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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 9, 2008

Mayor Timothy T. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 9th day of April 2008 at 7:44 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

One member was absent: Ald. Collins

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, gave the invocation: O God, our Heavenly Father, bless this Common Council and the work they are engaged in. Give them strength to make proper decisions for the betterment of our City. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

Alphonse Wright led the pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Raymond E. Brzenczek, well-known funeral director, who died on April 8th.

Mayor Stewart read a proclamation regarding World Autism Awareness Day in the United States:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography. The incidence of autism in the United States is 1 in 150 children and 1 in 94 boys with rates similarly high around the globe; and

WHEREAS, A child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Based on data collected from North America, Western Europe and Japan, it is conservatively estimated that 35 million people worldwide have autism; and

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 62/139, World Autism Day, by unanimous consent, encouraging UN Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to promote early diagnosis and behavioral intervention; and

WHEREAS, The aims for World Autism Awareness Day are to inform the general public about the global health crisis of autism, stress the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention and to celebrate the unique talents and qualities of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a lifelong condition in which the bulk of cost falls in adulthood, creating an enormous economic impact; and

WHEREAS, The consequent development challenges of autism threaten to undermine the achievement of the United Nation's Millennium Development goals and other internationally agreed development goals.

WHEREAS, New Britain is proud to be the host of Autism Speaks Walk Now For Autism on June 8, 2008, in Walnut Hill Park.

NOW THEREFORE, Let it be resolved that the City of New Britain implements the ideals of World Autism Awareness Day in the United States on April 2nd in perpetuity until the cure for autism is found.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Britain to be affixed this 2nd day of April 2008.

Timothy t. Stewart
Mayor, New Britain, Connecticut

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by substituting 30066(a), and by adding 30067(A1), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

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PETITIONS

- 30086** ALD. BLACK FOR THE INSPECTION OF BLIGHT CONDITIONS AND SAFETY HAZARDS – CORNER OF WILCOX STREET AND ALLEN STREET. REFERRED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPT OF LICENSE PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS.
- 30087** ALD. SALVIO FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE OPERATION OF AN AUTO JUNKYARD AT 33A COLUMBUS BLVD. DOING BUSINESS AS CHAMPION AUTO. REFERRED TO DEPT. OF LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS.
- 30088** ALD. BERNACKI FOR THE REPAIR OF POT HOLES ON NORTON ROAD. REFERRED TO DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 30089** ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHT ON ELAM STREET, POLE #4469. REFERRED TO DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 30090** ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ROADSIDE TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. REFERRED TO THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.
- 30091** ALD. CATANZARO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 4-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF CITY AVE AND MARKET STREET. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll Call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved April 14, 2008 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

30067 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:

- Banki, Abbas
- Mendez, Amaris by GAB Robins North Amerian, Inc.
- Vaccaro, Corrado

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30068 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHSING – ONE (1) LAWN MOWER – PARKS & RECREATION 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 1, Section 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested for the following under the State of Connecticut's cooperative purchasing plan:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Schmidt's and Serafine's Inc	Exmark LHP27KC 565 Mower With Ground Dump Bagger	1	\$8,520.25

The New Britain Parks and Recreation Department requested the purchase of one (1) Exmark LHP27KC 565 Mower with Ground Dump Bagger for the Fairview Cemetery utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #04PSX0211. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 204-0010-2120-440

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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30069 RE: NINE (9) FIREFIGHTERS TO ATTEND THE STATE OF CONNECITUCT'S FIRE ACADEMY

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 Fire Department, for nine (9) Fire Fighters to attend the State of Connecticut Commission of Fire Prevention and Control is the only source that can provide this training in the State of Connecticut.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Fire Fighters</u>	<u>Price/Class</u>
State of Connecticut Fire Academy	Fire Fighter Academy	9	\$ 2,625.00
		<u>Total Price</u>	\$23,625.00

The Purchasing Agent has verified that this class can only be taught by the State of Connecticut's Fire Academy, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control and that they are the sole source provider of this training in the State. Bid solicitation for the Fire Fighters to attend the Academy would not be beneficial to the City. Funding to pay for the classes is available from account 001-1221-2210-375.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent be and hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$23,625.00 to State of Connecticut's Fire Academy, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control in Windsor Locks CT for nine (9) Fire Fighters to attend the Academy.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30070 RE: FOOD AND CONCESSIONS – CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 5/9/08 AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM – 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 2-541a purchase order has been requested by the Park and Recreation Department for Food and Concessions to be provided at the Children's Festival on May 9, 2008 at New Britain Stadium for the Parks and Recreation Department.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Price</u>
New Britain Baseball Club Inc. New Britain, CT.	Food/Concessions	\$3,770.00

The Purchasing Agent has verified that the vendor is a sole source supplier. The vendor, New Britain Baseball Club, Inc. of New Britain, CT has an agreement that is in effect, therefore, making them the only concessionaire at the stadium. Because of this agreement, no other concessionaire can sell food at the stadium. Bid solicitation for providing of the Food and Concessions at the Children's Festival would not be beneficial to the City. Funding for the concessions and food for the Children's Festival is available from account numbers, 225-1511-511-330, 236-1512-5111-330, 237-1511-5111-330, 238-1511-5111-330 and 251-1521-5111-330.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent be and hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to New Britain Baseball Club Inc. of New Britain, CT for Food and Concessions to be provided at the Children's Festival on May 9, 2008 at New Britain Stadium for the quoted price of \$3,770.00

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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29969-1 RE: "NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN" SIGN IN FRONT OF 178 HILLCREST AVE. MOVED THIRTY FEET NORTH OF ITS PRESENT LOCATION

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 surveyed this area and found that motor vehicles parked in compliance with the existing signage would most certainly block access to the entrance walkway of the residence at 178 Hillcrest Avenue. Recommendation made to approve this petition and move the "NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN" sign thirty feet north of its present location.

The Board voted to approve this petition and move the "NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN" sign thirty feet north of its present location.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

29987-1 RE: HANDICAP PARKING SIGN TO BE INSTALLED IN FRONT OF 136 LANDERS AVE.

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 surveyed this area and found that the resident of 136 Landers Avenue is wheelchair bound and gets picked up for medical treatment three times a week. There are no parking restrictions in this area. A canvass of the neighbors produced no objections to posting the requested signage. Approval of this handicap parking sign in front of 136 Landers Avenue is recommended.

The Board voted to approve this request to install a handicap parking sign in front of 136 Landers Avenue.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

30009-1 RE: CROSSWALK ON STANLEY ST. AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH ST. AND STANLEY ST.

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 surveyed this area and found that a crosswalk already exists from the northeast curb to the southeast curb across Church Street and a crosswalk already exists from the southeast curb across Stanley Street to the west curb line sidewalk of Stanley Street. The crosswalk across Stanley Street terminates at an opening in the parking lot guardrail to facilitate access to the church parking lot. Traffic on Church Street is governed by a "STOP" sign. It is recommended that no action is necessary by the Board of Police Commissioners.

The Board voted to take no action on this request because a crosswalk already exists.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

30010-1 RE: "YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN" SIGN ON STANLEY ST. NEAR ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

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

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This request to install a "YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN" sign on Stanley Street by St. Andrews Church has been forwarded to the City Engineer in the Public Works Department. A detailed report will be generated when a return reply has been received.

The Board voted to take no action on this request because a crosswalk already exists.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

30011-1 RE: "25 MPH" SIGN ON BLAKE RD. FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC IN THE AREA OF ERIK COURT

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 surveyed this area and found that adequate speed limit signage exists on McClintock Street. Blake Road has a speed limit sign for eastbound traffic; however, no speed limit sign is posted between Stanley Street and McClintock Street for westbound traffic. It is recommended to install a "25 MPH" sign on Blake Road for westbound traffic in the area of Erik Court. Officers will conduct speed enforcement at various times of the day/day of the week as police resources allow to increase speed limit compliance.

The Board voted to install a "25 MPH" sign on Blake Road for westbound traffic in the area of Erik Court and encourages speed enforcement at various times of the day/day of the week as police resources allow to increase speed limit compliance.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

30012-3 RE: INVESTIGATION OF BLIGHT CONDITIONS AT 6, 14, AND 24 TALCOTT ST.

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 surveyed this area and found no blight or abandoned vehicles located at 6 or 14 Talcott Street at the time of the investigation. The address of 24 Talcott Street does not appear to exist, however, 34 Talcott Street is next to 14 Talcott Street and that address did not have any blight or abandoned vehicles at the time of the investigation. It is recommended that no action is necessary by the Board of Police Commissioners.

The Board voted to take no action on this request because no blight or abandoned automobiles were found at 6, 14 and 34 Talcott Street.

Jack W. Ferguson II
Clerk of the Board

LICENSE COMMITTEE

30022-1 RE: COLEMAN BROTHERS CARNIVAL 4/18/2008 THRU 4/28/2008

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 Licenses recommended on March 26, 2008 the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be and 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 Brothers Carnival as may be issued under Section 5-16 of the Ordinances of the City

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of New Britain for the period of April 18 – April 28, 2008 (inclusive) for use at the city owned property of 327 Main Street (Greenfield site).

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski, Chair
License Committee

30056-1 RE: POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAZAAR/CARNIVAL – 6/17/08 – 6/21/08

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 Licenses recommended on March 26, 2008 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 licenses as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22 of the Code of Ordinances for the period of June 17-21, 2008 for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival on the Pope John Paul II Catholic School grounds, 221 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Conn.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski, Chair
License Committee

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

30072 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 Committee on Administration, Finance and Law and the standing claims sub-committee of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law at a regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, April 2, 2008, 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 Janet and Rachel Marino be given \$500.00 in full and final settlement of their claim for property damage sustained in an accident on March 14, 2007, and that their insurance company, Response Insurance, be given leave to withdraw for its claim for property damage sustained in an accident on March 14, 2007
- B. RESOLVED: That Mark A. Lauretti dba Lauretti Construction LLC be given leave to withdraw his claim for property damage sustained in an accident on December 12, 2007.

Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins
Chair

Ald. Trueworthy left the Chambers.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

30066 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET – 3/5/08 THRU 4/1/08

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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 April 1, 2008.

22. **Department:** **Fire**
From: 001-1221-2211-223 \$ 600.00 (Fire Adm-Uniforms & Clothing)
 001-1221-2212-223 \$1,200.00 (Fire Marshall-Uniforms & Clothing)
 001-1221-2210-384 \$8,450.00 (Fire Operations Heating Fuel)
 001-1221-2212-375 \$2,000.00 (Fire Marshall-Recruit & Training)
To: 001-1221-2210-223 (Fire Oper.-Uniforms & Clothing)
Amount: \$12,500.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed to balance deficit

23. **Department:** **Finance**
From: 001-1151-1532-110 (Full Time Salaries)
To: 001-1151-1532-371 (Maintenance Contracts)
Amount: \$10,500.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed for various network related maintenance contracts

Robert Curry
Finance Director

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Approved 4/18/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30071 RE: CHEMICALS, FERTILIZERS, GRASSES AND PESTICIDES FOR STANLEY GOLF COURSE AND PARKS 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. 3407 as solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for required purchases of Chemicals, Fertilizers, Grasses and Pesticides for the Stanley Golf Course and Parks Department. Funding requests for the commodities have been included in the 08-09 budgets in various Stanley Golf Course and Parks Department line items.

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-seven (27) Chemical, Fertilizer, Grass and Pesticide Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Chemical, Fertilizer, Grass and Pesticide Companies on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses were received as per the attached.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by Parks Department and Stanley golf Course Administration as well as the Purchasing Agent. Considerations in determining the awards were:

- In some instances two awards were made. Patents on the formulations of many previously purchased products have run out, and generic forms have

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emerged. In those cases a brand name and a generic product have been chosen. Generics, which do not have a proven track record, will be tested during the season.

- Ties were awarded in accordance with City of New Britain of New Britain Code of Ordinance section 2-573.
- In some cases it appears that the low bidder was not selected; however, not all bidders submitted responses on the correct unit size. Conversions were made by Golf Course Administration for comparison.
- In some cases Bidders supplied the same prices because they are agents or distributors for the manufacturer of the Chemicals, Fertilizers, Grasses and Pesticides. This will enable the Parks Department and Stanley Golf Course to obtain the needed items if one of the agents or distributors cannot supply them in a timely manner.

Therefore, the Director of Parks and Recreation is recommending that the bid be awarded to following companies, Tom Irwin, Inc. of Burlington, MA, Hart Seed Company, of Wethersfield, CT, Harrell's LLC of Lakeland FL, Metro Turf Specialty, of Danbury, CT, Lesco, Inc., of Cleveland, OH, EH, Turf Supply, Inc. of Exeter, RI, Turflinks, Inc., of Hudson, MA, Cardinals of Union, CT, D&S of Cheshire, CT, Winding Book Turf of Wethersfield, CT, and Earth Works, Inc. of W. Wareham, MA.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to Tom Irwin, Inc., of Burlington, MA. Hart Seed Company, of Wethersfield, CT, Harrell's LLC of Lakeland FL, Metro Turf Specialty of Danbury, CT, Lesco, Inc., of Cleveland, OH, EH Turf Supply, Inc. of Exeter, RI, Turflinks, Inc., of Hudson, MA, Cardinals of Union, CT, D&S of Cheshire, CT, Winding Book Turf of Wethersfield, CT, and Earth Works, Inc. of W. Wareham, MA, on an as-needed basis, from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009 as per the selected prices highlighted on the attachment as well as the specifications, terms and conditions of Public Bid No. 3407.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Approved 4/18/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND LAW

30057-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE ORDINANCES ADDING SECTION 2-10 REGARDING GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGS 1-200 THRU 1-242

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 Administration, Finance and Law held a regular meeting and public hearing on Wednesday evening, April 2, 2008, at 7:00p.m., in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of item #30057 – Code of Ordinances be amended adding Section 2-10 – Freedom of Information recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council for a favorable recommendation as amended by the committee.

Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins,
Chair

Ald. Salvio moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by

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Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

30022-2 RE: LICENSE – COLEMAN BROTHERS CARNIVAL 4/18/08 THRU 4/28/08

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 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 Brothers Carnival as may be issued under Section 5-16 of the Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the period of April 18 – April 28, 2008 (inclusive) for use at the city owned property of 327 Main Street (Greenfield site).

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30056-2 RE: LICENSE – POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAZAAR/CARNIVAL – 6/17/08 THRU 6/21/08

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 Code of Ordinances for the period of June 17-21, 2008 for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival on the Pope John Paul II Catholic School grounds, 221 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Conn.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30057-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE ORDINANCES ADDING SEC. 2-10 REGARDING GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CGS SEC. 1-200 THRU 1-242

Ald. Sherwood moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski.
Ald. Sherwood moved to table, seconded by Ald Belinski. So voted

RESOLUTION TABLED.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

30073 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – FIRE DEPT. \$1,000,000.00

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted.
Ald. Bielinski moved to table, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So Voted

RESOLUTION TABLED.

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30074 RE: THE COMMON COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S CONTINUATION OF THE WAR IN IRAQ AND THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE TROOPS SERVING IN IRAQ.

Ald. Magnuszewski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.
Ald. Magnuszewski moved to table, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted.

RESOLUTION TABLED.

30075 RE: U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS.

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 U. S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), has funding available under their Project Safe Neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to assist in the investigation of crimes involving firearms and any gang activity, and

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$15,000, can be used for officer overtime or equipment as set forth in the budget listed below, and require no cash match from the City. The period of the grant is from April 10, 2008 through June 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, that Mayor Timothy Stewart be authorized to execute all grant documents with the U. S. Department of Justice on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Project Safe Neighborhoods, in the sum of \$15,000, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a sum of \$15,000 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

Revenue:		
217-0500-0505 SAF	Revenue Federal	\$15,000
Expenditures:		
217-1600-1817-111	Police Overtime	\$15,000

Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison
Ald. Silvia Cruz - Police Liaison

Ald. Roy Centeno - Police Liaison
Ald. Lawrence Hermanowski- Police Liaison

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted.
Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30076 RE: STATE OF CONN. OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FUNDING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM - \$9,096.00

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:

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WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM), has funding available under a Police and Youth Program, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to increase or enhance opportunities for troubled youths, 12 - 18 years of age, and police to work together to build trust with positive affirming interaction, over a five month period, thereby benefiting the community, and

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$9,096, will be used as set forth in the budget developed by the Supervisor of the New Britain Police Department's Youth Bureau in conjunction with the Klingberg Family Center and listed below, and require no cash match from the City. The period of the grant is from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS, that Mayor Timothy Stewart be authorized to execute all grant documents with the State of Connecticut OPM on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Police and Youth Program in the sum of \$9,096, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a sum of \$9,096 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

Revenue:		
211-0501-0504 023	Revenue-State	\$9,096
Expenditures:		
211-1028-1832- 111	Police Overtime	\$7,443
211-1028-1832- 210	Trust Building Activities	\$1,043
211-1028-1832- 221	Supplies, Refreshments	\$ 610
	Total Expenditures	\$9,096

Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison
Ald. Silvia Cruz - Police Liaison

Ald. Roy Centeno - Police Liaison
Ald. Lawrence Hermanowski- Police Liaison

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy Stewart, Mayor.

30077 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER - \$5,500 – DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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: In accordance with Section(s) 47a – 42 (a, b, and c) of the Connecticut General Statutes municipalities are responsible to store abandoned property received as a result of evictions occurring within that municipality. The landlord of the evicted party is responsible for the payment of moving such abandoned property from the home to the curb while the municipality is responsible for moving the abandoned property from the curb to storage. In New Britain we use primarily two moving companies that are initially hired by the Marshal(s) coordinating the evictions. Once the property is received into City Storage it must be held for a minimum of 15 days before being sold at Public Auction. All proceeds from such public sales are returned to the General Fund. Costs for moving can range from \$50 -\$400 per eviction. Historically, the average cost of an eviction has increased by at least \$10 per year. These increases are attributable to the higher costs for diesel and gasoline, which the moving companies are passing on to us in the form of higher bills.

Resolution Purpose: To transfer monies from General Fund contingency to fund the

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moving costs related to evictions.

WHEREAS, additional monies are required to cover the increasing cost of moving evictees belongings into City storage.

WHEREAS, there are monies available in General Fund Contingency for this use,
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that an amount of \$5,500 be transferred from General Fund Contingency as follows:

To:		
001-1421-4210-914	Emergency Non-Reimb Aid	\$5,500
From:		
001-1910-9001-073	G/F Contingency	\$5,500

Alderman Adam Platosz
Alderwoman Lori Rocha

Ald. Rocha moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Platosz. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy Stewart, Mayor.

30078 RE: CONTRACT WITH WALKER RESTORATION CONSULTANTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE BADOLATO PARKING GARAGE

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 Facilities Superintendent has requested authorization to enter into a contract for Engineering Services with Walker Restoration Consultants of Boston Massachusetts for the restoration of the Badolato Parking Garage; and

WHEREAS, The Badolato Parking Garage is in need of Waterproofing, Concrete, Architectural, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical and Elevator Repairs or improvements; and

WHEREAS, Walker Restoration Consultants has submitted a proposal for \$62,750.00 for this Specialized Engineering Services which will include the following

- Creation of Restoration, Design Bid and Construction Documents
- Assist the City in the bidding process
- Review all bids submitted to see if they meet specifications
- Conduct and attend any public or construction meetings
- Perform construction management to review work being conducted and its quality

- Verification that all work was performed to specifications
- Create final project punch list of items that need to be completed; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this restoration project is available from the Parking Garage Bond Authorization passed on September 17, 2007, Resolution number 29559 and is in Account number 008-1972-1998-320; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Walker Restoration Consultants of Boston Massachusetts for \$62,750.00 for Engineering

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Services for the restoration of the Badolato Parking Garage.

Alderman Lori Rocha

Ald. Rocha moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy Stewart, Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS

30079 RE: PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK – 4/13/08 THRU 4/19/08

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 United States Congress has designated April as 9-1-1 education month and whereas the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International has designated April 13-19, 2008 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week; and

WHEREAS, in our New Britain community and across the entire nation, the first access point for all classes of emergency services is 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain Public Safety Telecommunications Center receives over 200,000 calls from the public annually and has emerged as the first and single point of contact for persons seeking immediate relief during an emergency as well as those seeking to report suspicious behaviors and unusual incidents; and

WHEREAS, the importance of recognizing and celebrating the hard work of these dedicated public safety telecommunications professionals is vital to our community. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Court of Common Council encourages all citizens to responsibly utilize 9-1-1 services and to assure that children understand that 9-1-1 emergency phone service should be used to "save a life, stop a crime, report a fire"; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, The Common Council of the City of New Britain joins with our colleagues and fellow citizens across the nation in recognizing this valuable service and the public safety telecommunications who provide it and do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2008 as PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK in the City of New Britain.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Catanzaro. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy Stewart, Mayor.

30080 RE: "INCENTIVE HOUSING ZONES"

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, Sections 38 to 50 of State of Connecticut Public Act 07-4 authorized municipalities to create "incentive housing zones" and provided certain incentives to municipalities which created such zones, and

WHEREAS, Public Act 07-4 also authorized the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to make grants to municipalities for the purpose of providing technical assistance in the planning of incentive housing zones, the adoption of incentive housing zone regulations and design standards, the review and revision as needed of applicable subdivision regulations and applications to the Secretary of OPM for preliminary or final approval, and

WHEREAS, Technical Assistance Grant awards will initially be limited to \$50,000 per

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municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management a Technical Assistance Grant Application to facilitate the creation of a housing incentive zone including certifications and descriptions as required by the State of Connecticut, to execute any agreements, if any are offered by the State of Connecticut, as well as revisions, rescissions or amendments thereto, and to administer the grant as necessary for the City's receipt of grant funds.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy Stewart.

30081 RE: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING - \$5,000 – FROM THE STATE DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE CONN. SENIOR CENTERS 2008 SPECIAL FUNDING INITIATIVE

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 authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Connecticut Department of Social Services so that the Senior Center can receive funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 through the Connecticut Senior Centers 2008 Special Funding Initiative. Funding will be utilized to enhance the existing computer learning program for seniors as well as other educational/recreational programs at the Center.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of social Services has instituted the Connecticut Senior Center 2008 Special Funding Initiative and invited the New Britain Senior Center to submit a funding proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center did submit a proposal under this initiative for expanding existing programs at the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Social Services approved the Senior Center's proposal at a funding level of \$5,000 for the period May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with the State Department of Social Services to accept funding under the Connecticut Senior Centers 2008 Special Funding Initiative.

Alderwoman Shirley A. Black
Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Rocha. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy Stewart, Mayor.

30082 RE: CONTRACT WITH HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CONNECTICUT NEW BRITAIN ASTHMA INITIATIVE CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND THE NEW BRITAIN HEALTH DEPT

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 Hospital of Central Connecticut New Britain Asthma Initiative case Management Program ("NBAI") has agreed to contract with the City of New Britain Health Department ("NBHD") for a period of one year from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008; and

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WHEREAS; NBHD will be responsible for providing educational services in the detection, treatment and prevention of asthma as well as interacting with clients, program filings and NBAI reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS; NBAI has agreed to provide compensation to NBHD in the total amount of \$15,000.00 to be paid in four quarterly payments of \$3,750.00 each; now, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services between the Hospital of Central Connecticut and the New Britain Health Department for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

RESOLVED, that the monies in the amount in the amount of \$15,000 be appropriated within a special revenue fund as follows:

Revenues:		
223-0500-0505-HSP	Hospital of Central CT Grant	\$15,000
	Total Revenue	\$15,000
Expenditures:		
223-1411-4109-110	Full Time Salaries	\$11,500
223-1411-4109-111	Overtime	\$ 2,000
223-1411-4109-210	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500
	Total Expenditures	\$15,000

Alderman Adam Platosz
Liaison

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30083 RE: THE APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONN. HEALTH CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,670 – FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW

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 New Britain Health Department seeks to act as a subcontractor for the University of Connecticut Health Center, under the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Grant funded by the Connecticut Department of Public Health #2008-0200. For the period commencing March 16, 2008 to June 30, 2008, with the option to extend the contract for a period of one year.

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

Resolution Purpose: To approve the receipt of grant funding from the University of Connecticut Health Center in the amount of \$7,670.00

WHEREAS; the goal of participating in these grant activities is to improve the health and well being of women, infants and families in the community.

WHEREAS; the Health Department will utilize these funds to abstract medical records, participate on the FIMR case review team and coordinate perinatal community education and outreach programs in response to identified community needs. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Timothy Stewart, be authorized to sign any necessary and appropriate agreements in order to secure the use of such funds. BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the monies in the amount of \$7,670 be appropriated within a special

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revenue fund as follows:

Revenue		
216-0500-0503-023	State of CT	\$7,670
	Total Revenue	\$7,670
Expenditures:		
216-1411-4109-110	Full Time Salaries	\$4,920
216-1411-4109-111	Overtime	\$1,200
216-1411-4109-221	Educational Materials	\$ 800
216-1411-4109-207	Client Incentives	\$ 750
	Total Expenditures	\$7,670

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30084 RE: STATE OF CONN. FUNDING - \$21,298 – TO THE NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPT. TO ASSIST CCSU POLICE DEPT. – DUI CHECKPOINTS.

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 State of Connecticut, has funding available to pay the New Britain Police Department to assist Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), to address problems off campus, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to work in collaboration with the CCSU Police Department to conduct Driving Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints and increase police patrols and law enforcement in the Belvedere Neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$21,298, can be used for officer overtime and training as set forth in the budget listed below, and require no cash match from the City. The period of grant is from March 15, 2008 through September 8, 2008, and

WHEREAS, that Mayor Timothy Stewart be authorized to execute all grant documents with the State of Connecticut on behalf of the City of New Britain for the assistance of the CCSU Police Department in the Belvedere Neighborhood, in the sum of \$21,298.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a sum of \$21,298 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

Revenue:		
217-0500-0505-023	Revenue – State	\$21,298
Expenditures:		
217-1600-1808-111	Police Overtime	\$17,298
217-1600-1808-375	Police Training	\$ 4,000
	Total	\$21,298

Ald. Suzanne Bielinski – Police Liaison	Ald. Roy Centeno – Police Liaison
Ald. Silvia Cruz – Police Liaison	Ald. Lawrence Hermanowski – Police Liaison

Ald Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

30085 RE: 2007 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT TO THE NEW BRITAIN FIRE DEPT.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the

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undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

WHERE AS the New Britain Fire Department has applied for Hose equipment under the 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to improve its operational effectiveness work efficiency and compatibility with surrounding jurisdictions and:

WHERE AS the New Britain Fire Department has requested funding to replace its existing Small Diameter Hose fitted with Iron Pipe Thread with 5" Large Diameter Hose fitted with National Standard Thread and ancillary equipment which includes various Fire hydrant and Fire vehicle hose adaptors equipment and,

WHERE AS the New Britain Fire Department has been awarded a total of \$65,101.25.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the funding, including a cash match in order for the New Britain Fire Department meet its responsibilities of funding 20% of the total grant award of \$81,376, be set aside in a special revenue fund as outlined below. The cash match of \$16,275 is available in account #215-2289-2206-EXH.

Revenue:

226-0500-0505-959	US Government	\$65,101
226-0500-0505-387	Transfer from fund 215	\$16,275
	Total Revenue	\$81,376

Expenditures:

226-1221-2210-442	Equipment	\$81,376
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Suzanne Bielinski

Tonilynn Collins

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved 4/14/08 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Bernacki moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk