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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2008

Mayor Timothy T. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 25th day of June 2008 at 7:49 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

One member was absent: Ald. Rocha.

City Clerk, Peter J. Denuzze, gave the invocation: God, power of the entire universe, author of all life, we ask your presence here in this chamber as decisions are made. Guide these people, who have some human power that their decisions may be in accordance with your will for justice and truth. Grant them strength that they may act in accordance with that truth and steadfastness, that they may not swerve from the doing of your will. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

Ann Mikulak led the pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Conrad C. (Corey) Conforto, former employee of the Public Works Department who died on June 23, 2008 and in memory of Lawrence E. Betterini, who died on June 23, 2008. Mr. Betterini was the father of New Britain Detective Lawrence E. Betterini, Jr.

The Council stood at ease while Mayor Stewart, Fire chief Mark Carr and former Chairman of the Fire Board, Michael Wanik, recognized newly retired Asst. Fire Chief, Henry Paszczuk for his 22 years of dedicated service to the City. Chief Paszczuk thanked everyone and said it has been an extreme honor to serve the City as a firefighter.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt the minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 14 and May 28, 2008, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by adding 30174-1(a1) and 30200(16), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

PETITIONS

- 30201** ALD. TRUEWORTHY FOR AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE FROM B-3 AND T TO B-4 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) IN THE AREA OF BROAD, BEAVER AND WASHINGTON STREETS. REFERRED TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION, COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING AND CENTRAL CT. REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY.
- 30202** ALD. CENTENO FOR NOTIFYING HOMEOWNER LOCATED AT 1802 CORBIN AVENUE TO CLEAN UP DEBRIS/OVERGROWN LAWN AND BUSHES. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS AND BOARD OF HEALTH.
- 30203** ALD. CENTENO FOR INVESTIGATING BLIGHT CONDITIONS AT THE CORNER OF HILLHURST AND CORBIN AVENUE. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS AND BOARD OF HEALTH.
- 30204** ALD. BERNACKI FOR EVALUATING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF AN UNFENCED POOL AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF LITER AT 50 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE. REFERRED TO THE DEPT. OF LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS AND BOARD OF HEALTH

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Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved June 27, 2008 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

30174-1 RE: THE PROCESS FOR INITIATING A COMMON COUNCIL INVESTIGATION INTO ACTIONS OF CITY OFFICIALS PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-2(K) OF THE CITY CHARTER

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

Our Office has been asked to prepare a memorandum which 1) outlines the procedure for the Common Council in the event it decides to conduct an investigation as provided for in Section 4-2(k) of the City Charter and 2) identifies any precedent relating to illegal expenditure of funds without prior legislative approval. The Common Council has the power pursuant to Section 4-2(k) to:

By a two thirds vote of the entire membership to investigate any officer, department or agency of the City. The Common Council shall have access to all data kept by the office or department or agency and shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of books, papers and any other data, electronic or otherwise, at any meeting of the Common Council or any committee thereof, and for that purpose may issue subpoenas which shall be signed by the President Pro Tempore of the Common Council. The investigation may be conducted by a committee of the Common Council's members appointed for this purpose, provided that not more than half of the members of such committee shall be members of the same political party. Any person who refuses to obey the subpoena of the Common Council or authorized committee shall be fined not more than the amount permitted by the General Statutes or imprisoned not more than the time permitted by the General Statutes, or both. Said fine and penalties shall be set by Ordinance.

In summary, Section 4-2(k) requires ten affirmative votes to conduct an investigation of a city officer, department or agency. The Council or Committee appointed for this purpose may conduct the investigation. If a committee is appointed, no more than one-half of the members can be from the same political party. Subpoenas can be used to compel witnesses and production of documents. Section 2-27.1 of the Code of Ordinances allows for imposition of a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for refusal to comply with a subpoena.

Our Office was unable to locate any reported court cases involving municipal legislative investigations of alleged illegal expenditures of public funds.

Please contact our Office if there are any additional questions.

Gennaro Bizzarro
Corporation Counsel

CITY CLERK

30175 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 NAMES

- Flores, Rosario by Atty. John Pirina
- Progressive Casualty MS Comp

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Peter J. Denuzze,
City Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

30176 RE: FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS OVERTIME

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 is a report from the finance department on the utilization of operations overtime:

Fire Department Operations Overtime Analysis As of June 13, 2008

Total OT Budget	2,729,309	100%
Less: Expended through 06/13/2008	<u>2,632,530</u>	<u>96%</u>
Remaining Budget thru FY 08	96,779	4%

Remaining OT Dollars 96,779

Rebecca Salerni
Finance Department

30177 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET – 6/4/08 THRU 6/18/08

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 June 18, 2008.

- 38. Department: Town Clerk (Revised)**
From: 001-1154-1540-374 \$776.00 (Fees & Memb.-Conferences)
001-1154-1540-211 \$409.00 (Election Supplies)
To: 001-1154-1540-111 (Overtime)
Amount: \$1,185.00
Brief Description: Funds needed to compensate staff for Common Council meetings and proceedings
- 39. Department: Dog Fund**
From: 205-1200-5112-223 (Uniforms & Clothing)
To: 205-1200-5112-320 (Professional Services)
Amount: \$300.00
Brief Description: Funds needed due to balance deficit
- 40. Department: Parks and Recreation**
From: 001-1511-5125-330 (Rental/Leases of Property/Equipment)
To: 001-1511-5128-372 (Building, Gr. Maint., & Repairs)
Amount: \$3,000.00

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- Brief Description: Funds needed for emergency repairs to New Britain Stadium elevator and handicap lift
- 41. Department: Veteran's Services**
From: 001-1421-4240-110 (Full Time Salaries)
To: 001-1421-4240-111 \$300.00 (Overtime)
001-1421-4240-221 \$557.00 (Operating Material & Supplies)
Amount: \$857.00
Brief Description: Funds needed for meetings, parade and supplies
- 42. Department: Corporation Counsel**
From: 001-1155-1550-374 (Fees & Memb.-Conferences)
To: 001-1155-1550-373 (Equip., Furn., Maintenance & Repairs)
Amount: \$72.00
Brief Description: Funds needed for equipment maintenance fee
- 43. Department: Civil Service**
From: 001-1410-4101-373 (Equip., Furn., Maintenance & Repairs)
To: 001-1410-4101-210 (Office Supplies)
Amount: \$150.00
Brief Description: Funds needed to pay invoices
- 44. Department: Civil Service**
From: 001-1410-4101-374 (Fees & Memb.-Conferences)
To: 001-1410-4101-210 \$ 15.00(Office Supplies)
001-1410-4101-390 \$605.00(Other Purchase Services)
Amount: \$620.00
Brief Description: Funds needed to pay invoices

Robert M. Curry
Finance Director

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30179 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES UPDATE OF CITY'S PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

Project Name: Update of City's Pavement Management System

Vendor: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

Amount: \$40,540.00

Line Item: 008-2910-2617-390

Requested By: Public Works Department, Engineering Division

Scope: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will upgrade the City's RoadManager 2000 pavement management software to a new RoadManager GPMS software and to pre-populate a MicroPaver database with existing City

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pavement data, which will help in providing pavement-conditioning evaluations of City streets. Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will conduct project initiation and system configuration meetings to discuss the upgrades of the pavement management software and the details of any data collection efforts with the Public Works Department, Engineering Division. Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will provide pavement specialist services to rate the pavement surface conditions on approximately 178 miles of City streets. Once this data is obtained, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will update and convert all the City's present Pavement Management System to the new software. This new software will then be installed onto the City's computer network. They will then develop a video log of the City streets and rate their conditions. This will provide the Public Works Department, Engineering Division, the ability to create an array of thematic maps to help manage the City streets and their conditions. Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. will also provide training and technical support for this new software and upgrades.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30181 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – SWING SETS FOR WASHINGTON PARK – 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 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested for the following under the State of Connecticut's cooperative purchasing plan:

Supplier	Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
M.E. O'Brien Medfield, MA.	Swing Sets	2	\$2,716.00	\$5,432.00

The New Britain Park and Recreation Department has requested the purchase of two (2) Swing Sets for the Washington Park. The Swing Sets were damaged because of an accident on January 30, 2008 when a vehicle was involved in an accident with another vehicle on Carmody Street. The accident caused one (1) of the vehicles to enter into the park and damage the swing sets. The insurance company, of the driver who caused the damage, has issued a check to the City for which payment has been received to replace the swing sets. The purchase of the two (2) new Swing Sets will be made utilizing the State of Connecticut's Contract Award #06PXS0010. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 704-1923-1945-806.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

30183 RE: RENTAL OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3358 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Rental of Construction Equipment for a one-year period on an as-needed basis by the Public Works Department. Funding request has been included in the FY 2008-2009 Public Works Department's budget

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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 forty-two (42) Construction Equipment Rental Companies. The Purchasing Agent did not receive any letters from the Construction Equipment Companies on the mailing list indicating they could not provide a response to the bid request. Responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to, Hertz of North Haven, CT, B&J Construction of New Britain, CT, East PBE, Inc, of Newington, CT, Acorn-Thompson of Newington, CT, Able Tool and Equipment of South Windsor, CT, Trash Away, Inc of New Britain, CT and United Rentals of Manchester, CT who were the lowest bidders for the rental of construction equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue standing purchase orders to the following companies, Hertz of North Haven, CT, B&J Construction of New Britain, CT, East PBE, Inc, of Newington, CT, Acorn-Thompson of Newington, CT, Able Tool and Equipment of South Windsor, CT, Trash Away, Inc of New Britain, CT and United Rentals of Manchester, CT per the prices that are high- lighted on the attachment to provide for the Public Works Department's annual rental of construction equipment on an as-needed basis per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3422

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

29885-2 RE: BLIGHT, SAFETY AND HEALTH VIOLATIONS – CORNER OF TRINITY AND SOUTH MAIN STREETS

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

Please investigate Brittany Motor Works at the corner of Trinity and South Main Street for blight, safety and health violations.

Also, please check on the possibility that this business is operating an illegal junkyard and an overstock of used cars. This is another example of a gateway artery into the city blighted by junk.

The owner was cited for violation of the ZBA approved used car dealers/repairs certificate at this location.

In view of the owners failure to remedy the violation in accordance with the provision of certified violation notification letter the case was referred to Office of Corporation Counsel for appropriate legal action.

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

30086-1 RE: BLIGHT CONDITIONS AND SAFETY HAZARDS AT EMPTY LOT – CORNER OF WILCOX AND ALLEN STREETS.

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

Please inspect for blight conditions and safety hazards at empty lot located on the corner of Wilcox Street and Allen Street.

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Inspection was conducted and letter of violation was sent to the owner. Property was cleaned. This case remains in the Health Department jurisdiction.

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

30087-1 RE: AUTO JUNKYARD AT 33A COLUMBUS BLVD

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

Please have the appropriate departments investigate the operation of an auto junkyard at 33A Columbus Boulevard, DBA Champion Auto. This property is a blight on the central business district and is apparently operating without appropriate authorization and documentation.

The operation on site was investigated and owner instructed to correct all violations. This site is now in compliance with granted authorization.

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

30173-1 RE: BLIGHT CONDITIONS – 95 ALEXANDER RD.

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

Please trim overgrown brush and debris causing blight conditions located at 95 Alexander Rd.

Inspection was conducted on 6/17/08. Lawn has been cut, property under foreclosure and is secured

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

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

30135-1 RE: TREES ON THE CORNER OF CARLTON STREET AND COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

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

The Common Council Petition #30135 was referred to the Parks and Recreation Department for action. The Parks Superintendent reports that the Linden trees on the corner of Carlton Street and Commonwealth Avenue were trimmed on May 13, 2008.

William A. DeMaio
Director of Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

30185 RE: POOR DRAINAGE AT 10 STEPHEN COURT

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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Public Works Civil Engineer, Robert Trottier, met with the property owner, Mike Tierney, to investigate the complaint of poor drainage and based on his investigation the following is Public Works' determination:

1. It appears that this problem has existed since these houses were built in the early 1950's
2. Mr. Tierney's back yard is a local low point to which the surrounding properties drain.
3. The surrounding roads do not contribute to this problem; this is only water draining from private property.
4. The low point is currently being drained by a sump pump that Mr. Tierney installed. The sump pump does not function well in the winter, can not keep up with heavy storms and discharges to the front yard at grade eventually running down Stephen Court to a catch basin on the corner of Stephen Court and Ronald Road.
5. No houses are flooded as a result of this problem, only back yards. Most of the surrounding houses do not have basements and once the water reaches a certain level, it eventually drains between the houses to Stephen Court.
6. There is no drainage system in Stephen Court in front of Mr. Tierney's house.
7. There is a drainage system in Ronald Road that a yard drain could be connected to but he would need to obtain permission from his neighbor at 63 Ronald Road to run a pipe through that property.

The best solution would be to obtain permission from the owner of 63 Ronald Road, install a yard drain at the low point in Mr. Tierney's back yard and connect it to the drainage in Ronald Road. Trench drains could also be connected to the yard drain to further dry the area. Mr. Tierney was told that since no water from a City street or City property was contributing to this problem, the City would not likely contribute to the cost or construct this project but would provide him with technical advice.

Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

30041-1 RE: POTHoles ON CHESTNUT STREET BEFORE EXIT RAMP FOR RTE. 72

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

The pothole on Chestnut Street, before the exit ramp for Rte. 72, was repaired by Public Works Street Division on May 1, 2008.

Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

30042-1 RE: POTHoles ON SOUTH STREET NEAR RAILROAD TRACKS

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

Potholes near the railroad tracks on South Street were repaired by Public Works Street Division on May 1, 2008.

Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

30039-1 RE: POTHOLE – ENTRANCE OF DRIVEWAY AT 24 ALLEN STREET

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

Repairs to the street at the entrance of the driveway at 24 Allen Street were completed by Public Works Street Division on June 11, 2008.

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Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

30040-1 RE: NUMEROUS POTHoles ON ELLA GRASSO BLVD.

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

On April 9 and April 10, the Public Works Street Division repaired numerous potholes on Ella Grasso Blvd.

Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

30134-1 RE; "NO PARKING" SIGN – HIGHLAND TERRACE AND PARK DRIVE

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

Public Works Traffic Division confirmed all signage is in place. "No Parking" sign, located approximately 25' south of Highland Terrace on Park Drive was previously replaced.

Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

30154-1 RE: NUMEROUS POT HOLES ON EAST STREET

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

Public Works Street Division repaired numerous potholes on East Street, between Allen Street and South Street. The work was completed on Friday, June 6 and Monday, June 9.

Mark E. Moriarty,
Director Public Works

NEW BRITAIN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

30186 RE: DOWNTOWN NEW BRITAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN

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

The New Britain Redevelopment Commission, at its meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008, voted unanimously to approve a resolution regarding the Downtown New Britain Development Project Plan.

Accordingly, the New Britain Redevelopment Commission hereby transmits and recommends approval by the Common Council, at its meeting of June 25, 2008, of the proposed resolution approving the Project Plan dated April 2008 with the modifications placed in the public hearing record on June 12, 2008.

Kenneth A. Malinowski, Director
Department of Municipal Development

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TAX DEPARTMENT

30187 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

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

30132-1 RE: EXTENSION OF WEST CANAL DISCHARGE PIPE SOUTH OF HOMES ON POND VIEW ROAD AND STREAMSIDE LANE

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

The Common Council Petition #30132 was referred to the City of New Britain Board of Water Commissioners for action. An investigation of the request determined the 30-inch diameter pipe would have to be extended 1000 feet through ledge at an estimated cost of \$330,500. Extending the 30-inch discharge pipe 1000 feet will not eliminate water in the West Canal from backing up behind these houses because the grade on the West Canal is too flat. The City of New Britain Board of Water Commissioners voted to deny the petition for the reasons stated.

Gilbert J. Bligh
Director of Water

LICENSE COMMITTEE

30167-1 RE: SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CARNIVAL/FESTIVAL

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 June 17, 2008 the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED; by the Common Council of the City of New Britain that the Mayor be hereby authorized to issue to the Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church said license as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22 of the Code of Ordinances for the period of August 15-17, 2008 for the purpose of conducting carnival/festival on the Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church grounds (544 Main Street).

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski
Chair

CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE

30124-1 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 20. 5-28 OF THE ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

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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The Consolidated Committee held a regular meeting and public hearing on Thursday evening, June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #30124 – Amend Article II. Section 20.5-28 of the Code of Ordinances – Downtown Special Services District to include an exemption for personal property tax voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Paul D. Catanzaro
Chair

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

30178 RE: GENERAL FUND SURPLUS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

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

Attached is the surplus report for Fiscal Year 2008. Report on file in Town Clerk's Office.

Rebecca Salerni,
Finance Department

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Motion defeated by voice vote.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

30180 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS – PARK 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 2-538 (a), a purchase order was requested for the following under the Capital Region Council of Governments, (CROG) cooperative purchasing plan. The City of New Britain is a member of CROG along with twenty-eight (28) other state municipalities. This enables CROG to obtain lower pricing for its members for these Swimming Pool Chemicals.

H. Krevit & Company, Inc. New Haven, CT.	\$12,892.44	Various Swimming Pool Chemicals
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The Parks and Recreation Department is in need of Swimming Pool Chemicals, Diatomaceous Earth, Sodium Hypochloride, Sodium Bicarbonate and Calcium Chloride for the 2008 summer season. H. Krevit & Company Inc has been the Parks and Recreation Department's supplier of these swimming pool chemicals in previous years. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the purchase of these Swimming Pool Chemicals on an as-need basis utilizing CROG's Contract Award #509. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number, 001-1511-5125-221.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

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Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30182 RE: UNLEADED GASOLINE – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3420 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for Unleaded Gasoline for the Public Works Department. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 001-1330-3113-233.

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 thirteen (13) Unleaded Gas Supplier Companies. The Purchasing Agent received one letter from an Unleaded Gas Supplier Company indicating they could not provide a response to the bid request. Responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Administration, City Fleet Manager and the Purchasing Agent. Bid specifications requested that pricing from the bidders be submitted two (2) ways, New Haven Harbor Tank Car Pricing and New Haven OPIS Rack Average Pricing. This was done to see if a less expensive unleaded gasoline price for the City could be obtained by the bidders from the major gasoline suppliers who post daily gasoline prices in the New Haven Harbor Tank Car and the New Haven OPIS journals. Bid pricing submitted by the Petroleum Traders Corporation of Fort Wayne, IN was not of New Haven Harbor Tank Car Pricing but that of Boston Harbor Pricing which did not meet bid pricing specifications and would be too expensive to ship to the City from this location. Per conversation with the Petroleum Traders Corporation the Purchasing Agent was told that a mistake was made in submitting the correct pricing per the bid specifications. Therefore the Director of Public Works is recommending that the bid be awarded to East River Energy, of Guilford CT, who submitted the lowest differential and price per gallon of Unleaded Gasoline per the New Haven Harbor Tank Car Price.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with East River Energy of Guilford, CT for a period effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for Unleaded Gasoline at a \$.01 price differential over the New Haven Harbor Tank Car posted price per gallon at time of delivery, per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3420.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Bernacki moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30184 RE: LEAF BAGS – 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:

Public Bid No. 3429 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the Purchase of Leaf Bags for the Public Works Department. Funding available for the purchase of the Leaf Bags is in Account Number, 001-1338-3240-221.

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

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and mailed to twenty-five (25) Bag Companies. The Purchasing Agent received one (1) letter from a Bag Company on the mailing list who indicated that they could not respond to the bid request. The responses received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Department's Administration and the Purchasing Agent. Therefore the Director of the Public Works Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Ampac Holdings, LLC of Cincinnati, Ohio, who supplied to the City quality printed leaf bags last year and submitted the lowest bid price again this year.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for \$47,450.00 for 146,000 Printed Leaf Bags to Ampac Holdings LLC of Cincinnati Ohio per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3429.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

**30167-2: LICENSE – SAINT MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
CARNIVAL/FESTIVAL AUG. 15-17, 2008**

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 hereby authorized to issue to the Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church said license as may be issued under Chapter 5, Section 5-15 through 5-22 of the Code of Ordinances for the period of August 15-17, 2008 for the purposes of conducting carnival/festival on the Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church grounds (544 Main Street).

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

**30124-2 RE: AMENDMENT TO SEC. 20.5-28 OF THE ORDINANCES EXEMPTING THE
DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT FROM THE PAYMENT OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

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

Resolution Summary: PURPOSE: To amend Article II. Downtown Special Services District to include an exemption for personal property tax. Section 7-339t of the Connecticut General Statutes states that an ordinance establishing a special services district may provide that personal property owned by the district is not subject to the municipal property tax.

WHEREAS, On October 19, 1983, the New Britain Common Council created the New Britain Downtown Special Services District; and

WHEREAS, The New Britain Downtown Special Services District is a body politic which collects property taxes from approximately 100 building owners; and

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WHEREAS, The New Britain Common Council sets the mill rate for the New Britain Downtown Special Services District through a Council resolution; and

WHEREAS, Taxes collected by the District are used exclusively to market and promote downtown New Britain activities. The District purchases assets such as planters and flags to beautify the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, The New Britain Downtown Special Services District is the only self taxing district of eight (8) Downtown Districts in the State of Connecticut to be further taxed by the local municipality. Section 7-339t(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes entitled "Provisions of ordinance creating special services district" allows a municipality to, by ordinance, exempt the District from the payment of personal property tax; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that Article II, Section 20.5-28 of the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in strikethrough; new sections begin with the word [new]):

Sec. 20.5-28. Municipal obligations.

(1) Maintenance of effort and services. Notwithstanding the powers of the district defined in subsection 20.5-23(2) of this article, the city shall continue to be obligated to provide existing municipal services within the district. Further, in keeping with the intent of this article, which is to improve the district through a cooperative effort of the city and the property owners of the district, the city agrees to maintain the existing level of municipal services provided within the district.

(2) Municipal regulations. The district shall be subject to such articles of the city as apply to private organizations conducting business with the municipality (e.g., zoning, inland wetland regulation, etc.). The city may waive local fees which may apply to activities conducted by the district.

(3) Taxation. All personal property owned by the district shall not be subject to the municipal property tax.

Alderman Mark H. Bernacki
Assistant Minority Leader

Ald. Bernacki moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Catanzaro. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

30188 RE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN AND CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY – TRANSFER OF GRANT FUNDS – CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL TRANSFER STATION.

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

Whereas, the State of Connecticut, through its Office of Policy Management, on May 20, 2008, entered into an Agreement to provide a grant award in the amount of \$400,000.00 to the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency; and

Whereas, the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency has authorized the acceptance of the grant award and agreed to transfer the grant funds, less \$4,800.00 for administration of the grant, to the City of New Britain for the preliminary design, permitting and engineering costs for the Central Connecticut Regional Transfer Station; and

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Whereas, the City of New Britain and the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to define the terms and conditions for receipt of the grant funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of New Britain and Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and all other required documents.

Alderwoman Lori A. Rocha
Alderman Phil Sherwood

Ald. Sherwood moved to accept and adopt. Seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

**30189 RE: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM – THREE YEAR ENTERPRISE
LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INC. OF REDLANDS, CA**

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

WHEREAS, the City of New Britain is in need of a geographic information system to assist in the analysis of data from various departments; and

WHEREAS, the Council has supported the development of a plan along with funding for preliminary activities relating to GIS; and

WHEREAS, the recent study of information technologies in the City endorsed the preliminary efforts toward the development of a geographic information system, and

WHEREAS, an ad hoc working group (Finance, Public Works, Assessor, Public Safety Telecommunications) assembled by the Mayor has developed a summary plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office consisting of a budget and timetable for converting the existing geographic files of the city into a new, more comprehensive information system that will be used by public service and public safety departments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan provides for a contract for an enterprise level agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for a three year period that includes all geographic base software and utilities for all city departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding for the development of this Geographic Information System is provided from the following sources:

- Technology bond authorization
- Assessment Reevaluation bond authorization
- Public Safety Telecommunications Grant Fund
- Public safety Congressional Earmark
- Department of Homeland Security CRCOG Grant.

Now, therefore BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a three year Enterprise Level Agreement with ESRI, Inc of Redlands, California based on State of Connecticut Contract B-03-103 at an annual cost of \$50,000 per year; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Purchasing Agent is authorized to enter into cooperative purchase agreements for all hardware and software listed as a part of the summary plan not to exceed the amounts specified; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Purchasing Agent is authorized to increase the award for professional services to Fuss and O'Neill related to the development of geographic information systems including staff training not to exceed \$30,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the ad hoc working group report progress on the development of the geographic information system to the City Council every ninety days commencing in September of 2008.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30190 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND - \$12,800 – TAPING OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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, in order to provide the citizens of New Britain greater exposure to the proceedings of the Common Council, the regular meetings (taking place the second and fourth Wednesday of the month) are being taped and aired on Nutmeg Television,

WHEREAS, the cost of taping these meetings is currently \$150 per meeting,

WHEREAS, this cost has typically been funded with fiscal year end surplus dollars via the Capital Non-Recurring Fund,

WHEREAS, given the limited surplus dollars these past few fiscal years, this obligatory expenditure was not funded for FY 2007 and FY 2008,

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2001 the Council approved Resolution #26561 allocating additional funding within the CNR fund for the purpose of a master plan of development for the City. While the need for a master plan still exists, it is not an immediate need and the cost far exceeds the current budgeted amount. Furthermore, there have been no expenditures made against this appropriation since FY 2005, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment be made as follows to fund the current over expenditure as well as one year's worth of taping expenditures:

INCREASE:		
219-1131-1310-390	Other Purchase Services	\$ 12,800
DECREASE:		
219-1143-1430-B77	Master Plan of Development	\$ 12,800

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

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30191 RE: AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH AFFINITY MULTIMEDIA DESIGN FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

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

Whereas, at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council on December 14, 2005, Resolution 28885, a professional services website development and maintenance contract was authorized between the City of New Britain and Affinity Multimedia Design; the agreement was in effect through June, 2005; subsequent extensions through June 30, 2008 (Res # 29879) were made via Common Council actions; and,

Whereas, authorization is requested for a contract amendment to provide for the extension of the services agreement through June 30, 2009; continued services to be provided include website hosting, search engine submission, website maintenance services; and,

Whereas, the contract cost of services remains at \$375 per month and will be contingent upon IT Study implementation, and,

Whereas, funding to provide for the service is requested from the Capital Nonrecurring Fund via existing funds (\$3,000) supplemented by budget transfer from an under-expended line item to which no significant transactions have been posted since FY 2005; therefore, be it

Resolved, that a budget transfer be made as follows:

To:		
219-2287-1310-W10	Website Design	\$1,500
From:		
219-1143-1430-B77	Master Plan of Development	\$1,500

And, further, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Affinity Multimedia Design in the amount of \$4,500 for provision of professional services as described above through June 30, 2009.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30192 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND - \$518,868 – BD. OF ED.

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 Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 2009 included an estimated reduction in the grand list of 1% due to the appeals process which was not finalized at the time. While this estimated 1% reduction in assessed values is typical, the actual successful appeals came in at a lower amount. Consequently, the Grand List needs to be adjusted up from \$2,933,325,772 to 2,943,290,463, an increase of \$9,964,691. The net effect on tax collections amounts to \$268,868 (leaving an estimated \$67,845 reserve for court appeals), and

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WHEREAS, in a late June state legislative special session, the increased conveyance tax percentage was reinstated and thus, New Britain's conveyance tax collections are expected to be higher than anticipated for the FY 2009 budget in the amount of \$250,000, and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation is required for the Board of Education due to the increase in ECS funding for the FY 2009 in the amount of \$518,868, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment to the FY 2009 budget be approved as follows:

Increase Revenue:		
001-0500-0510-601	Conveyance Tax	\$250,000
001-0500-0501-500	Current Taxes	\$268,868
	Total Revenue	\$518,868
Increase Expenditures:		
001-1960-0527-491	School District Expenditures	\$518,868

Alderman Louis G. Salvio,
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30193 RE: BUDGET APPROPRIATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT – JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT - \$23,103

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 FY2008 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, and

Whereas, these funds can be used to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based upon local needs and conditions, and

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

Whereas these funds, in the amount of \$ 23,103, 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 \$ 23,103, as follows:

Revenue:		
269-1031-xxxx-xxx	Federal Revenue	\$ 23,103
Expenditures:		
269-1031-xxxx-111	Police Warrant Squad	\$15,000
269-1031-xxx-PAL	Police Athletic League	\$ 5,000
269-1031-xxx-EXP	Police Explorers	\$ 3,103

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

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Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Cruz. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30194 RE: LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL GRANT 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 City of New Britain has been a recipient of grant funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the funds are being used primarily for grants to property owners for the abatement of lead-based paint surfaces in residential properties, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to continue to address the lead-based paint hazards within the City, and

WHEREAS, HUD has announced a Notice of Funding Availability for the 2008 round of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, to provide such additional information as may be required, to execute other documents including a Grant Agreement if such an Agreement is offered, and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy Stewart

30195 RE: PRESERVE AMERICA GRANT FUNDING

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 October 10, 2007, the Common Council of the City of New Britain authorized Mayor Timothy T. Stewart to submit an application for the designation of New Britain, Connecticut, as a Preserve America Community, committing to protect and celebrate our heritage through the use and appreciation of our historic assets and resources, and

WHEREAS, an application was written that demonstrated the City's heritage as the Hardware Capital of the World achieved through the industry and determination of our forefathers, and it showcased the historic buildings and cultural organizations that are important to the preservation of the City's history, and

WHEREAS, the City's application was submitted to the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and on January 25, 2008, the announcement by First Lady Laura Bush included New Britain, Connecticut, as one of 14 newly designated Preserve America Communities, and

WHEREAS, as a Preserve America Community, the City is eligible to apply for FY 2008 Preserve America Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Preserve and Promote America's Heritage and Cultural Assets, which will provide support for planning, development and implementation of activities to promote and preserve a community's cultural resources,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain authorizes the Mayor to file final application documents with the National Park Service for Preserve America grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$ 250,000, to provide such additional information as may be required, to execute other documents including Grant Agreements and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto for administration by the Department of Municipal Development.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 26, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30196 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$193,200

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 Police Department is charged to protect and preserve life, safeguard property, enforce laws, and provide public safety services in a lawful, professional and humane manner, with respect for the dignity of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, a budget transfer within the Police budget is requested to cover current shortages in several overtime accounts, and

WHEREAS, due to personnel shortages in the Patrol Division, there are sufficient budgeted funds available for transfer within the Police Department’s annual budget, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of New Britain, that a budget transfer of \$193,200 be made within the Police Department budget to provide for full time salaries and overtime as outlined below:

Transfer from the following accounts:		
001-1600-1808-110	Patrol - Full Time Salaries	\$180,200
001-1600-1818-111	Youth Bureau Overtime	\$13,000
	Total	\$193,200
Transfer to the following accounts:		
001-1600-1808-111	Patrol Overtime	\$100,000
001-1600-1813-113	Jail Mgmt. - Part Time Salaries	\$26,000
001-1600-1817-111	Detective Overtime	\$8,000
001-1600-1818-110	Youth Bureau - Full Time Salaries	\$13,000
001-1600-1819-111	Special Services Overtime	\$10,500
001-1600-1825-110	Property & Evidence - Full Time Salaries	\$25,000
001-1600-1825-111	Property & Evidence - Overtime	\$500
001-1600-1829-111	Identification & Records - Overtime	\$2,200
001-1600-1862-111	School Resource Officer - Overtime	\$4,000
001-1600-6075-111	Forensics Laboratory - Overtime	\$4,000
	Total	\$193,200

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. Cruz. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

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30197 RE: GRANT APPLICATION FOR HYBRID SCHOOL BUS

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 the Board of Education have an obligation to provide students not only with safe and reliable transportation, but environmentally friendly modes of transportation where at all feasible; and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Transportation is offering grants to Connecticut municipalities as a part of its Connecticut Clean Fuel Program and the City meets the criteria for application for this grant and wishes to apply; and

WHEREAS, If the City is successful in obtaining this grant, the funds will be used to purchase a PHEV (Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle) valued at approximately \$183,000 with an estimated useful life of 10 years to be used by DATTCO (or the successor contractor for school transportation) as part of New Britain's fleet of vehicles; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council authorizes the joint application of the City of New Britain and The Consolidated School District of New Britain for this CTDOT Connecticut Clean Fuel program grant and authorizes Mayor Timothy T. Stewart to execute any and all necessary documents for said grant application.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio, Minority Leader
Alderman Mark H. Bernacki, Asst. Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30198 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS – INDEPENDENT LIVING/COMMUNITY BASED LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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:

New Britain Youth and Family Services operates a variety of supportive programs for youth and their families. Of such, the Community Based Life Skills (formerly Independent Living Skills Program), a state/federal funded program is awarded its main funding grant to provide services to youth aged 15 1/2 to 18 years of age who are referred by the Department of Children and Families. Due to a new contract, with additional roles and responsibilities, including start-up funds for new initiatives as well as increases in state funding from both the Department of Children and Families and the State Department of Education, this resolution authorizes the Finance Department to appropriate state/federal funds and amends the 08-09 budget to account for such funding and expenditures, including a Connecticut General Assembly "Youth Service Bureau Enhancement Allocation" of \$2,000. Furthermore this resolution authorizes Mayor Timothy T. Stewart to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the City of New Britain with the Department of Children and Families of the state of Connecticut for the Community Based Life Skills Program and Youth Service Bureau and to affix the corporate seal. No additional City dollars are requested or allocated.

WHEREAS, New Britain Youth & Family Services has a Community Based Life Skills Program which teaches transitional living skills to the youth entering adulthood; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families currently has awarded the sum of \$94,625; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the City has appropriated an amount of \$23,968 as part of its annual budget for the Independent Living Skills Program; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Service Bureau will receive additional State funding by the Connecticut General Assembly as a Youth Service Bureau Enhancement Allocation, with \$2,000 set aside for this program; and

Whereas both the Community Based Life Skills and Youth Service Bureau budgets need to be amended to incorporate these funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of New Britain authorizes the Mayor to sign acceptance and approval documentation pursuant to receipt of the above-mentioned funding; and further,

RESOLVED, that the Community Based Life Skills and Youth Service Bureau funding be amended and appropriated within a special revenue and expenditure fund as follows:

Original ILS/Community Based Life Skills Budget:

Revenue:		
276-0500-0505-099	City of New Britain	\$ 23,968
276-0500-0505-023	State of CT	\$ 61,548
276-0500-0505-***	SDE YSB Enhancement	\$ 2,000
	Total Revenue	\$ 87,516.
Expenditures:		
276-1423-4220-110	Salaries	\$ 50,474
276-1423-4220-111	Overtime	\$ 398
276-1423-4220-113	Part Time Salaries	\$ 3,360
276-1423-4220-120	MERF	\$ 3,815
276-1423-4220-142	FICA – Med only	\$ 732
276-1423-4220-397	Life Ins.	\$ 137
276-1423-4220-399	Health Ins.	\$ 12,000
276-1423-4220-125	Worker's Comp	\$ 250
276-1423-4220-379	Travel (youth bus tokens)	\$ 200
276-1423-4220-210	Office supplies	\$ 250
276-1423-4220-212	Food	\$ 3,000
276-1423-4220-215	Program Supplies	\$ 1,400
276-1423-4220-374	Fees, Memberships, Conf.	\$ 500
276-1423-4220-207	Stipends	\$ 11,000
	Total Expenditures	\$ 87,516

Revised Community Based Life Skills Budget:

Revenue:		
276-0500-0505-099	City of New Britain	\$ 23,968
276-0500-0505-023	State of CT	\$ 94,625
276-0500-0505-***	SDE YSB Enhancement	\$ 2,000
Total Revenue	Total Revenue	\$120,593
Expenditures:		
276-1423-4220-110	Full Time Salaries	\$ 51,636

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276-1423-4220-111	Overtime	\$ 616
276-1423-4220-113	Part time Salaries	\$ 11,700
276-1423-4220-120	MERF	\$ 3,658
276-1423-4220-142	FICA – Med only	\$ 927
276-1423-4220-397	Life Ins.	\$ 137
276-1423-4220-399	Health Ins.	\$ 15,648
276-1423-4220-125	Worker's Comp	\$ 250
276-1423-4220-379	Travel (youth bus tokens)	\$ 800
276-1423-4220-210	Office supplies	\$ 750
276-1423-4220-212	Food	\$ 5,800
276-1423-4220-215	Program Supplies	\$ 9,418
276-1423-4220-207	Stipends	\$ 7,383
276-1423-4220-368	Cons./Contractual	\$ 120
276-1423-4220-442	Dept. Equipment	\$ 11,750
	Total Expenditures	\$120,593

Alderwoman Silvia J. Cruz

Ald. Cruz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30199 RE: BUDGET ADOPTION – POLICE DEPARTMENT – OPM GRANT \$35,000

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

WHEREAS, the State Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has awarded the New Britain Police Department a \$35,000 grant to work with victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no cash match by the City with the funding provided by federal funding at a rate of 75% and the remaining 25% paid by the State of Connecticut, and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to formally allocate these funds in a budget amendment for the period July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008, and THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a budget amendment be made for the Domestic Violence Grant to formally appropriate \$35,000 of the funds accumulated in that fund as follows:

Revenue:		
267-0500-0505-023	Revenue – State of CT	\$ 8,750
267-0500-0505-818	Revenue – Federal Government	\$ 26,250
	Total Revenue	\$ 35,000
Expenditures:		
267-1000-1826-111	Overtime (Response to domestic violence cases)	\$ 31,500
267-1000-1826-221	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
267-1000-1826-375	Training/Travel	\$ 2,500
	Total Expenditures	\$ 35,000

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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. Cruz. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30186-1 RE: DOWNTOWN NEW BRITAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN

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

Whereas, the New Britain Redevelopment Commission has been designated as the Development Agency for the Downtown New Britain Development Plan in accordance with Section 8-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and

Whereas, the Commission has prepared a Project Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-189, and

Whereas, the Commission has referred the Project Plan to the City Plan Commission and the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, and

Whereas, the Commission has held a public hearing on the Project Plan, and

Whereas, testimony has been entered into the public record relative to the Project Plan, and

Whereas, the Commission has taken such testimony into consideration;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Common Council of the City of New Britain makes the following findings:

- (1) The land and buildings within the project area will be used principally for industrial or business purposes;
- (2) The plan is in accordance with the New Britain Plan of Development (Plan of Conservation and Development) adopted under Section 8-23 and the Plan of Development adopted under Section 8-35a;
- (3) The Plan was prepared giving due consideration to the State Plan of Conservation and Development adopted under Chapter 297;
- (4) The project will contribute to the economic welfare of New Britain and the State; and that to carry out and administer the project, public action under Chapter 132 is required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council approves the Project Plan dated April 2008 with the modifications placed in the public hearing record on June 12, 2008.

Alderman Lawrence J. Hermanowski

Ald. Hermannowski moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

30200 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$8,000.00 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.

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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 purpose: To increase the Parks and Recreation Departments Special Events revenue and expenditure accounts in like amounts in order to provide more revenue generating special events

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Department's Willow Brook Park has become a regional site for many sporting and other special events, and

WHEREAS, Major League Soccer's New England Revolution played a game at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in September of 2007 in which the City realized a net profit of over \$28,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Revolution will be returning on July 1, 2008 and some advertising and printing expenses need to be handled in order for the Department to host the game properly, and

WHEREAS, the City stands to realize a significant economic impact as well as positive TV and Radio coverage, and

WHEREAS Thus far in fiscal year 2007-2008 revenue exceeds the budgeted amount by nearly \$36,000.00 and will also exceed the budgeted expenditures, AND

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department requests authorization to increase both revenue and expenditure budgets by \$8,000 so that the costs for the New England Revolution can be covered, NEW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That a General Fund budget amendment be made as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Parks & Recreation</u>	
Increase: 001-1511-5300-EVT	Special Events Exp.	\$8,000.00
Increase: 001-0500-0512-EVT	Special Events Rev.	\$8,000.00

Alderman Shirley Black
Alderman Tonilynn Collins

Ald. Black moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Collins. So voted. Approved June 27, 2008 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Trueworthy moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk