for a Polish language newspaper; 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 and the City is also desirous of aiding local businesses in expanding their service capabilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a purchase and sales agreement with Adrian Baron for the properties known as 46 and 62 Silver 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 not less than \$305,000.00.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Gostin. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

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29323-2 RE: THE SALE OF 261 WASHINGTON STREET AND 213, 221 AND 227 GLEN STREET TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR NOT LESS THAN \$130,000

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 providing opportunities for affordable housing and home ownership for its citizens through its programs and projects administered by the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development (CCND); and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain owns the land and building at 261 Washington Street and three vacant lots at 213, 221 and 227 Glen Street; and

WHEREAS, the New Britain Redevelopment Commission wishes to undertake the renovation of 261 Washington Street into six condominium units and the building of two family units on each of the Glen Street lots for a total of twelve units of affordable housing as well as revitalization of neighborhoods ; and

WHEREAS, the CCND has requested transfer of said properties for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for 261 Washington Street and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for each lot on Glen Street and other valuable consideration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a purchase and sales agreement with the Redevelopment Commission for the properties known as 261 Washington Street and 213, 221 and 227 Glen 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 not less than One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000).

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Ald. Wyskiewicz opposed. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

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29531 RE: THE AUTHORIZING OF FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HART STREET EXTENSION PROJECT

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 Common Council, at a special meeting on February 23, 2005, amended the municipal bond appropriation for the Hart Street Extension project, State Project No. 88-160, Federal-Aid Project No. HPP-CNP-STPH-HO13(002), through Resolution 25913-2 establishing a total budget of \$5,700,000; and,

Whereas, the Common Council acted to change the name of the Hart Street Extension Project to the Hart Street Extension/Reconstruction Project via Resolution 25913-5 on March 22, 2006; and,

Whereas, the City of New Britain's intent through the local bond authorization is to provide for all costs as may be necessary to reconstruct roadways and utilities after deducting grants or other sources of funds available therefore; and,

Whereas, the Department of Public Works furnished the Connecticut Department of Transportation with revised final design plans and proposed budget that have been reviewed and accepted by Department of Transportation engineering review units and Commissioner; and,

Whereas, the Department of Public Works received a First Supplemental Agreement to the original Agreement dated August 2, 2006, from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Ralph J. Carpenter, authorizing the Hart Street Extension Reconstruction Project and stating all conditions, municipal requirements and reiterating estimated

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project costs as detailed on Pages 2 and 3 of the First Supplemental Agreement for State Project No. 88-160, Federal-Aid Project No. HPP-STPH-Ho13(002); and,

Whereas, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation requires the City of New Britain enter into said First Supplemental Agreement; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Mayor Timothy T. Stewart be hereby authorized to execute the Department of Transportation First Supplemental Agreement for the Hart Street Extension Project on behalf of the City of New Britain.

Alderman John Carroll

Ald. Carroll moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29532 RE: CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION AS NEEDED FOR RENTAL OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES REQUIRED BY THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Gostin. Ald. Trueworthy moved to table to the end of the agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Salvio opposed.

29533 RE: BAZAAR / CARNIVAL – POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL (HOLY CROSS CHURCH)

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; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue to the Pope John Paul II Catholic School, said license as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22 of the Ordinances for the period of June 20, 2007 through June 23, 2007 for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival on the Pope John Paul II Catholic School grounds, bordering Eddy Glover Boulevard and Worthington Street.

Alderman Peter J. Gostin

Ald. Gostin moved to accept and refer to the Dept. of Licenses, Permits and Inspections. Seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29534 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-873 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, QUALIFICATIONS (SALARY) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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 SUMMARY: To update the pay schedule for the position of Public Works Director in anticipation of recruitment in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 (f) of the City of New Britain Charter.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that the Code of Ordinances, Article XV, Division 7, Section 2-873 "Qualifications: Director of Public Works" be amended to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; new sections begin with the word {New}):

Section 2-873. Qualifications; salary: Public Works Director

a.) The qualifications for the position of Director of Public Works shall be the following: a registered professional engineer whose primary area of competence is civil engineering and five (5) years supervisory experience in public sector engineering or public works at a responsible professional level;

b.) {New} The salary for Public Works Director shall be according to the following compensation schedule:

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>\$ 83,967</u>
<u>Step 2</u>	<u>\$ 87,784</u>
<u>Step 3</u>	<u>\$ 91,600</u>

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<u>Step 4</u>	<u>\$ 95,417</u>
<u>Step 5</u>	<u>\$ 99,235</u>
<u>Step 6</u>	<u>\$103,049</u>
<u>Step 7</u>	<u>\$107,171</u>
<u>Step 8</u>	<u>\$111,459</u>

Alderman Edward S. Kirejczyk, Jr.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Finance, Administration and Law. Seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29535 RE: DEFERRAL OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES – NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF NEW BRITAIN

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; Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, Inc. (NHS) 223 Broad Street, New Britain, CT is a non-profit housing corporation that has been providing financial assistance, technical support, and housing-related services to very low to moderate-income neighborhoods in New Britain and Central Connecticut for 27 years;

WHEREAS; NHS has benefited the City of New Britain for 27 years in it's activities to renovate, nearly 1000 affordable housing units, and furthermore the City of New Britain's 2005 Housing and Community Development 5 year Consolidated Plan establishes the need and provision for such housing;

WHEREAS; NHS of New Britain will be constructing a new mixed use building at 147 Broad Street, with 2 commercial units, and 4 low income residential units, of which 2 will be handicapped accessible;

WHEREAS; construction costs have increased significantly over the past year, negotiations with contractors forecast even greater costs; and NHS intends to begin construction on 147 Broad Street, April 1, 2007; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, Inc. be granted a deferral of the Building Permit fees for a period of four (4) years and to pay 20% of those fees on an annual basis thereafter, until said fees are paid completely. The first payment of those 20% of fees shall be made on July 1, 2011 and each annual installment be paid on or before July 1 of the respective calendar year.

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29536 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES REVISING SEC. 15-140 APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICERS

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 Summary: PURPOSE: This ordinance change is being enacted to streamline appointments of hearing officers and to have alternates available to hear the parking appeals.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended by revising Section 15-140 to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strike through~~; new sections begin with the word [new]):

Sec. 15-140. Appointment of hearing officer.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes section 7-152b, the following procedure is established for the enforcement of parking ordinances of the City of New Britain. ~~The mayor of the city is hereby authorized to appoint one or more parking violation hearing officers to conduct hearings as authorized by this article. One of such hearing officers shall be designated as chief hearing~~

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~~officer.~~ The parking violation hearing will be conducted by one of the hearing officers appointed pursuant to section 1-17a of the Code of Ordinances. No such hearing officer shall be a police officer, a person working in a police department or a person authorized to issue parking tickets, but any other municipal employee may be appointed as a parking violation hearing officer in addition to his or her other duties. No such hearing officer or person working under the direction of such hearing officer may otherwise directly or indirectly engage in the private business of collecting the fines, assessments or judgments imposed hereunder. All such parking violation hearing officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
(Ord. of 12-87, § 1)

Alderman Peter J. Gostin

Ald. Gostin moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law. Seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29537 RE: APPOINTMENT OF LORI A. ROCHA TO THE PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING AND CONSOLIDATED SUB-COMMITTEE 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 Lori A. Rocha is hereby appointed to the Planning, Zoning & Housing and Consolidated Sub-Committee replacing former Alderman Salvatore Bonola; and be it further

RESOLVED; that Alderwoman Lori A. Rocha be appointed as liaison to the following:

1. Audit Committee
2. Public Works
3. Commission on Persons with Disabilities
4. Department of Property Management

Alderman James A. Wyskiewicz

Ald. Wyskiewicz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rocha. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29538 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTY OFF STANLEY STREET BY LANDWORKS DEVELOPMENT LLC

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, A goal of development in the City of New Britain should also be the preservation of open space for the enjoyment of generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Landworks Development LLC, a development company located in Farmington, is developing a parcel on Stanley Street in New Britain and Farmington for townhouse style condominiums and they have expressed an interest in helping the City meeting its open space goals by donating 4.5581 acres of open space adjacent to the development to the City of New Britain; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain all documents necessary to effectuate the donation of this property located off Stanley Street by Landworks Development LLC.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Gostin. Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the motion by accepting and referring to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing. Seconded by Ald. Wyskiewicz. Amendment passed with Ald. Salvio, Gostin and Bernacki opposed. MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED. Ald. Salvio, Gostin and Bernacki opposed. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

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29539 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES, SECTION 2-41 – COUNCIL SUBJECT MATTER COMMITTEES

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:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that Sections 2-41 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strike through~~; new sections begin with the word [new]):

Sec. 2-41. Council subject matter committees.

The following subject matter committees of the council shall be appointed biennially by the council at the regular meeting in November of odd numbered years. There shall be three (3) subject matter committees of the common council with legislative cognizance and jurisdiction over all matter related to certain specified boards, commissions, departments, agencies, authorities functions of the city and such other functions as may be identified in this section. Each such committee shall have up to nine (9) members selected by the common council and each member of the common council shall be a member of at least two (2) of such committees, excluding the zoning subcommittee. The common council shall select the chairperson of each such committee. Each such committee shall set and announce the dates and times of its regular meetings. No member of the common council shall be the chair of more than one (1) subject matter committee. The majority party leader, minority party leader and president pro tempore shall not be a chair of any subject matter committee. ~~Any member of the council may attend and participate in any committee meeting but shall not have the right to vote unless a member of such committee.~~ In the absence of a member of any subject matter committee, an alternate shall be selected by the chairman of the committee to sit as a member. When seated, such alternate shall have all the powers and duties of members.

Alderman Mark H. Bernacki

Ald. Bernacki moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law. Seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29540 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER – STANLEY GOLF COURSE

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:

On November 8, 2006, the Council passed resolution #29380 approving a contract with Club Car, Inc for lease of the electric golf carts at the Stanley Golf Course,

On February 14, 2007, the Council passed resolution #29496 approving a contract with Uplink GPS and its third party leasing company to equip the City's golf carts with innovative IQ technology that will enable the golf course personnel to control the carts' speed, monitor 17 diagnostic functions and battery status, automatically detect and signal service and maintenance requirements, audio messaging, track and control the location of the golf cart, communicate with the cart operator, provide yardages and pin placements, pre-order food and beverages to save time and sell advertising and sponsorship.

Also on February 14, 2007 under this same resolution, the golf course budget was amended to reflect a portion of this expenditure (the fiscal year 2007 portion, May and June) and the offsetting advertising revenue, amounting to \$27,100.

Resolution Summary:

Prior to entering both lease agreements but subsequent to the approval of resolution #29496, it was determined that the City would save approximately \$10,000 on both leases (Club Car and Uplink) over the five year period by remitting the annual lease payment each March versus over a six month period (May through October). Therefore, the Stanley Golf Course budget must be amended by \$87,894 to reflect these additional expenditures (Uplink first year payment of \$78,870 less \$27,100, which was the total of the original May and June payments, budget amendment on February 14, 2007 resolution #29496 PLUS Club Car first year payment of \$58,500 less \$22,376

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already appropriated in FY 07 budget, which would have been the total of the May and June payments).

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2006, the Council passed resolution # 29389 approving a contract with Club Car Inc for lease of the electric golf carts at Stanley Golf Course,

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2007, the Council passed resolution #29496 approving a contract with Uplink GPS and its third party leasing company to equip the City's golf carts with the GPS technology,

WHEREAS, also on resolution #29496, the Council amended the budget to appropriate two payments (May and June with July through October payments to be appropriated in the 2008 budget) to Uplink for the GPS technology amounting to \$27,100,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City can save \$10,000 on both contracts (Club Car Inc and Uplink) over the five year lease period by remitting the annual lease payment upfront (payable in March) versus over a six month period (May through October) as originally anticipated,

WHEREAS, \$87,894 will be needed to fund these annual payments. The Uplink annual payment amounts to \$78,870 and of this amount, \$27,100 has already been appropriated via resolution #29496. The Club Car annual payment amounts to \$58,500 and \$22,376 is already appropriated in the FY 2007 budget.

WHEREAS, the GPS system to be installed in each cart has the ability to display advertisements on the screen. Advertising revenue commitments to date have amounted to \$63,000 with additional commitments very probable. Of the total advertising revenue committed, \$27,100 was included in the February 14 budget amendment (Resolution #29496), leaving \$35,900 to allocate in this budget amendment,

WHEREAS, the salary and employee benefits line items will be underspent by \$15,000 due to a position vacancy mid-way through the fiscal year. These funds are available for transfer for the above-stated purpose,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that, due to extended play time in the winter months and to several new and innovative advertising campaigns, daily golf fee revenue and cart revenue will be increased enough to fund the additional \$36,994 needed ($\$35,900 + \$15,000 + \$36,994 = \$87,894$),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanley Golf Course FY 2007 budget be amended to fund the Club Car and the Uplink lease payments on an annual basis payable in March versus payment over a six month period (May through October) as follows:

Increase Revenue:

201-0500-0505-343	Advertising	\$ 35,900
201-0100-0505-C49	Cart Revenue	\$ 25,000
201-0500-0505-683	Daily Golf Fees	\$ 11,994
	Total Revenues	\$ 72,894

Increase Expenditures:

201-1335-2120-330	Equipment Rental (Carts)	\$ 36,124
201-1335-2120-330	Equipment Rental (GPS)	\$ 36,770
	Total Expenditures	\$ 72,894

AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that a budget transfer be made as follows:

From:

201-1335-2120-110	Full Time Salaries	\$ 8,000
201-1335-2120-135	Employee Benefits – Health Ins	\$ 7,000

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To:		\$ 15,000
201-1335-2120-330	Equipment Rental (GPS)	\$ 15,000

Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Louis Salvio

Ald. Collins moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Black. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29541 RE: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH URBAN OAKS ORGANIC FARM

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 specifically to the continued progress of our Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZ) such as the North-Oak NRZ; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain owns vacant lots known as 206, 212, 218 and 222 Oak Street; and

WHEREAS, Urban Oaks Organic Farm, a community organization that is also dedicated to the betterment of the North-Oak neighborhood and the quality of life for New Britain families and area businesses, and is located across the street from this parcel, wishes to lease additional land to increase their planting and farming operation. This will also allow the Farm to take advantage of a grant opportunity from the state Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has received a request for a five year lease of 206 (portion), 212, 218 and 222 Oak Street from Urban Oaks for a total rental of \$4,000.00, \$500 for years 1 and 2 \$1,000 for years 3, 4 and 5; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is interested in aiding in the viability of this unique urban farming venture as well as the subsequent improvement in our NRZ areas and rental revenue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a five year lease agreement with the Urban Oaks Organic Farm for the properties known as 212, 218 and 222 Oak Street and a portion of 206 Oak Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the leasing of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement for a total rental revenue of not less than \$4,000.00.

Michael Trueworthy
Majority Leader

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Trueworthy moved to remove item 29532 from the table, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

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RESOLUTIONS

29532 RE: CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION AS NEEDED FOR RENTAL OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES REQUIRED BY THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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 Registrars of Voters do not have enough facilities for use as polling places for elections and primaries to meet the City's needs; and

WHEREAS, As a result, the Registrars of Voters are required from time to time to use state-owned or private facilities as a polling place; and

WHEREAS, The rental fee is less than the \$3,000.00 threshold contained in Section 2-566(a) of the Code of Ordinances to trigger public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this resolution is to alleviate the requirement for each polling place contract to be presented to the Common Council for approval; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter into all polling place contracts and related documents for elections and primaries as required by the Registrars of Voters provided that the rental amount does not trigger public bidding requirements.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved March 16, 2007 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Attest: Peter J. Denuzze