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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 22nd day of April 2009 at 8:02 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

Michael Schroeder, Publisher of the New Britain Herald, led the pledge to the flag.

The Council stood at ease while Mayor Stewart read a proclamation declaring April 2009 as Autism Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography. The incidence of autism in the United States is one in 150 children and one in 94 boys with rates similarly high around the world; 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 estimated that 35 million people worldwide have autism; and

WHEREAS, In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, we have been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes the month of April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community; and

WHEREAS, The aims of National Autism Awareness Month 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 not a lifelong incurable genetic disorder but one that is biomedically definable and treatable. It is a goal of National Autism Awareness Month to encourage those in the autism community to never give up in their search to help their loved ones reach their full potential, funding efforts toward this end through appropriate research for finding a cure for the neurological damage from which so many affected by autism suffer; and

WHEREAS, It is the wish of the New Britain community to lend its support to these efforts and to join with those in the autism community to make everyone aware of this challenging disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, As Mayor of the City of New Britain, I do hereby declare the month of April, 2009 to be AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in our community and encourage all residents of our city to lend their support to members of the autism community as they celebrate this important occasion.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Britain to be hereunto affixed this 22nd day of April, 2009.

Timothy T. Stewart
Mayor, New Britain, Connecticut

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Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11 and March 25, 2009, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the Agenda by substituting I(30559), L(30562), 1(30579), 10(30574, 12(30576), by adding Q(30580) and moving it to the end of the agenda, by adding 14(30578) and 15(30565), and by deleting O, and 7(30571). Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. After some discussion, Ald. Trueworthy amended his motion and placed 7(30571) back on the agenda and moved to the end, motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – 12 in favor: Ald. Trueworthy, Rocha, Magnuszewski, Platosz, Gerratana, Centeno, Black, Cruz, Hermanowski, Salvio, Bernacki and Bielinski. Ald. Collins, Ald. Catanzaro and Ald. Sherwood recused themselves on the vote to amend the agenda because item 7(30571) is a resolution regarding an agreement between the City and Local 1186. Ald. Collins and Ald. Catanzaro are members of Local 1186, and Ald. Sherwood's wife is employed by AFSCME Council 4.

Ald. Collins, Catanzaro and Sherwood returned to the chamber.

PETITION

30569 ALD. PLATOSZ FOR INVESTIGATING AN ERODING CURBSIDE IN FRONT OF 197 LINDEN STREET. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

30553 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

- Cone, Joella A. by Atty. Keith V. Trantolo
- Herrera, Sally
- Velez, Jayniffe by Atty. Manuela M. Freitas

Peter J. Denuzze
City Clerk

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CORPORATION COUNSEL

30554 RE: WALTER J. PRYMAS V. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, ET AL

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

Please be advised that the Office of Corporation Counsel has received a defendants' verdict in the above-captioned matter. The matter was tried to Judge Lois Tanzer on January 21, 2009. The plaintiff had sought a writ of mandamus and monetary damages in connection with his termination as a probationary employee Groundskeeper for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Plaintiff had alleged that he was unlawfully terminated from his employment as Groundskeeper because the Acting Personnel Director, Loether, terminated him rather than the Board and/or the Mayor. The Court agreed with the defendants that the Charter confers upon the Board the duty to consult and advise and to make policy, but not to appoint or to remove employees. The Court further found the termination was not illegal or violative of due process and the provisions of the 1186 Union contract for probationary employees were followed. Moreover, the Court found the evidence "abundantly showed that in the course of his probationary employment, Prymas engaged in conduct that provided cause for his termination".

Irena J. Urbaniak
City Attorney

FINANCE DEPT.

30557 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 4/1/09 THRU 4/7/09

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

In accordance with the city of New Britain ordinance of Article VII – Finance, Section 2-494(c), the following departments have transferred monies from one line item to another within their departmental budget (total department budget has not changed). Each transfer will be continuously numbered from month to month throughout the fiscal year. This report represents the transfers executed by the mayor in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance for the period ending April 7, 2009

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| 31. Department: | Parks and Recreation | | |
| From: | 001-1511-5125-110 | | (Full Time Salaries) |
| To: | 001-1511-5125-221 | | (Operating Material and Supplies) |
| Amount: | \$3,000.00 | | |
| Brief Description: | Funds needed to purchase paint to re-stripe Willow Brook parking lot | | |
| 32. Department: | Parks & Recreation – Exercise the Right Choice 2 | | |
| From: | 238-1512-5111-110 | \$ 3,800.00 | (Full Time Salaries) |
| | 238-1512-5111-113 | \$ 3,500.00 | (Part Time Salaries) |
| | 238-1512-5111-140 | \$10,453.00 | (Major Medical/Life Ins.) |
| To: | 238-1512-5111-221 | \$10,000.00 | (Oper. Material & Supplies) |
| | 238-1512-5111-330 | \$ 7,753.00 | (Rent/Lease of Property/Equip.) |
| Amount: | \$17,753.00 | | |
| Brief Description: | Funds needed for supplies and educational and recreational sub-contractors for after school programs and summer school camp | | |
| 33. Department: | Licenses, Permits and Inspections | | |
| From: | 001-1230-2400-376 | | (Technical Publications) |
| To: | 001-1230-2400-390 | | (Other Purchase Services) |

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Amount: \$252.00
Brief Description: Funds needed to cover cost of board-up at 125 & 127 Clark Street
34. Department: Property Management
From: 001-1123-1537-113 (Part Time Salaries)
To: 001-1123-1537-111 (Overtime)
Amount: \$420.00
Brief Description: Funds needed for extra evening parking ticket appeal meetings due to an excessive amount of snow ban ticket appeals

Robert Curry
Finance Director

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30560 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES – REHABILITATION OF A SEWER TUNNEL PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

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

The following on-call engineering project has been requisitioned following the award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, Bid #3440, approved at its Regular Meeting of October 22, 2008

Project Name: Rehabilitation of a Sewer Tunnel
Vendor: Maguire Group, Inc.
Amount: \$17,630.00
Line Items: 008-4236-1601-324
Requested By: Public Works Department

Scope: The Maguire Group Inc. will finalize contract drawings and bid specifications for the rehabilitation of an existing 48" x 72" sewer tunnel running from East Street to Market Street. The tunnel project is the final "priority construction project" identified in a 1998 I&I Study performed on the City's sewer system by Maguire Associates. The Public Works Department is currently pursuing Clean Water Fund grants and low interest loans through the Connecticut Department of Environmental protection to fund this project's construction, and the completion of the Contract Documents is a vital component of the City securing this funding.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30562 RE: IRON PIPES FOR THE WATER DEPT.

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. 3474 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Iron Pipes of various sizes for the Water Department. Funding is available for the purchase of this service within Account Number, 930-1000-9065-XD9.

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

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nineteen (19) Pipe Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from Pipe Companies on the mailing list indicating that they could not provide a response to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Water Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of the Water Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidders, who met all bid specifications for the Iron Pipe. The Jack Ferrelly Company of Bloomfield, CT for the 8" Mechanical Joint Ductile Iron Pipe and to Ferguson Waterworks, EPPCO, of Newington, CT for all other Ductile Iron Pipe. The bid results were also presented to the Water Commission at their April 7, 2009 meeting. At this meeting they approved the Director of the Water Department's recommendation for the purchase of the Ductile Iron Pipes from The Jack Ferrelly Company of Bloomfield, CT for the 8" Mechanical Joint Ductile Iron Pipe and from Ferguson Waterworks, EPPCO, of Newington, CT for all other Ductile Iron Pipe.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to The Jack Ferrelly Company of Bloomfield, CT for the 8" Mechanical Joint Ductile Iron Pipe and to Ferguson Waterworks, EPPCO, of Newington, CT for all other Ductile Iron Pipe, on an as need basis from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010 as per the attached pricing, specifications and term of Public Bid No. 3474.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30563 RE: WATER METERS AND WATER METER ACCESSORIES 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. 3477 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Water Meters and Water Meter Accessories for the Water Department. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Numbers 930-1000-9065-XD9.

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 ten (10) Water Meter Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Water Meter Companies on the mailing list indicating that they could not provide a response to the bid request. Responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance with specifications by the Water Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Water Department's Director is recommending that the bid for the Water Meters and Water Meter Accessories be awarded to Ti-Sales, Inc of Sudbury, MA, the lowest bidder. This company has supplied these items to the Water Department in previous years. He is also recommending that the bid for the Neptune Battery Pack be awarded to Neptune Technologies of Tallassee, AL, the lowest bidder for this item. The bid results were also presented to the Water Commission at their April 7, 2009 meeting. At this meeting they approved the Director of the Water Department's recommendations for the purchase of the Water Meters and Water Meter Accessories from Ti-Sales, Inc of Sudbury, MA and the Neptune Battery Pack for Neptune Technologies of Tallassee, AL.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to Ti-Sales Inc. of Sudbury, MA, for the Water Meters and Water Meter Accessories, and Neptune Technologies of Tallassee, AL for the Neptune Battery Pack on an as needed basis from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010 as per the attached pricing, specifications, and terms of Public Bid No. 3477.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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30564 RE: REQUEST FOR SCANNING, CD CREATION, INDEXING AND LOADING OF LAND RECORDS INTO THE CITY'S LAND RECORDS SYSTEM – TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

A request in accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 2-541 a purchasing request was made for the Scanning, CD Creation, Indexing and Loading of Land Records into the City's Land Record System by Town Clerk's Office.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Price</u>
Cott System, Inc. Worthington, OH.	Scanning, CD Creation, Indexing, Loading of Land Records	\$34,072.00

The Town Clerk's Office has approximately six hundred nineteen (619) City Records which contain about four hundred eighty six thousand seven hundred fifty (486,750) pages that need to be scanned, put onto a CD, indexed and then loaded into their land records system. Cott System, Inc of Worthington, OH performed this service for the Town Clerk's Office last year for approximately three hundred (300) City records. The Town Clerk's records are presently stored in a computer software program provided by Cott System Inc who is the designer of this software. It has been verified that they are the sole source provider of this software being utilized by the Town Clerk's Office. No other supplier's software can interface with the Cott System Inc's software. Cott System Inc's software is also being utilized by eight-seven (87) other Connecticut City and Towns. Bid solicitation to conduct this service would not be beneficial to the City because of this. The Town Clerk is once again applying for a Connecticut State Library Historic Preservation Grant for the amount of \$10,000.00 to help pay for these services. Funding for the Indexing and Loading of Land Records into the City's Land Record System for the Town Clerk's Office will be available in account 249-1154-1540-320.

Resolved: that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order for \$34,072.00 to Cott Systems, Inc. of Worthington Ohio for the Scanning, CD Creation, Indexing and Loading of Land Records into the City's Land Records System for the Town Clerk's Office.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

TAX COLLECTOR

30566 RE: TAX ABATEMENTS, CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS

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

The Collector of Taxes has referred a list of tax abatements, corrections and refunds. Acceptance and adoption is respectfully recommended.

Cheryl S. Blogoslawski
Tax Collector

Ald. Trueworthy moved to suspend the rules in order to act first on Resolution 15(30565), seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted.

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RESOLUTION

30565 RE: DESIGNATING APRIL 2009 AS “NEW BRITAIN HERALD MONTH”

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 Herald newspaper has been a vital part of the New Britain community since 1881; and

WHEREAS, Locally run and oriented media enhances and encourages public dialogue on important local issues; and

WHEREAS, The Herald serves as a central community forum and central point for information, a place for local businesses to advertise and where major events in ordinary people's lives are recorded; and

WHEREAS, A functioning newspaper is important for public accountability, is an essential part of a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, Coverage by a local newspaper is critical for the health and vitality of the entire community, including local businesses, arts and non-profit organizations and schools, and

WHEREAS, New Britain welcomes Michael E. Schroeder, new owner of The Herald, and recognizes the contribution The Herald makes to our community; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council and the Mayor of the City of New Britain recognize the contribution of our local newspaper to the vibrancy of our community by hereby designating April, 2009 as “ The New Britain Herald Month”.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Mark Bernacki
Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman Roy Centeno
Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Alderman Silvia Cruz
Alderman Gregory Gerratana
Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Adam Platosz
Alderman Lori Rocha
Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Alderman Phil Sherwood
Alderman Michael Trueworthy

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

CITY PLAN COMMISSION

30486-1 RE: CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION – MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRER’S LICENSE – TIM PANELLA DBA MAD MAX’S MOTORSPORTS

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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:

BACKGROUND: The applicant is requesting the granting of a certificate of location approval to allow State DMV issuance of a motor vehicle general repairer's license, in accordance with Section 14-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The subject property is situated on the northeastern corner of Allen and Oak Streets. The property is zoned B-1 (neighborhood business) and is the former site of a construction company office and, historically, a bus maintenance garage. The B-1 zoning district does not allow motor vehicle sales or repairs, but the site was granted a use variance by the Zoning Board of Appeals, application #4402, on April 17, 2008. The applicant emphasizes that this application is for auto repair operations only, with no sales to be conducted on-site.

FINDINGS: The property was a public transit bus repair facility for a number of years from the 1930's into the 1960's and was subsequently used by a construction contractor's office and storage. The submitted plan shows the 8,140 square foot lot occupied by the existing 3,755 square foot building, which was built in 1952. The building has six overhead doors and a sizeable indoor work area. Exterior portions of the property are very limited in area, however. The paved front yard area is nonconforming, being set back only 22 feet from Oak Street, rather than the required 40-foot depth. The applicant's plans depict the proposed front yard parking accessed from Oak Street, by way of an existing 100-foot wide curb cut, with most of the vehicle spaces in front of the garage entrances. A total of 9 off-street parking spaces are shown, 8 of which would require backing directly in or out from Oak Street.

The April 2008 variance related only to allowing the repair use in the B-1 zoning district, and at the time, the City Plan Commission voiced their strong opposition, not only to the use variance, but also to the fact that the site was nonconforming in regards to the number of zoning restrictions and safeguards that had just been added to the zoning ordinances with amendment #29948-2 adopted on March 18, 2008. Specific restrictions adopted at that time, required all auto sales and repair operations to have conforming parking, with adequate back-up aisles, not blocking garage bays or access doorways. It also prohibited auto sales or repair operation within 100 feet along the same street frontage of a residential zoning district or on any property where the 25-foot buffer yard bordering a residential property could not be met.

It was subsequently ruled that these newly adopted zoning restrictions were not applicable to this property, because the use variance application was filed on February 14, 2008, one month prior to the new zoning sections coming into effect.

CONCLUSION: The City Plan staff is of the opinion that this site is not well-suited to the requested auto repairer's operations because of the small size of the property, inadequate parking and the close proximity to residential neighbors.

The size and layout of the subject site does not appear to be adequate for accommodating any reasonably sized auto repair operation. The small size of the lot and the relatively small number of off-street parking spaces appears to pose a real potential for creating a traffic hazard and on-street parking problems for the adjoining residential neighborhood. Such problems are common in similar locations, where the parking of an excessive number of vehicles being stored or waiting for repair results in customers having to park on the street or make unsafe turning maneuvers to enter or exit the lot. The layout of this site seems certain to require the use of Oak Street for the jockeying of vehicles in and out from in front of the repair bays on a regular basis. While this might be tolerable in an industrial zone and on streets that are less busy, Allen Street is an important east west arterial in this part of the City with substantial traffic volumes. Additionally, the property adjoins a stable residential neighborhood that could be adversely affected by the proposed auto repair operations and the traffic, on-street parking and noise generated by the business.

The City Plan staff would emphasize that the B-1 zone is intended to be a neighborhood business zone serving a nearby residential area with relatively small, low intensity businesses, such as neighborhood convenience stores, etc. The zone does not allow auto repair businesses precisely because these types of uses often result in nuisance problems related to noise, undesirable appearance, traffic hazard and parking on the City street. These can be very serious issues affecting neighborhood character and quality of life.

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RECOMMENDATION: For the reasons stated above and consistent with its recommendations regarding the past variances for this property, the City Plan staff is emphatically opposed to the granting of this certificate of location approval.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

30555 RE: 2009 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM

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

The Director of the Department of Municipal Development transmits and recommends approval by the Common Council at its meeting on May 13, 2009, of the proposed resolution authorizing the filing of the 2009 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program.

Kenneth A. Malinowski, Director
Department of Municipal Development

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself – his wife is employed by HRA. Ald. Collins recused herself – her mother is employed by the United Labor Agency. Ald. Rocha recused herself – her son is employed by the Parks & Recreation Dept. After School Program.

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. Ald. Bielinski moved to table, seconded by Ald. Gerratana. So voted.

30556 RE: 2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HUD PROGRAMS

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

The Director of the Department of Municipal Development, on behalf of the Commission on Community & Neighborhood Development reports that, at its meeting of April 2, 2009, the Commission approved a resolution regarding the 2009 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs.

Accordingly, the Commission on Community & Neighborhood Development hereby transmits and recommends approval by the Common Council, at its meeting of May 13, 2009, of the proposed resolution authorizing the filing of the 2009 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs to serve as application to the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for Federal Assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Program and the Emergency Shelter Grants Program.

Kenneth A. Malinowski, Director
Department of Municipal Development

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself – his wife is employed by HRA. Ald. Rocha recused herself – her son is employed by the Parks & Recreation Dept. After School Program. Ald. Collins recused herself – her mother is employed by the United Labor Agency.

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

30099-6 RE: 2008 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

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

The Director of the Department of Municipal Development, on behalf of the Commission on Community & Neighborhood Development reports that, at its meeting of April 16, 2009, the Commission approved a resolution regarding a 2008 Consolidated Plan Amendment for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program.

Accordingly, the Commission on Community & Neighborhood Development hereby transmits and recommends approval by the Common Council, at its meeting of May 13, 2009, of the proposed resolution to authorize submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Plan to serve as the City of New Britain's application for Federal assistance under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program.

Kenneth A. Malinowski, Director
Department of Municipal Development

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself – his wife is employed by HRA. Ald. Collins recused herself – her mother is employed by the United Labor Agency. Ald. Rocha recused herself – her son is employed by the Parks & Recreation Dept. After School Program.

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

Ald. Trueworthy, Collins and Rocha returned to the chambers.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

30558 RE: PROJECTED SURPLUS, GENERAL FUND FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

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

The projected results from operations for the General Fund, Fiscal Year 2009 are on file in the Town Clerk's Office in accordance with Article X, Section 10-5(a) (2) of the City of New Britain Charter. Projections are based on revenue and expenditure activity through April 6, 2009.

Rebecca Salerni
Finance Department

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30559 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING, THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA FOR THE FIRE 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>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Firematic Supply Co., Inc. Rocky Hill, CT.	MSA Thermal Imaging Camera with Mounts, Chargers, Batteries, Retractable Lanyard, and 3 Year Warranty	10	\$9,000.00	\$90,000.00

The New Britain Fire Department requested the purchase of ten (10) Thermal Imaging Cameras. The Thermal Imaging Cameras are needed to detect heat in walls and the location of the fire. The present Thermal Imaging Cameras have been utilized for over ten (10) years by the Fire Department. They are old technology and are no longer reliable. Because of the age of the present Thermal Imaging Cameras repairs will not be cost effective. The Thermal Imaging Camera requested by the Fire Department is manufactured by MSA Appliance Company of Pittsburgh PA. Firematic Supply Company, Inc of Rocky Hill, CT is the sole supplier of this Thermal Imaging Camera for MSA Appliance Company in the State of Connecticut and they also have a State of Connecticut Contract for this product. The New Britain Fire Department already has one (1) MSA Thermal Imaging Camera that was purchased upon approval by the Common Council, Item #30277at their September 10, 2008 meeting. The New Britain Fire Department requested the purchase of the ten (10) Thermal Imaging Cameras utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #02PSX0046. The New Britain Fire Department has received a grant of \$72,001.00 from the Department of Homeland Security and an additional \$18,000.00 was transferred via a Resolution that was approved by the Common Council at the January 28, 2009 meeting, Item #30460. Funding for these cameras are available for this purchase from Account Number 226-1221-2213-442.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$90,000.00 to Firematic Supply Company, Inc of Rocky Hill, CT. for the purchase of ten (10) Thermal Imaging Cameras for the New Britain Fire Department utilizing the State of Connecticut's Cooperative Purchasing Plan, Contract Award #02PSX0046.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30561 RE: CHEMICALS, FERTILIZERS, GRASSES AND PESTICIDES – PARKS AND RECREATION

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. 3472 was 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

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Stanley Golf Course and Parks Department. Funding requests for the commodities have been included in the 08-09 and 09-10 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-nine (29) 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 indicating that they could not provide a response to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance with 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 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 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 the Parks and Recreation Department 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, Cardinals of Union, CT, D&S of Cheshire, CT, Winding Book Turf of Wethersfield, CT, Stay Green Golf Services of North Attleboro, MA, Shemin of Windsor, CT, New England Turf, West Kingston, RI, Valley Green Inc of Plainville, CT and Aqua Turf Irrigation of Orange, CT.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent 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, Cardinals of Union, CT, D&S of Cheshire, CT, Winding Brook Turf of Wethersfield, CT, Stay Green Golf Services of North Attleboro, MA, Shemin of Windsor, CT, New England Turf, West Kingston, RI, Valley Green Inc of Plainville, CT and Aqua Turf Irrigation of Orange, CT on an as-needed basis, from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010 as per the selected prices highlighted on the attachment as well as the specifications, terms and conditions of Public Bid No. 3472.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Sherwood moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

30579 RE: EARTH DAY – APRIL 22, 2009

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

WHEREAS; on April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day, promoting awareness of our environment and the positive impact each of us can have on it; and

WHEREAS; Earth Day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, is now celebrated annually and globally to raise awareness of Earth's fragile environments and the potential dangers of their unchecked destruction; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the City of New Britain recognize Earth Day and help to make 2009 the year the world unites to create a cleaner, healthier world and an environmentally responsible world people.

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Mayor Pro Tempore

Alderman Michael Trueworthy
Majority Leader

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Alderman Paul D. Catanzaro
Asst. Majority Leader

Alderman Tonilynn Collins
Majority Whip

Alderman Adam Platosz
Asst. Majority Leader

Alderman Mark H. Bernacki
Asst. Minority Leader

Alderman Shirley A. Black
Alderman Roy Centeno
Alderman Silvia J. Cruz
Alderman Gregory J. Gerratana
Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski
Alderman Eva Magnuszewski
Alderman Lori A. Rocha
Alderman Phil Sherwood

Ald. Magnuszewski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Gerratana. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

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30567 RE: POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL – BAZAAR/CARNIVAL – JUNE 16 THRU JUNE 20, 2009

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

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 16-20, 2009 for the purpose of conducting a bazaar/carnival on the Pope John Paul II Catholic School grounds, 221 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Conn.

Alderman Mark H. Bernacki

Ald. Bernacki moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30568 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – CONN. STATE GRANT TO THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATE

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 passed into law, Public Act 00-146, an "Act Concerning Real Estate Filings and Preservation of Historical Documents" which took effect July 1, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation established a "Historic Document Preservation Account" for the "Preservation and Management of Historic Documents" ; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act 00-146 authorizes a grant starting July 2001; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain has applied for a \$10,000 grant for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED; That Mayor Timothy T. Stewart is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant; and

RESOLVED; that the City of New Britain, hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under the Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60(a)(1) and Section 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in the State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and Sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142; and be it further

RESOLVED; that a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 be appropriated within the city's Special Revenue Fund entitled "Historical Records Retention" established for this purpose and amend the existing budget in the amount of \$24,072 to meet the needs of the department as follows:

	INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE	
249-0500-0505-194	State of CT Historic Preservation Grant	\$10,000
249-0500-0505-025	Document Preservation (Town)	\$24,072
	INCREASE EXPENDITURE BUDGET	
249-1154-1540-320	Professional Services	\$34,072

Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30555-1 RE: 2009 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM

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, under authorization of Chapter 228a of the Connecticut Statutes, the

Neighborhood Assistance Act provides tax credits for business firms that contribute financially to community programs that have received both municipal and State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services approval, and

WHEREAS, any municipality wanting to obtain benefits under the provisions of this Act must hold a Public Hearing and submit to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services a list of community programs, approved by the local legislative body, which are eligible for investment by business firms, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing of the Common Council of the City of New Britain is scheduled to be held on May 13, 2009, on the subject of the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby approves the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program 2009 Proposal List, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to submit the approved program proposals to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services and the Department of Municipal Development to administer the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself – his wife is employed by HRA. Ald. Collins recused herself – her mother is employed by the United Labor Agency. Ald. Rocha recused herself – her son is employed by the Parks & Recreation Dept. After School Program.

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

30556-1 RE: 2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HUD PROGRAMS

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 scheduled to receive funds from the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2009 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Program, and the City anticipates receiving program income during Fiscal Year 2009 of approximately \$151,000 from the CDBG Revolving Funds and \$103,000 from the HOME Revolving Funds, and

WHEREAS, in order to receive these funds, the City is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2009 that is consistent with the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs which was adopted by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed requests for funding consideration under the CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing of the Common Council is scheduled to be held on April 29, 2009, in order to obtain the views of citizens on housing and community development needs and priorities, and to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the Proposed FY 2009 Consolidated Plan that was prepared by the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby adopts the 2009 Consolidated Plan for the City of New Britain's CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development the 2009 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs, including certifications and descriptions as required by HUD, said submission to serve as the City's application for CDBG Program funds, ESG Program funds and HOME Program funds, and to execute any agreements, revisions, rescissions or amendments thereto, as necessary for the City's receipt of CDBG, ESG and HOME funds.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself – his wife is employed by HRA. Ald. Collins recused herself – her mother is employed by the United Labor Agency. Ald. Rocha recused herself – her son is employed by the Parks & Recreation Dept. After School Program. Ald. Bernacki recused himself – he is a volunteer for "Warm the Children Program".

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

Ald. Bernacki returned to the chamber.

30099-7 RE: 2008 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

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 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 enacted by Congress and signed on February 17, 2009, authorized stimulus funding for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP), and

WHEREAS, promulgating regulations were issued by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development effective March 19, 2009, to govern this new program intended to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is scheduled to receive a formula allocation of HPRP funds in the amount of \$772,694, and

WHEREAS, in order to receive these funds, the City must submit a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Municipal Development has prepared an application as required to describe the proposed use of HPRP that will be coordinated with the New Britain Continuum of Care group of homeless service providers to ensure that the HPRP activities are aligned with the CoC's strategies for preventing and ending homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby approves the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing application as a Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Plan, including certifications and descriptions as required by HUD, such submission to serve as the City of New Britain's application for Federal assistance under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program, and to execute any agreements, revisions, rescissions or amendments thereto, as necessary for the City's receipt of Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing funds.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Trueworthy recused himself – his wife is employed by HRA. Ald. Collins recused herself – her mother is employed by the United Labor Agency. Ald. Rocha recused herself – her son is employed by the Parks & Recreation Dept. After School Program.

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

Ald. Trueworthy, Collins and Rocha returned to the chamber.

30572 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS - \$113,000

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, among other duties, the Public Works Department is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the City fleet which includes approximately 400 vehicles and pieces of equipment from several city departments including the Police Department. The Public Works garage provides major repair operations and routine maintenance, as well as distribution of gasoline.

WHEREAS, the Public Works department provides to the citizens of New Britain various waste collection and disposal services, which include collection and disposal of rubbish/recycling, operation of a landfill and transfer station, leaf collection, and non-burnable collection.

WHEREAS, it is difficult to predict the total cost to the City for the maintenance of its aging fleet during the fiscal year, the Public Works department would like to transfer \$100,000 to the vehicle damage and equipment supplies account.

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department entered into an agreement with a new contractor for Uniforms and Clothing in FY 08-09 which resulted in a cost increase over the amount budgeted. The total budgetary transfer for this line item is \$2,500.

WHEREAS, the City's current recycling and rubbish collection contracts with CWPM and Trash-Away include an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), issued each September. For FY 2008-2009, the increase was estimated to be 3% and the actual U.S. Department of Labor CPI is 5.6%, which is higher than the traditional percentage increase. The difference is approximately \$10,500.

WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2009 budget includes monies within the Public Works Department Gas/Oil/Grease, Overtime, and Disposal Tip Fees Accounts. THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that a budgetary transfer be made from the Public Works Fleet - Gas/Oil/Grease, Fleet - Overtime, and Sanitation - Disposal Tip Fees Accounts to the Fleet – Vehicle Damage & Equipment Supplies, Fleet – Uniforms & Clothing, and Sanitation Collection Contracts as indicated below:

FROM:

001-1330-3113-233	Public Works Fleet – Gas/Oil/Grease	\$100,000
001-1330-3113-111	Public Works Fleet – Overtime	2,500
001-1338-3240-389	Public Works Sanitation – Disposal Tip Fees	<u>10,500</u>
	Total	\$113,000

TO:

001-1330-3113-222	Public Works Fleet – Vehicle Damage & Equipment Supplies	\$100,000
001-1330-3113-223	Public Works Fleet – Uniforms & Clothing	2,500
001-1338-3240-381	Public Works Sanitation – Collection Contracts	<u>10,500</u>
	Total	\$113,000

Alderman Lori A. Rocha
Alderman Phil Sherwood

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Ald. Rocha moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Sherwood. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30573 RE: RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF HEALTH, INC. - \$13,096

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

Program Objective: To accommodate changes to the CT General Statutes related to lead poisoning and prevention that went into effect on January 1, 2009. Changes in Public Act 07-02 include funding for local health departments to support these new lead activities. The new lead activities will include: referrals to medical providers for blood lead screening of children who are at risk for lead, environmental health case-management services for such children, and education for parents of these children.

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

Resolution Purpose: To approve the receipt of additional funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health, Inc. through this subcontract with the New Britain Health Department.

WHEREAS; the State Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health, Inc. through this subcontract, has notified the City that additional funding in the amount of \$13,096 has been awarded to the New Britain Health Department and

WHEREAS; the New Britain Health Department will utilize these funds to provide blood lead screening of children who are at risk for lead poisoning and provide public health case-management services for such children and education to parents of such children, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$13,096 be appropriated into Health Per Capita Fund, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program as follows:

Revenue:		
287-0500-0507-CADH	State of CT – CADH	\$13,096
Expenditures:		
287-1427-4109-110	Full Time Salaries	\$4,000
287-1427-4109-113	Part Time Salaries	\$6,000
287-1427-4109-221	Operating Material & Supplies	<u>\$3,096</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$13,096

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30574 RE: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT TO THE NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPT. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$354,563

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 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), has funding available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, and,

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WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to promote job creation and job retention, police programs, police vehicles and technology improvements, and,

WHEREAS, there is no requirement for a cash match, and,

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$354,563 will be used as set forth in the budget listed below, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be granted permission to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant in the sum of \$354,563, as follows:

Revenue:		
269-0514-0504-F69	Federal Revenue	\$ 354,563
Expenditures:		
269-1035-2263-111	Police Warrant Squad/ Community Service	\$ 88,163
269-1035-2263-113	Grant Writer	\$ 8,000
269-1035-2263-442	Police Equipment	\$ 128,400
269-1035-2263-PAL	Police Athletic League	<u>\$ 130,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$ 354,563

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

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Centeno. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30575 RE: FEDERAL FUNDING TO THE NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPT. - \$2,700,000 – COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT

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 Federal government has funding available under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant, and,

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to pay wages for twelve (12) Police Officers for three (3) years, beginning in 2009, at a maximum allowable per officer rate of \$75,000, with no requirement for a cash match from the City and

WHEREAS, this is a competitive grant with no guarantee of award, but the NBPD has been qualified by the COPS office to apply, and

WHEREAS, the City's obligation will be to keep the Police officer staffing level for the three year term of the grant and one additional year based on city funding, and no supplanting is allowed by federal law, and

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$2,700,000, will be used as set forth in the budget listed below, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be granted permission to apply for a COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant in the sum of \$2,700,000, as follows:

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Revenue:		
269-0500-0513-959	Federal Revenue	\$ 2,700,000
Expenditures:		
269-1000-2263-110	COPS Salaries	\$ 2,125,068
269-1000-2263-119	Benefits	\$ 544,118
269-1000-2263-142	Medicare	\$ 30,814
		<u>\$ 2,700,000</u>

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

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Cruz. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30576 RE: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT TO THE NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,518

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 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), has funding available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Fund, using Recovery Funding, and,

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to create a Victim's Service Center, housing the Department's Victim's Compensation worker (currently on staff) and the Domestic Violence Advocate (currently on a Vale grant) within the New Britain Police Department, and,

WHEREAS, this grant is for a period of two (2) years, which will start at the end of the Vale grant period on September 30, 2009, with no requirement for a cash match, and,

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Recovery Act solicitation, in order to better serve the community and retain jobs in this very difficult economy, the general non-supplanting requirement does not apply, and,

WHEREAS, these funds, in the amount of \$228,518, will be used as set forth in the budget listed below, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be granted permission to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Fund in the sum of \$228,518, as follows:

Revenue:		
294-0500-0505-959	Federal Revenue	\$ 228,518
Expenditures:		
294-1964-1487-110	Victim's Center Salaries	\$ 162,176
294-1964-1487-119	Benefits	\$ 59,910
294-1964-1487-142	Medicare	\$ 2,352
294-1964-1487-375	Training/Travel	\$ 4,080
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 228,518</u>

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

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Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30577 RE: COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH YOUGHIOGHENY COMMUNICATIONS NORTHEAST 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, the rooftop of the DiLoreto School at 732 Slater Road had been used for a number of years as a cellular communications site; and

WHEREAS, Pocket Communications operated by Youghioghenny Communications of San Antonio, Texas has opened a series of cellular operations in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations with the Public Safety Telecommunications Director, Pocket has agreed to lease approximately fifty square feet of exterior space atop the school for the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS per month for a period of five years with annual increases of THREE PERCENT; and

WHEREAS, the revenues from this lease will be deposited in the general fund of the City; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor may enter into a COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT with Youghioghenny Communications Northeast for this space; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that any revenues which evolve from this agreement shall be deposited in the general fund of the City of New Britain.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

30578 RE: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL RECOVERY ACT, LOCAL YOUTH MENTORING INITIATIVE GRANT TO THE NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,600

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 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), has funding available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Recovery Act, Local Youth Mentoring Initiative, and,

Whereas, these funds are to be used to reduce delinquency of at risk youth, between the ages of 7 to 15 years of age, through the use of academics, education, athletics and positive role models and to provide a needed safe haven for children where violence, drugs and crime are nonexistent, and,

Whereas, this grant is for a period from the first week in August 2009, through the end of the school year in June 2010, with no requirement for a cash match, and,

Whereas, these funds will be used to hire four (4) part time project coordinators to implement the program, sharing responsibilities for program development, maintaining records, coordinating transportation, tutoring and food service, and,

Whereas, these funds, in the amount of \$92,600, will be used as set forth in the budget listed below, THEREFORE, BE IT

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Resolved, that the Mayor be granted permission to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Recovery Act, Local Youth Mentoring Initiative, in the sum of \$92,600, as follows:

Revenue:		
294-0500-0505-959	Federal Revenue	\$92,600
Expenditures:		
XXX-XXX-XXXX-113	Project Coord. Salaries (PT)	\$37,500
XXX-XXX-XXXX-221	Office Supplies/Refreshments	\$19,200
XXX-XXX-XXXX-379	Transportation	\$17,500
XXX-XXX-XXXX-442	Equipment	<u>\$18,400</u>
	Total Expenditures	\$92,600

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

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Centeno. So voted. Approved April 28, 2009 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt 30580 – Report of the Mayor's Office regarding Pinnacle Heights. Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski.

Ald. Trueworthy moved the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations regarding resolution 30580 and resolution 30571 – Agreement between the City and Local 1186, and that they be accompanied by the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel and, in regard to 30571 they also be accompanied by the Personnel Director. Motion seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Ald. Collins, Catanzaro and Sherwood recused themselves from Executive Session in regard to 30571 – Ald. Collins and Ald. Catanzaro because they are members of Local 1186 and Ald. Sherwood because his wife is employed by AFSCME, Council 4.

Executive Session began at 10:06 p.m. Executive Session in regard to 30580 concluded at 10:27 p.m.

The Council voted to return to regular order at 10:47 p.m. on motion of Ald. Trueworthy, seconded by Ald. Bielinski.

30580 RE: PINNACLE HEIGHTS UPDATE

To the Common Council of the City of New Britain: the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

A report updated the status of the Pinnacle Heights property sale will be presented to the Common Council at its April 22, 2009 meeting. As this involves pending contract negotiations, the report will be presented in Executive Session.

Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

Previous motion to accept and adopt carried by voice vote. Approved April 28, 2009 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

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30571 RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN AND LOCAL 1186

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 and Local 1186 have concluded negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for a collective bargaining agreement covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Local 1186 members have ratified the tentative agreement; and

WHEREAS, Action is required by the Common Council of the City of New Britain in accordance with Ordinances of the City of New Britain and Connecticut General Statutes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the proposed agreement between the City of New Britain and Local 1186 be and hereby is approved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Collins and Ald. Catanzaro recused themselves – they are members of Local 1186. Ald. Sherwood recused himself – his wife is employed by AFSCME Council #4.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk