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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 10, 2006

Mayor Timothy T. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 10th day of May 2006 at 8:14 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Fourteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Black, Cruz, Collins, Bonola, Catanzaro, Carroll, Hermanowski, Platosz, Wyskiewicz, Salvio, Gostin, Bernacki and Bielinski.

One member was absent: Ald. Sullivan

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

Atty. Gennaro Bizzarro led the pledge to the flag.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of March 8, 2006 and the Special and Regular Meetings of March 22, 2006. Motion seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by substituting 29113(G) and 29092-3(3), seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor.

PETITIONS

- 29132** ALD. GOSTIN FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 240-30 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES TO CHANGE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY. REFERRED TO THE PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING COMMITTEE AND CITY PLAN COMMISSION.
- 29133** ALD. GOSTIN FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCES REMOVING THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE CONVERSION OF TWO-FAMILY HOUSES TO THREE-FAMILY HOUSES IN THE T ZONING DISTRICT. REFERRED TO PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING COMMITTEE AND CITY PLAN COMMISSION.
- 29134** ALD. GOSTIN FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 280-90-20 AND SECTION 300 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES REGARDING FEES FOR ZONING APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS. REFERRED TO PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING COMMITTEE, ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & LAW COMMITTEE AND CITY PLAN COMMISSION.
- 29135** ALD. SALVIO AND GOSTIN FOR REMOVING ADVERTISING LITERATURE POSTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES AND ASSESS FINES OR TAKE WHATEVER LEGAL ACTION IS NECESSARY TO STOP THIS BLIGHTING PRACTICE. REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL.
- 29136** ALD. SULLIVAN FOR KINDLY IGNORING CITY ORDINANCES SEC. 3-8 AND 3-11 AS IT APPLIES TO ALL LAWN SIGNS ELEGANTLY DISPLAYING THE "CT RACE IN THE PARK" AND ALL PINK RIBBONS PUT UP TWO WEEKS BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND. THESE SIGNS AND RIBBONS INSPIRE US ALL AND SHOULD NOT BE BLINDLY SUBJECT TO A RULE INTENDED TO ERADICATE BLIGHT, NOT BEAUTY. THE SALVIO, ET AL, PETITION REGARDING ILLEGAL SIGNS MAKES EMINENT GOOD SENSE, BUT FOR SOME RARE EXCEPTIONS THAT WILL NOT SWALLOW THE

RULE. REFERRED TO DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

29137 ALD. SULLIVAN FOR KINDLY REPAIRING THE DEEP CAVERNOUS POTHoles ON LEXINGTON STREET. THEY ARE SO LARGE YOU CAN HEAR AN ECHO. SAID POTHoles ARE ON A SHORT ROADWAY LEADING TO WALNUT HILL PARK, WHERE RUNNERS, BIKERS AND WALKERS NOW JOURNEY AT THEIR GRAVE PERIL. SAID POTHoles ARE ALSO ON A STREET WHERE A MAGNIFICENT, TRIUMPHANT, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ADDITION IS PERCHED, INCREASING FOOT TRAFFIC OVER THE ROAD. IF LEXINGTON STREET IS SLATED TO BE PAVED SOON, BURN THIS PETITION AND PROCEED WITH ALL DISPATCH. REFERRED TO DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

29138 ALD. SULLIVAN FOR ALERTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S FIRST RESPONSE PROGRAM THAT SOME ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS MAY BE RUNNING IN THE “THE RACE IN THE PARK” THIS SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006. THEY ARE OUT OF SHAPE! ALDERMAN SULLIVAN MAY WELL NEED EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION AND IF MAYOR STEWART RUNS THE 5K RACE, PLEASE HAVE AMPLE AMOUNTS OF OXYGEN AND DEFIBRILLATORS AVAILABLE. REFERRED TO OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. Roll call vote – all members present voted in favor. Approved May 11, 2006 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

29107 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

- Phillips, Mark by his Atty. Alan K. Reisner
- Reyes, Margarita
- St. Paul Travelers Insurance

Peter J. Denuzze

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

29108 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT’S BUDGET – 4/19/06 THROUGH 5/2/06

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 May 2, 2006.

35. Department:	Police		
From:	001-1600-1803-110	\$12,000.00	(Full Time Salaries)

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- To: 001-1600-1826-111 \$ 7,360.00 (Overtime)
001-1600-1826-375 (Recruitment & Training)
Amount: \$19,360.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed for instructors and training classes
36. Department: Finance
From: 001-1151-1532-110 (Full Time Salaries)
To: 001-1151-1532-210 \$3,400.00 (Office Supplies)
001-1151-1532-320 \$ 442.00 (Professional Services)
Amount: \$3,842.00
Brief Explanation: Funds for tax forms, Treasurer's signature plate and legal services
37. Department: Voters - Republican
From: 001-1125-1251-390 (Other Purchase Services)
To: 001-1125-1251-374 (Fees, Memberships - Conferences)
Amount: \$30.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed to attend Secretary of State Conference
38. Department: Public Works
From: 001-1330-3112-110 (Full Time Salaries-Street Division)
To: 001-1312-3117-110 (Full Time Salaries – Engineering Division)
Amount: \$12,000.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed to increase Engineering Division salaries due to staff shortages
39. Department: Health Department – Nursing
From: 001-1411-4113-221 (Operating Materials & Supplies)
To: 001-1411-4113-210 (Office Supplies)
Amount: \$400.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed for office supplies
40. Department: Assessor
From: 001-1151-1511-373 (Equip., Furniture, Maintenance & Repair)
To: 001-1151-1511-374 (Fees & Memberships – Conferences)
Amount: \$1,100.00
Brief Explanation: Funds needed for staff continuing education and certification requirements

Pattie Lewis
Finance Department

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

29109 RE: CHEMICALS, FERTILIZERS, GRASSES AND RELATED – STANLEY GOLF COURSE AND PARK 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. 3250 as solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for requirements purchases of chemicals, fertilizers, grasses and related for the 2006-2007 season for the Stanley Golf Course and Parks Dept. Funding requests for the commodities have been included in the 06-07 budgets in various Stanley Golf Course and Parks Dept. line items.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Responses were received as shown on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by Parks Dept. and Golf Course administration and the Acting Purchasing Agent. Considerations in determining awards were:

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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.

Therefore, the following is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Acting Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to vendors noted as selected (highlighted quotes on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office)) on an as-needed basis, per the specifications of Public Bid No. 3250.

Joe Turner
Acting Purchasing Agent

29110 RE: CHEMICALS AND GASES – 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. 3262 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for purchase of chemicals and gases for a one-year period on an as-needed basis by the Water Dept. Funding request has been included in the FY 2006-07 Water Dept. budget.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Bids were submitted shown on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The bids were checked for conformance to specifications by the Water Dept. Director and the Purchasing Administrator. Therefore, the following is recommended:

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Administrator be and is hereby authorized to issue standing purchase orders to companies, Holland Co., Boc Gases, Calgon Carbon Drive, Harcross Chemical, JCI Jones Chemicals, Borden Remington Corp., H. Krevit & Company Inc., Mann Chemical, LLC., and Linde Gas LLC., whose prices are highlighted on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office) to provide for the Water Dept.'s annual chemical and gas requirements, per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3262.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

29112 RE: POOL CHEMICALS – PARKS & 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. 3273 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for purchase of pool chemicals on an as-needed basis by the Parks and Recreation Dept. for a one-year period. Funding request for fiscal year 06-07 has been included in the proposed budget submitted by the Park and Recreation Dept.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Bids were submitted as shown on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

The bids were checked for conformance to specifications by the Parks and Recreation Dept. Administration and the Purchasing Administrator. Recommendations of award are highlighted on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office). Therefore, the following is recommended:

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Resolved, that the Purchasing Administrator be and is hereby authorized to issue standing purchase orders to the companies, H. Krevit & Co, and Hatten Ltd DBA Savol Bleach Co. for the respective items highlighted on the attachment (on file in the Town Clerk's Office) at the unit prices quoted to provide for the Parks and Recreation Dept.'s annual pool chemical requirements, per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3273.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

29114 RE: FIRE COATS AND PANTS – FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3251 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for purchase of Fire coats and pants for the Fire Department. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 001-1221-2210-221.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Responses were received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
Industrial Safety & Supply Co. West Hartford, CT	140 @ \$1,405.50 EA = \$196,770.00 (with exceptions)
PenTech Safety Inc. Pine Meadow, CT	140 @ \$1,465.00 EA = \$205,100.00
Industrial Safety & Supply Co. West Hartford, CT	140 @ \$1,526.05 EA = \$213,647.00 (with 10% bond)
Survival Group, Inc. North Haven, CT	140 @ \$1,576.49 EA = \$220,708.60
Firematic Supply Co., Inc. Rocky Hill, CT	140 @ \$1,678.93 EA = \$235,050.20

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Chief of Fire and the Purchasing Administrator. Therefore, the Fire Department is recommending the purchase of the Glode Bunker Gear G-Extreme model because it came out as the highest rated in performance based on field evaluations conducted by the department.

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Administrator or his designee be and is hereby authorized through the annual operating budget, funds are appropriated within account number 226-1221-2210-221 for the purpose of purchasing bunker gear (pants, coats, etc.) for both newly hired and existing firefighters. This amount appropriated will vary from year to year. However, the Fire Department wishes to enter into an agreement with Industrial Safety & Supply Co. for \$213,647.00 with a 10% bond for the purchase of Glode Bunker Gear G-Extreme equipment which is not the lowest bid throughout the period of, per the specifications of Public Bid No. 3251.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

29115 RE: LIQUID CORROSION INHIBITED ENVIROBRINE CHLORIDE

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. 3270 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the purchase of Liquid Corrosion Inhibited Envirobrine Chloride on an as-needed basis for use by the Public Works Dept. for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, with an option to extend the contract through June 30, 2008. The contract is contingent upon annual funding appropriation made for this purpose. Funding is

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included in the 06-07 budget, line item 001-1330-3116-221.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Responses, stated in per gallon unit, were received as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BID</u>
Reed Systems LTD Ellenville, NY	\$0.84
Gorman Bros Inc Albany, NY	\$0.90 (Bid withdrawn)

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by Public Works administration and the Acting Purchasing Agent. Gorman Brothers withdrew their bid because they do not provide the specified envirobrine chloride. Therefore, the following is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Acting Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to enter into a requirements contract with Reed Systems LTD for provision of liquid corrosion inhibited envirobrine chloride at the quoted per gallon price for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, with the option to extend the contract through June 30, 2008, per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3270.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

29116 RE: LIQUID CORROSION INHIBITED CALCIUM CHLORIDE – 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. 3275 was solicited in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for purchase of Liquid Corrosion Inhibited Calcium Chloride for the Public Works Department.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. There were no responses received for this bid. The companies solicited did not bid or informed the City that they did not sell the requested product.

Therefore, the following is recommended:

The Purchasing Administrator re-bid this purchase of Liquid Corrosion Inhibited Calcium Chloride for the Public Works Department.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

29117 RE: ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES

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 projects have been requisitioned following award by the Common Council for on-call engineering contracts, bid #3185, approved at its Regular Meeting of August 10, 2005

1. Project Name: Hartford Road Development Project
Vendor: Fuss and O'Niel Inc.
Amount: \$1950.00
Line Item: Capital Non Recurring Fund
Line Item 219-1300-0517-430
Requested by: Public Works administration
Scope: Environmental testing services at the Hartford Road site

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2. Project Name: Stormwater System Improvements, Resolution #27719-1
Vendor: TO Design LLC
Amount: \$4,000.00
Line Item: Capital Projects Fund
Line Item 008-2703-2225-324
Scope: Consulting services for Walnut Hill Park drainage improvements schematic design
3. Project Name: Engineering Administration
Vendor: Fuss and O'Niel Inc.
Amount: \$4,000.00
Line Item: Capital Non Recurring Fund
Line Item 219-1300-0517-430
Requested by: Public Works Administration
Scope: Standing Order for unanticipated field engineering issues as needed
4. Project Name: Engineering Administration
Vendor: Vanasse, Hangen & Brustlin Inc. (VHB)
Amount: \$3,000.00
Line Item: Capital Non Recurring Fund
Line Item 219-1300-0517-430
Scope: Standing Order for unanticipated field engineering issues as needed
5. Project Name: Engineering Administration
Vendor: BL Companies Inc.
Amount: \$3,000.00
Line Item: Capital Non Recurring Fund
Line Item 219-1300-0517-430
Scope: Standing Order for unanticipated field engineering issues as needed

The above engagements were made in compliance with on-call rules promulgated by the Common Council and meets the criteria thereof.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

29118 RE: EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDERS

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

In accordance with City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division V, Section 2-606a, an emergency purchase order was authorized by the Mayor and issued to the below listed vendor for the purpose specified during the period of April 3, 2006 through May 3, 2006:

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| 1. Electrical Wholesalers, Inc.
Hartford, CT. | \$6,180.00 | Automatic Transfer Switch repair
for the Water Department |
| 2. New Britain Fence Company
New Britain, CT. | \$4,600.00 | Discus/Hammer Throw Protective
Cage Fencing at Willow Brook Park |

The Purchasing Administrator reports that, no formal bid solicitation and advertisement as outlined in the Purchasing Ordinances was made for these specific items. In accordance with section 2-606b of the City Code of Ordinances, the Purchasing Administrator reports:

Item 1: An emergency purchase order was requested by Water Department's Administration for trouble shooting and repairing the automatic transfer switch for the Water Department's emergency generator at the new filtration plant. The Water Department did not have the ability to

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go on emergency power because the transfer switches in the main electrical control panel were not engaging. This required a temporary mend to stabilize the situation and then later replacement of a defective part, an RT Box that steps down the voltage to the controller. GE/Zenith owns the warranty on the RT Box but not the cost to install it.

Item 2: An emergency purchase order was requested by the Parks and Recreation Departments Administration for the construction and installation of Discus/Hammer throw protective cage fencing per design provided by the Parks and Recreation Department at Willow Brook Park. A track meet is scheduled for May 13. The new Discus/Hammer throw protective cage was needed to be constructed and installed by May 13th to meet the minimal requirements to protect the public attending the track meet from harm when the Discus/Hammer is thrown during the meet.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

29019-1 RE: OVERHANGING TREE BRANCHES IN FRONT OF 45 LOUISE COURT

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

The City Arborist inspected the 45 Louise Court property on March 8, 2006 in response to the Council petition regarding trees hanging in the front of that address. There are no City trees at this property or at either of the neighboring properties.

William A. DeMaio
Director of Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

29119 RE: STORM WATER DISCHARGE PHASE II

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

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has mandated implementation of storm water discharge water quality testing and pollution prevention initiatives to assure water quality of all water bodies.

The City of New Britain is currently operating under a five-year permit with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The City of New Britain is in the 3rd year of the 5-year MS4 Storm water permit. This MS4 permit is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency as part of their Phase 2 Storm Water Regulations that evolved from the 1972 Clean Water Act—an act intended to preserve, protect, and improve the nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff. The MS4 storm water permit is applicable for all areas designated as "urbanized areas" (UAs) by the U.S. Census Bureau that includes the entire City of New Britain. Storm water runoff from urbanized areas has been identified as one of the main sources of pollutants to the water bodies it discharges to.

To be compliant with the permit, City must meet the compliance requirements for the six "Minimum Control Measures" set forth in the permit. These include:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm water Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Storm water Management in New Development and Redevelopment

6. Pollution Prevention / Good Housing in Municipal Operations

The City's progress on the MS4 Storm water permit requires the development of a Storm Water Management Plan that describes in detail how the City is going meet each of the six "Minimum Control Measures" including establishing measurable goals for compliance.

As is true with many EPA programs, this permit is an un-funded mandate that will result in the City of New Britain incurring significant costs to remain compliant. The current permit requires point source water testing, water sampling and reporting of water quality results. This requirement for testing will require Public Works contract with an engineering firm that will take on the extensive scope of work associated with compliance. Public Works will come forward, in the near future, with a detailed proposal.

Under Storm Water Discharge Phase II, the City of New Britain is also responsible for raising public awareness about how our storm systems operate and the impact of improper dumping on water quality. It is important to note that we all live within a watershed—an area of land that drains water to a single water body. The implication is that storm water run-off from rainfall, that is not absorbed by the soil, runs off of hard surfaces, to storm drains and is piped to brooks, rivers, ponds and, eventually, the sea.

If the run-off is polluted, watercourses will also become polluted and be degraded.

Educational brochures are presently being developed for residents in English, Polish and Spanish to focus on the types of behaviors that will eliminate pollutant run-off. Public Works intends to offer educational seminars to highlight the behaviors that need to change, help reduce pollutants and, as a result, assure greater protection of water quality. Public Works respectfully requests an opportunity to make a presentation to the Common Council about this program.

Clarence W. Corbin
Director of Public Works

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND HOUSING

28913-1 RE: THE PROPOSED SALE OF 45, 51 AND 124 PUTNAM STREET TO HARTFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (HAHFH)

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

The Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing held a meeting on Tuesday evening, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #28913 – Purchase and Sale Agreement with Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity for 45, 51 and 124 Putnam Street voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Silvia J. Cruz
Chair

29030-1 RE: THE PROPOSED SALE OF 229-231 WASHINGTON STREET TO ROBERT LEACH

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

The Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing held a meeting on Tuesday evening, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #29030 - Purchase and Sale Agreement with Robert Leach for 229-231 Washington Street voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderman Silvia J. Cruz
Chair

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29092-2 RE: 2006 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 Committee on Planning, Zoning and Housing held a meeting on Tuesday evening, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to which was referred the matter of Item #29092-1 – 2006 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs voted to accept and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Alderwoman Silvia J. Cruz
Chair

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

29111 RE: AIRLESS LINE STRIPER – 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. 3272 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for purchase of an Airless Line Striper for the Public Works Department. Funding is available for this purchase from Account Number 001-1333-1831-390.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Responses were received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
Pioneer Mfg. Company Cleveland, OH. 41135	\$7,895.00 (Vendor withdrew bid)
Darf Spray Equipment Riverdale, NJ. 07457	\$15,276.70
Patmark Traffic Products San Marcos, TX.	\$11,999.00
M-B Companies, Inc. of Wisconsin New Holstein, WI. 53061	\$10,861.00
Franklin Paint Company Franklin, MA. 02038	\$9,105.50 (Includes a \$300.00 optional 12" glass bead dispenser and a \$54.50 spare parts package)

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Public Works Director and the Purchasing Administrator. Therefore, the following is recommended:

RESOLVED: That the Purchasing Administrator or his designee be and is hereby authorized to issue a standing purchase order to in the amount of (\$10,105.50 to Franklin Paint Company for the purchase of an Airless Line Striper for the Public Works Department per the specifications of Public Bid No. 3272.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

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**29113 RE: PARKING TICKET MANAGEMENT AND COLLECTION PROGRAM –
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 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. 3241 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain to Parking Ticket Management and Collection Program for the Property Management Department. Funding is available in the Property Management Dept. budget, Account Number 001-1123-5112-320.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Bids were submitted as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
Complus Data Innovations, Inc. Tarrytown, NY	12.5% of all Connecticut Collections 20% of all out of state collections Exception: Postage
MVP Enterprises, LLC. Fairfield, NJ	Disqualified themselves on 5/7/2006 by requesting that their bid be withdrawn and not considered.

The bids were checked for conformance to specifications by the Property Management Department, the Director of MIS and Purchasing Administrator. It was recommended by the Property Management Department to go with the Complus Data Innovations, Inc.

RESOLVED: That the Acting Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to issue a standing purchase order to Complus Data Innovations at the prices quoted, to provide Parking Ticket Management and Collection Program as required by the Property Management Dept., per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3241.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Administrator

Ald. Trueworthy moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

**28913-2 RE: THE SALE OF 45, 51 AND 124 PUTNAM STREET TO HARTFORD AREA
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (HAHFH)**

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

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is committed to the revitalization of its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain owns three vacant lots known as 45,51, and 124 Putnam Street; and

WHEREAS, Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity (HAHFH), a regional community organization that is dedicated to increasing affordable housing and homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income families through sweat equity and volunteer labor, wishes to purchase these lots for a building project to place three single family homes on these sites; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has received a request for transfer of these properties from HAHFH for a total of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) and other valuable consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is interested in encouraging affordable housing, homeownership, improvement in our NRZ areas and increasing its taxable Grand List; now,

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therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a purchase and sales agreement with Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity for the properties known as 45,51 and 124 Putnam Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sale price of not less than \$18,000.00.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29030-2 RE: THE SALE OF 229-231 WASHINGTON STREET TO ROBERT LEACH

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

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is committed to the revitalization of its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain owns a vacant lot known as 229-231 Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, Issues with this lot and the retaining wall contained therein have been addressed by the City by the pending quit claim of the wall and property above to the adjacent property owner, Holy Trinity Church; and

WHEREAS, Robert Leach, who currently owns a construction company and other property in New Britain, desires to purchase this property and build a two family house; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has received a request for transfer of this property from Robert Leach for a total of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00) and other valuable consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain is interested in encouraging economic development and increasing its taxable Grand List; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a purchase and sales agreement with Robert Leach for the property known as 229-231 Washington Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sale price of not less than \$10,500.00.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29092-3 RE: 2006 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 2006 under the following programs: \$1,922,825 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, \$82,346 for the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and \$716,803 for the HOME Program, and

WHEREAS, during the Fiscal Year 2006 it is anticipated that an additional \$164,200 will be received as program income from the CDBG Revolving Loan Funds and that an additional \$223,900 will be received as program income from the HOME Program activities, and

WHEREAS, in order to receive these funds, the City is required to prepare a Consolidated

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Plan for Fiscal Year 2006 that is consistent with the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan which is scheduled to be adopted by the Common Council on May 10, 2006, 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 was scheduled to be held on April 25, 2006, 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 2006 Consolidated Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby adopts the 2006 Consolidated Plan for the City of New Britain's CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development the 2006 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.

2006 Consolidated Plan
Community Development Block Grant Program

PS-1	RSVP of Central CT, Inc.	\$10,000
PS-3	American Red Cross - Transportation to Medical Appointments	\$5,000
PS-4	Senior Center - Community Support Worker	\$12,000
PS-5	Human Resources Agency - Special Needs Recreation Program	\$15,000
PS-6	Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care - Sensitize and Empower for Life	\$15,000
PS-8	Boys' & Girls' Club - Educational/Cultural Enhancement	\$18,620
PS-9	Boys' & Girls' Club - Project VIP	\$18,620
PS-10	Boys' & Girls' Club - Camp Schade	\$27,616
PS-11	Gr. NB Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Education & Career Components	\$21,500
PS-12	YWCA - STRIVE	\$7,840
PS-13	Police Athletic League - Football & Cheerleading	\$26,000
PS-14	Police Athletic League - Summer Youth Program	\$21,000
PS-15	Warm the Children	\$12,500
PS-21	Prudence Crandall Center - New Britain Intervention Program	\$15,000
PS-22	Opportunities Industrialization Center - Advocacy Program	\$10,000
PS-23	United Labor Agency - Workers Community Services	\$38,220
PS-25	YWCA - Sexual Assault Crisis Service	\$16,000
PS-26	Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Awareness	\$10,000
PS-29	Literacy Volunteers - Community Literacy Tutoring	\$16,000
PS-30	Spanish Speaking Center - General Case Management & Social Services	\$30,000
PS-31	Human Resources Agency - Polish Outreach Program	\$33,109
PS-32	Urban Oaks Neighborhood Farm Stand	\$15,000
	Visiting Nurse Association - Senior Outreach Program	\$20,000
1	Gr. NB Teen Pregnancy Prevention - A Home of Our Own	\$19,600
4	Vance Village Parent Teacher Organization	\$90,000
5	Boys' & Girls' Club - Camp Schade Swimming Pool Physical Improvement	\$29,000
6	Library and Youth Museum Parking Lot	\$10,000
7	Commission on Persons with Disabilities - Demand-Response Curb Ramps	\$22,500
8	Human Resources Agency - Ben Franklin Renovation & Building Project	\$134,037
9	Dept. of Municipal Development - Spot Demolition Program	\$144,898
10	Habitat for Humanity Home Ownership Program	\$75,000
11	Neighborhood Preservation Program	\$500,000

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12	Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April	\$40,000
14	Fire Dept. - Code Enforcement	\$40,000
16	Trinity-on-Main - Fire Exit & Emergency Lighting	\$19,200
	General Management & Administration	\$384,565

TOTAL \$1,922,825

The program will provide 99% benefit to low- and moderate-income persons.

Anticipated Program Income

Neighborhood Preservation Program	\$77,800
Business Assistance Program	\$86,400
TOTAL	<u>\$164,200</u>

Emergency Shelter Grant Program

ESG-1	Prudence Crandall Center - Emergency Shelter & Support Services	\$25,000
ESG-2	Farrell Treatment Center	\$8,000
ESG-3	Friendship Service Center - Homeless Shelter/Community Kitchen	\$29,470
ESG-4	Human Resources Agency - Eviction & Foreclosure Mediation Program	\$19,876
TOTAL		<u>\$82,346</u>

HOME Program

HOME-1	HOME Rehabilitation Program	\$90,302
HOME-2	New Construction	\$90,301
HOME-3	Homeownership Program	\$300,000
HOME-7	Human Resources Agency - Supportive Housing for People with AIDS	\$57,000
	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Reserve	\$107,520
	HOME Administration	\$71,680
TOTAL		<u>\$716,803</u>

Anticipated Program Income

HOME Rehabilitation Program	\$11,500
Proceeds from Sale of Property	\$150,000
Homeownership Program	\$62,400
TOTAL	<u>\$223,900</u>

Alderman James Sullivan
Alderman James A. Wyskiewicz

Ald. Wyskiewicz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Trueworthy. Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend by dividing the question into three parts, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt PS-23, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Collins recused herself. Ald. Bielinski moved to adopt PS-5, PS-31, #6, #8, ESG-4, AND HOME-7, seconded by Ald. Bonola. So voted. Ald. Trueworthy and Ald. Catanzaro recused themselves. Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt all the remaining items, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Ald. Hermanowski opposed. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

29120 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEC. 2-50 OF THE ORDINANCES CLARIFYING THAT ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ARE INITIALLY PROPOSED BY RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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 clarify that all amendments to the Code of Ordinances are initially proposed by Resolution of the Common Council as provided in Section 2-47 of the

Code of Ordinances.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that Section 2-50 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. 2-50. Oversight of boards and departments.

Each council subject matter committee may require the attendance at any or all of its meetings upon the giving of at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of key persons from any of the boards, commissions, departments, agencies and authorities of the city within the cognizance of such committee. Each such committee shall keep informed as to the activities and performance of each of the boards, commissions, departments, agencies and authorities of the city within the cognizance of such committee. Members of each committee may be assigned as liaisons to boards, commissions, departments, agencies and authorities of the city within the cognizance of such committee. Each such committee shall submit such reports ~~and resolutions~~ to the common council as it shall deem appropriate. ~~Each such committee shall propose such ordinances as it shall deem appropriate to the boards, commissions, departments, agencies, authorities and functions of the city within the cognizance of such committee. These proposed ordinances shall be presented as the committee's proposal pursuant to section 2-47.~~

(Ord. No. 27765-1, § I, 1-28-04)

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Alderman Peter J. Gostin

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Gostin. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29121 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES ADDING SEC. 17-74, 17-75 AND 17-76 TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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 the Code of Ordinances to establish separate funds for programs administered through the Department of Parks and Recreation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, be amended by adding new sections to be numbered 17-74, 17-75 and 17-76 to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in ~~strikethrough~~; new sections begin with the word [new]):

Sec. 17-74. The youth services fund. [NEW]

This fund shall consist of revenue received in the form of all gifts and donations, fees and/or funds received from any entity or event for the youth services program and Commission on Youth Services Annual Awards Breakfast.

Sec. 17-75. The persons with disabilities fund. [NEW]

This fund shall consist of revenue received in the form of all gifts and donations, fees and/or funds received from any entity or event for the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Americans with Disabilities Annual Celebration and Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Employment of Persons with Disabilities Annual Awards Breakfast or any like event or services for the advancement of persons with disabilities.

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Sec. 17-76. The parks and recreation fund. [NEW]

This fund shall consist of revenue received in the form of gifts and donations to the department of parks and recreation to be used for any program administered by the department.

Alderwoman Tonilynn Collins
Alderwoman Shirley A. Black
Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Alderwoman Silvia J. Cruz
Alderman Salvatore Bonola
Liaisons to Parks and Recreation

Ald. Collins moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Education, Human Services and Parks & Recreation, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29122 RE: "SALE OF EXCESS WATER AGREEMENT" BETWEEN NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AND BERLIN WATER CONTROL COMMISSION

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 Board of Water Commissioners voted at its Regular Meeting of April 11, 2006 to continue the Sale of Excess Water Agreement to the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the current Sale of Excess Water Agreement to the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission expires June 30, 2006; the term of the proposed Sale of Excess Water Agreement is for a period of five (5) years, July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011, and the amount agreed to be purchased by the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission shall be 400,000 gallons per day with no setoff or credit to the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission in the event it does not actually draw or use the 400,000 gallons per day, and,

WHEREAS charges for water furnished to the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission shall be on the same terms as New Britain inhabitants, and there will be no peak use surcharge to Town of Berlin Water Control Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the mayor has approved the Sale of Excess Water Agreement to the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission and recommends it to the Common Council of the City of New Britain in accordance with Section 13-3 of the Charter of the City of New Britain; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain hereby approves the Sale of Excess Water Agreement between the City of New Britain Board of Water Commissioners and the the Town of Berlin Water Control Commission, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Sale of Excess Water Agreement on behalf of the City.

Alderman Lawrence Hermanowski
Common Council Liaison - Water Dept

Ald. Hermanowski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Wyskiewicz. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29123 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES ADDING SEC. 2-757 REQUIRING THE COMMON COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF ANY SALE, PURCHASE OR DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY BY THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

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 require the Common Council's approval for any sale,

purchase or demolition of property by the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development and Department of Municipal Development.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN that the Code of Ordinances, City of New Britain, Article X, Department of Municipal Development, be amended by adding a new Section 2-757 to read as follows (inserted text appears in underline; deleted text appears in strikethrough; new sections begin with the word {new}):

Sec. 2-757. Sale or purchase of property. {NEW}

Any sale or purchase of property by the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development and the Department of Municipal Development shall be subject to approval by the Common Council.

Alderman James A. Wyskiewicz

Ald. Wyskiewicz moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Catanzaro. So voted. Returned on May 11, 2006 without the approval or disapproval of Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

28848-1 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE LEAD PREVENTION 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:

Special Revenue Fund: Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Program Objective: Minimizing the risk of lead poisoning in children through awareness, identification, treatment and intervention. Grant funded personnel perform outreach services within the community in order to promulgate the program plan. The initial year of grant funding, July 1993.

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

WHEREAS; the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has previously notified the City that this grant would be renewed for Fiscal Years 7/1/2004 through 6/30/2006 in the amount of \$92,587 (\$46,293 per year). This has been approved by Council at its November 9, 2005 meeting under resolution #28848, and

WHEREAS; the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health has recently notified the City that this grant award has been increased for year 2 (7/1/05 through 6/30/06) in the amount of \$1,853 for a total of \$48,146, SO, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED; that the Lead budget be increased by \$1,853 from \$46,293 to \$48,146 as follows:

Revenues:		<u>Original</u>	<u>Revised</u>
224-1000-5516-000	State of Connecticut	\$46,293.00	\$48,146.00
Expenditures:			
224-1000-5516-113	Salaries	\$25,693.00	\$33,646.00
224-1000-5516-119	Fringe Benefits	\$14,058.00	\$1,426.00
224-1000-5516-120	Employer Contribution-MERF	\$1,215.00	\$0
224-1000-5516-125	Worker's Compensation	\$684.00	\$500.00
224-1000-5516-129	Administrative Overhead	\$1,060.00	\$2,317.00
224-1000-5516-142	MEDICARE	\$399.00	\$488.00
224-1000-5516-209	Medical Supplies	\$125.00	\$2,225.00
224-1000-5516-210	Office Supplies	\$1,900.00	\$2,650.00
224-1000-5516-221	Operating Material & Supplies	\$200.00	\$1,268.00
224-1000-5516-286	Telephone	\$0	\$400.00
224-1000-5516-288	Education & Training	\$0	\$1,424.00
224-1000-5516-310	Advertising & Printing	\$0	\$600.00
224-1000-5516-375	Recruitment & Training	\$959.00	\$959.00

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224-1000-5516-379	Travel & Transportation	\$0	\$243.00
	Total Expenditures:	\$46,293.00	\$48,146.00

Alderman Adam Platosz

Ald. Platosz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Wyskiewicz. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29124 RE: CONTRACT WITH HARRALL-MICHALOWSKI DOWNTOWN STUDY AND REVITALIZATION 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 city of New Britain has a rich heritage of a vibrant downtown and wishes to take the necessary steps to once again have our downtown be a dynamic mix of retail, commercial and residential activity; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2005 meeting, the Common Council approved an application to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for a \$250,000 grant to fund a downtown study and revitalization plan; and

WHEREAS, Public Bid 3225 was solicited and received in accordance with Purchasing Ordinances of the city of New Britain and duly advertised for a consultant for this study and plan. 19 qualified proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, a task force comprising downtown stakeholders was formed to evaluate the proposals. The 19 bidders were evaluated on the following five criteria: Responsiveness of the written proposal to the purpose and scope of the project; Reputation and professional qualifications of the specific individuals assigned to complete the project; Experience in the completion of similar projects and success in accomplishing established goals on those projects; Demonstrated ability to provide innovative and motivational solutions; and Cost of Services; and

WHEREAS, four finalists were chosen (BFJ Planning, Crane Associates, Harrall-Michalowski, and TPA) to make presentations to the full task force, which took place on February 1, 2006. After lengthy discussion, Harrall-Michalowski was forwarded to DECD as the recommended firm. DECD gave the City approval on April 10, 2006 to proceed with the selection process.

WHEREAS, the team of firms assembled by Harrall-Michalowski will provide a comprehensive plan for the revitalization of New Britain's downtown, including identifying potential public and private funding sources and an emphasis on implementation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a contract with Harrall-Michalowski to act as consultant on the downtown study and revitalization plan at a cost not to exceed \$225,000.00.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio
Minority Leader
Alderman Peter J. Gostin
Alderman Mark H. Bernacki

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29125 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER - \$30,000.00 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

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:

On May 11, 2005, the Council approved a bond authorization (Resolution # 28576-1) in the

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amount of \$4,531,000 for various Capital Equipment purchases throughout the City. Included in this authorization were the following items:

Public Works: Self Propelled Paving Machine	\$138,000
Public Works: Compact Loader	\$150,000

The self-propelled paving machine has been purchased at a cost of \$99,631, \$38,369 less than the budgeted cost. The cost of the Compact Loader is estimated at \$30,000.00 over the budgeted cost.

On April 26, 2006, the Council authorized the transfer of \$1,970.00 to assist in the purchase of two bi-fuel vehicles using a portion of the \$38,369 remaining from the budget for the self-propelled paving machine.

Resolution Purpose:

To transfer a portion of unused monies within the Self Propelled Paving Machine line item to the Compact Loader line item in order to purchase this vehicle.

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2005, the Council approved a bond authorization (Resolution # 28576-1) in the amount of \$4,531,000 which included a self propelled paving machine (\$138,000) and a compact loader (\$150,000), and

WHEREAS, the paving machine has been purchased at a cost which was less than the budgeted amount, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Compact Loader is expected to amount to \$180,000, \$30,000 over the budgeted amount, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that a budget transfer be made as follows:

From:		
215-2291-3100-P44	Self Propelled Paving Machine	\$30,000
To:		
215-2291-3100-L76	Compact Loader	\$30,000

Alderman John Carroll
Alderman Salvatore Bonola

Ald. Carroll moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bonola. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29126 RE: FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION

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:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training (G&T) in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration. The AFG program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. In addition the AFG accepts applications from nonaffiliated EMS organizations for the activities (equipment, training, vehicles, etc.) for which fire departments are also eligible to apply.

The AFG program office offers three grant opportunities in each year. AFG "fire grant" funds are used by the nation's firefighters and first responders to increase the effectiveness of firefighting and emergency response operations. SAFER grants provide funding for the hiring of firefighting personnel and incentives for volunteer recruitment and retention. The third grant opportunity is for Fire Prevention and Safety grants. These grants support not only fire departments, but also other organizations experienced in fire prevention and in firefighter safety research. Through the

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2006, Congress provided \$648 million for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants, with \$108 million of the funding specified for SAFER grants and a minimum of \$27 million for the Fire Prevention and Safety grants.

Resolution Purpose:

To accept and appropriate funding through the 2006 AFG Program for the purpose of purchasing new personal protective equipment (turnout coats and pants) to replace the City's aging equipment. To transfer monies from the Fire Department's full time salary account to a designated special revenue account to which the items will be charged and the grant funds will be recorded.

WHEREAS, the fire department has an opportunity to receive monies from the Department of Homeland Security through its Assistance to Firefighters grant program for the purpose of purchasing turnout coats and pants, and

WHEREAS, the department is planning to purchase 140 units (sets of gear) at approximately \$1,526 each for a total cost of \$213,640, and

WHEREAS, the grant share is approximately 63% or \$134,400 and the City share is approximately 37% or \$79,240 and

WHEREAS, the department has monies available within its Full Time Operations salary account to cover the City's share of \$79,240. This salary account is projected to have a \$650,000 surplus which was slated to cover the cost of departmental overtime. However, measures have been taken to slightly reduce the amount of overtime required as the result of vacations, personal time and holidays. Consequently, funding will be available for the above stated purpose, SO THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the necessary paperwork to secure this grant, and BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$79,240 be transferred from the Fire Department Operations full time salary account as follows:

From:		
001-1221-2210-110	Fire Operations FT Salaries	\$79,240
To:		
001-1910-9001-387	Transfer to Other Funds	\$79,240

AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that both the grant monies and the City match be appropriated within special revenue fund #226 as follows:

Revenue:		
226-0501-0505-074	General Fund – Cash Match	\$ 79,240
226-0501-0504-959	Federal Grant Funds	\$134,400
	Total Revenue	\$213,640
Expenditures:		
226-1221-2210-221	Turnout Gear	\$213,640
	Total Expenditures	\$213,640

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Paul Catanzaro
Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Salvio. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29127 RE: AGREEMENT WITH MCGUIRE GROUP REGARDING THE CITY'S CHRISTIAN LANE TRANSFER STATION FACILITY

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 an effort to determine possible future uses of the City's Christian Lane transfer station facility, the following professional services agreements were previously authorized:

- April, 2001: On-call engagement of Maguire Group, \$13,042, for preliminary evaluation of the transfer station.
- March, 2002: Resolution 26924, engagement of Maguire Group, \$15,000, to conduct an analysis of the City's transfer station to determine whether the facility could be brought back into operation up to its permitted capacity.
- January, 2003: Resolution 26924-1, amendment to 2002 Maguire Group contract, \$8,806, for additional work, to include determination of waste tonnage that can be processed through the Christian Lane facility and preparation of presentations to the BRRFOC.

And,

Whereas, in March, 2004, the Mayor was authorized by the Common Council, via Resolution 27895-1, to execute a service agreement with Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (BRRFOC) to provide renovated transfer station access to BRRFOC as an alternate solid waste disposal facility in the event that the current waste-to-energy facility, Covanta-Bristol, Inc. becomes unavailable; and,

Whereas, subsequent to this agreement an additional professional engineering services engagement was authorized, as follows:

- October, 2004: Via Resolution 28308, Maguire Group was engaged for an amount of \$178,750; the scope was later revised, and the contract amount was revised to \$112,289.50. Services included preparation of an economic feasibility study to evaluate the construction of a new transfer station facility and associated permit modifications for use as a backup facility for BRRFOC; conducting of an exploratory geotechnical investigation of the site and performing an environmental conditions assessment.

And,

Whereas, in August, 2005: Via Resolution 28758-2, Maguire Group was engaged for an amount of \$75,000 for the next phase of transfer station services, intended to assess the market value of the facility; services include the following:

- Preparation of RFP documents and procurement planning presenting three options to potential vendors: vendor-funded rehabilitation and operations, City-funded design-build-operate, vendor-funded design-build-operate.
- Proposal phase to include assistance in final RFP issuance, conduct pre-bid conference, issue clarifications and addenda as may be necessary.

Whereas, Maguire Group submitted a proposal on May 2, 2006 in the amount of \$158,000 to complete the transfer station "Request for Proposal" evaluation and to assist the City of New Britain in negotiating a final proposal that is economically beneficial and in the best interest of the City; and,

Whereas, the proposal dated May 2, 2006, includes the following services:

- Define "Request for Proposal" evaluation criteria, establish rating format and evaluation templates.
- Prepare initial "RFP" technical, business, economic and legal assessment report to

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be utilized for City determination of feasibility of proposals.

- To provide technical assistance and advisory expertise to the City's Selection Committee and participate in all evaluation and interview meetings.
- Upon determination of the most viable project proposals, to manage the negotiation process and offer the City technical advisement in final selection.
- To assist the City in drafting a final agreement and transaction documents.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Maguire Group for services as shown and as stated in the Maguire Group proposal of May 2, 2006 at the stated compensation of \$158,000 and utilizing funds available in Bond Authorization Account #008-2716-4055-324.

Alderman Salvatore Bonola
Alderman John Carroll

Ald. Bonola moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29128 RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION – DUI LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOT

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 Connecticut Department of Transportation's Division of Highway Safety has made available federal highway safety funds for police officer overtime, to support increased driving under the influence (DUI) law enforcement efforts during the coming holiday season, and,

WHEREAS, these funds are used to increase enforcement and media relations related to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs during the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays, and,

WHEREAS, these funds are used to reduce both the number of DUI-related motor vehicle crashes which occur during the period and the number of people killed and injured in such crashes, and,

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to pay 75% of the overtime costs to staff extra DUI patrol activities with the City's match of 25% coming from the Police Department's Cash Match Grants account, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Police Department has the authority to apply for a DUI law enforcement grant in the sum of \$9,400, and

RESOLVED, that Mayor Timothy Stewart be authorized to execute all grant documents with the State of Connecticut DOT on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Memorial Day/Fourth of July DUI Enforcement Program grant in the sum of \$9,400 to provide Federal dollars for overtime to target those that choose to drive under the influence during these holidays, and,

RESOLVED, the sum of \$9,400 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as outlined below:

Revenues:		
288-0500-XXXX-023	State Department of Transportation	\$7,050
288-0500-XXXX-074	General Fund	\$2,350
Expenditures:		
288-1600-XXXX-111	Overtime	\$9,400

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Ald. Paul Catanzaro - Police Liaison

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Ald. Silvia Cruz - Police Liaison
Ald. Lawrence Hermanowski - Police Liaison

Ald. Catanzaro moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29129 RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET ADOPTION – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 – FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT 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 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program is a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) initiative designed to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science, and

WHEREAS, applications are currently being accepted for FY 2006, whereby the DOJ will provide up to \$40,000 in funding to equip, train, and employ forensic laboratory personnel, and

WHEREAS, the Investigative Forensics Laboratory of the New Britain Police Department is requesting authority to apply, with no cost to the City, for funds to purchase software and hardware to update laboratory equipment, training for certification and accreditation and overtime to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, and

WHEREAS, that Mayor Timothy Stewart be authorized to execute all grant documents with the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the City of New Britain for the Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program in the sum of \$40,000, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a sum of \$ 40,000 be appropriated within the special revenue account structure as follows:

Revenue:		
242-0500-0504-959	Grants and Contributions	\$ 40,000
	Total	\$ 40,000
Expenditures:		
242-1600-XXXX-111	Overtime	\$ 20,000
242-1600-XXXX-375	Training	\$ 11,000
242-1600-XXXX-442	Equipment - Software and Hardware	\$ 9,000
	Total	\$ 40,000

Ald. Suzanne Bielinski - Police Liaison
Ald. Paul Catanzaro - 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 May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

29130 RE: CONTRACT WITH DELOITTE CONSULTING LLP FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

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

Like many other large-sized municipalities in the State, the City had made the decision many years ago to adopt a self-insurance program for its medical, general liability and worker's compensation insurance. Overall, it is less costly to maintain a self insurance program than to pay the exorbitant premiums charged by large insurance corporations (with little, if any, flexibility in plan or cost structure). However, there is a fair amount of administrative upkeep associated with self insurance. There is also a fair amount of risk. Therefore, it is imperative that the City adequately fund these plans to avoid incurring a deficit balance. One major component of a self

insurance fund is the claim reserve liability (an estimation of what the City could be liable to pay out to claimants based on claims outstanding). While the City retains a third party provider to handle the extensive number of medical claims filed by plan members, the other two insurance funds are managed in-house through the City's Corporation Counsel. Every other fiscal year, these plans are reviewed by an actuary and an updated reserve amount is determined. The actuary merely reviews data that is supplied to them from the workers compensation database and determines reserves as they see fit. This analysis is strictly mathematical in nature and does not offer any subjective input or even any specific case review. It is independent of any claims review in which the City might engage. This actuarial claims reserve is reflected on the liability section of the fund's balance sheet. Below are the reserve figures as well as the funding status for the past eight fiscal years (derived from the audit reports for the corresponding fiscal years). As you can see, there is a direct correlation between the reserve and the funded status (earnings/deficit or "net assets"). Furthermore, our reserves have been steadily growing. This equates to a greater funding requirement on the part of the General Fund. However, if we can lower the reserves, the impact will not be quite as strong.

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Reserve	\$13,898	\$12,793	\$12,793	\$14,527	\$13,991	\$11,151	\$16,033	\$17,613
Earnings/Deficit	\$ (7,468)	\$ (6,015)	\$ 784*	\$ (1,326)	\$ (1,121)	\$ 2,293	\$ (2,930)	\$ (3,506)

*During the course of FY 2000, bonds were issued for the purpose of adequately funding the W/C reserve balance.

Note: Highlighted columns signify valuation years.

In fiscal years 2003 and prior, the City had engaged the services of Deloitte Consulting LLP for independent claims review. As part of this engagement, the consultant met with Corporation Counsel and Finance, claims were reviewed and adjusted accordingly in our system and the consultant communicated with the City's actuary to reduce the reserves reported at fiscal year end. Since this is a vendor that has worked with the City in the past and is familiar with our databases, methods and employees, it is the recommendation of the Finance Department and Corporation Counsel that the same vendor be retained for this engagement.

Resolution Purpose

To enter into a contract with Deloitte Consulting LLP for the purpose of workers compensation claim review and assessment.

WHEREAS, the City utilizes the services of an actuary every two fiscal years to adjust the claim reserves reported on the liability section of the balance sheet. This affects the overall fiscal status of the fund, and

WHEREAS, the actuary does not perform any individual case review and in fact, determines reserves based on an actuarial method of their choosing, and

WHEREAS, the fund's claim reserve has gradually increased by \$4.8 million since FY 2000. Furthermore, the fund has a deficit balance of \$3.5 million due in part to the growing reserve, and

WHEREAS, by engaging the services of a claims consultant, the City has the opportunity to reduce the claims reserve and thus, reduce in part, the \$3.5 million deficit in the fund, and

WHEREAS, this engagement is anticipated to cost approximately \$52,000. Funding is available within the Worker's Compensation Fund (account #703-1922-1930-320) for consulting services such as this. Furthermore, it is anticipated that, as a result of this review, our claims reserve will be reduced at FY 2006. This equates to a stronger balance sheet for that same year, and

WHEREAS, the City has utilized the services of Deloitte Consulting LLP in the past and this vendor is familiar with the City's methods and ideology as well as employees and systems, SO THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Deloitte Consulting

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LLP for the service of claims review for the period of FY 2003 through present.

Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Approved May 11, 2006.

29131 RE: THE SALE OF 180 CLINTON STREET, FORMERLY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SCHOOL, TO HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY, INC. (HRA)

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 owns real property known as 180 Clinton Street which was formerly the Benjamin Franklin School; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has leased this property to Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. ("HRA") for many years; and

WHEREAS, HRA was founded in 1964 with the mission to help families escape the circle of poverty and improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, HRA works with other nonprofit agencies to develop single point of entry for families into social services area in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, HRA provides human services to more than 15,000 people each year; and

WHEREAS, HRA has been awarded funds to renovate its Early Childhood Learning Center from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) to provide more suitable space for licensure for preschool children; and

WHEREAS, HRA has agreed that within three years from the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy of the renovation but no later than five years from the date of closing said property shall be taxable on the City's grand list for a period of not less than twenty-five years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of New Britain a purchase and sale agreement, a mortgage and service agreement with Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. for the property known as 180 Clinton Street and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance of said property in accordance with the terms of said agreement at a sale price of not less than Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00).

Alderman Louis G. Salvio

Alderman James Wyskiewicz

Ald. Salvio moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Ald. Trueworthy and Ald. Catanzaro recused themselves due to a possible conflict of interest. Approved May 11, 2006 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Salvio moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bernacki. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk