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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 26, 2005**

Mayor Timothy T. Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council to order on Wednesday, the 26th day of October 2005 at 7:57 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

Fifteen members were present at roll call: Ald. Trueworthy, Yeziarski, Collins, Ziccardi, Karp, Wyskiewicz, Sullivan, Sapieha-Yanchak, Lopes, Hermanowski, Black, Cruz, Catanzaro, Bonola and Bielinski.

The invocation was given by Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk: O God, our Heavenly Father, bless this Common council during this political season. Bless the voters and give them the wisdom to elect the best candidates so that the City will be the ultimate winner. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.

Louis G. Salvio led the pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed in memory Marlyn Radke, mother of Mayor Stewart's Chief of Staff, Lisa Carver.

Ald. Bielinski was granted a point of personal privilege in order to congratulate Ald. Michael Trueworthy and his wife, Elena, on the birth of their daughter, Nadia Semler Trueworthy.

The Council stood at ease while Mayor Stewart presented plaques to Ald. Yeziarski, Ald. Sapieha-Yanchak and Ald. Karp, who will not be returning to the Council after the Nov. 8, 2005 Election.

Ald. Karp thanked the Council and said he was grateful for the experience of serving the City.

Ald. Sapieha-Yanchak thanked the Mayor and the Council.

Ald. Trueworthy and Ald. Bielinski thanked Ald. Yeziarski for her years of service to the City.

Ald. Yeziarski thanked the Mayor and members of the Council for their kind words and thanked the voters for the privilege of serving.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to amend the agenda by adding 28821(K), substitutes 28812(1.A), 28818(7) and by moving 28817(6) to the end of the agenda. Motion seconded by Ald. Yeziarski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor.

PETITIONS

- 28822 ALD. SULLIVAN FOR LOOKING INTO CITY TREE BRANCHES LEANING ON HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE BETWEEN HOUSES AT 21 AND 24 BIRDSEY STREET. REFERRED TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.**
- 28823 ALD. LOPES FOR LOOKING INTO COCKROACH INFESTATION AT 36-40 LINCOLN STREET. REFERRED TO BOARD OF HEALTH.**
- 28824 ALD. BONOLA FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CITY ORDINANCES CONCERNING OVERSIZED TRUCK, PARKING LIMITS AT 273 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD. REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- 28825 ALD. LOPES FOR CLEANING OUT STORM DEBRIS IN WILLOW BROOK PARK ADJACENT TO 469 LINCOLN STREET. REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 28826 ALD. COLLINS FOR REPAIRING OF RAISED SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF 297 MAIN STREET. REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

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- 28827 ALD. LOPES FOR LOOKING INTO DANGEROUS WASHED OUT GULLIES ALONG SHUTTLE MEADOW AVENUE BETWEEN RESERVOIR ROAD AND CARETAKER ROAD. REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 28828 ALD. LOPES FOR CUTTING BACK OF OVERGROWN BUSHES AND SHRUBS ON CITY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 268 MONROE STREET. REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 28829 ALD. BONOLA FOR REPAIRING THE ROAD AT THE CORNER OF ROME STREET AND MAPLEHURST AVENUE. REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 28830 ALD. BONOLA FOR REPAVING OF ROADWAY IN FRONT OF 203 OVERLOOK AVENUE. REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Ald. Trueworthy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ald. Yeziarski. Roll call vote – all members voted in favor. Approved October 28, 2005 by Timothy T. Stewart, Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY CLERK

28806 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

- Altieri Mark and Sharon by their Atty. Jonathan E. Spodnick
- Baj, Krystyna by her Atty. Patrick J. Rosenberger
- D'Anna, Anthony
- Dello Russo, Anna
- Diaz, Leoncio
- Knapik, Richard by his Atty. Katherine E. Meshako
- Ruiz, Steven and Feliz Ruiz by their Atty. Daniel B. Scott
- Yopez, Alexandra K.

Peter J. Denuzze

FINANCE DIRECTOR

28807 RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN A DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET 10/5/05 THRU 10/18/05

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) states: "the mayor shall be authorized to transfer monies within a departmental budget upon written request of the petitioning department" and within the transfer guidelines specified in the ordinance provision. Intra-departmental transfers must specify the source of surplus monies proposed to offset the increase in a budget line item citing the necessity of the transfer.

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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 ordinance listed above for the period ending October 18, 2005.

9. Department: Common Council
From: 001-1111-1110-301 (Miscellaneous)
To: 001-1111-1110-111 (Overtime)
Amount: \$250.00
Brief Explanation: Overtime associated with backup coverage of the Bonding Committee

10. Department: Human Rights and Opportunities
From: 001-1410-4100-111 \$845.00 (Overtime)
001-1410-4100-375 \$248.00 (Recruitment & Training)
To: 001-1410-4100-110 (Full Time Salaries)
Amount: \$1,093.00
Brief Explanation: Position Upgrade

John Jedrzejczyk, Director of Finance

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

28808 RE: REFUSE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL, VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS

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. 3203 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for removal and disposal of refuse at various City buildings for the period November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2007, contingent upon annual funding for this purpose. Funding is available for the current fiscal year to provide for the service in operating budgets of the various City departments.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Responses were received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by the Board of Water Commissioners, the Facilities Superintendent and the Acting Purchasing Agent. Pricing was compared by extending quoted unit prices by actual and estimated number of pick-ups required to determine an annual contract cost. Therefore, the following is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Acting Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract at the unit prices stated on the attachment with CWPM LLC, Plainville, CT, for the removal and disposal of refuse at various City buildings for the period November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2007, per the terms and specifications of Public Bid No. 3203.

Joanne Douglas
Finance and Purchasing Administrator

28809 RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PARK DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

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 has been issued for the following under the noted cooperative purchasing plan:

1. Turf Products \$12,000 Infield Pro

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Parks Dept. equipment purchased in accordance with the Capital Equipment Program, funded through the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund line item 215-2291-0512-459. Procurement of the equipment is under State of CT contract 04PSX0211.

Joanne Douglas
Finance and Purchasing Administrator

28810 RE: OUTDOOR EXERCISE SYSTEM – PARKS DEPARTMENT

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

Public Bid No. 3217 was solicited and received in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinances of the City of New Britain for the purchase of an outdoor exercise system for use at Stanley Quarter and Walnut Hill Parks. Funding is available from the National Recreational Trail Grant, line item 240-1511-5111-221.

Invitations to bid were solicited, and the bid was duly advertised. Responses were received are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The bids were reviewed for conformance to specifications by Parks Dept. administration and the Acting Purchasing Agent. It was determined that one bidder only submitted quotes for three of the seventeen items specified; and, further, the equipment quoted by this vendor did not meet specifications in that:

- Equipment is not made for outdoor use; it is smaller gauge steel, rather than the high-grade carbon-fired steel specified.
- As the equipment is for indoor use, there is no means of anchoring it into the ground.
- Specifications called for equipment featuring instructional signs; the equipment quoted by Promaxima did not offer this element.

Therefore, the following is recommended:

Resolved, that the Acting Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$15,698.55 to TriActive America for the purchase of an outdoor exercise system, per the specifications of Public Bid No. 3217.

Joanne Douglas
Finance and Purchasing Administrator

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

28764-1 RE: WALNUT HILL PARK WALKING PATHWAY

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

The Parks Administration looked at the walkway in Walnut Hill Park. We estimate that the 5,020 sq ft walkway will cost between \$15,000-\$20,000 to be replaced by a contractor.

William A. DeMaio
Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

28765-1 RE: TRASH AND DEBRIS CLEANED UP AT 256, 258 AND 261 MAPLE STREET

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

On Tuesday, September 20, 2005 two Groundskeepers were sent to 256, 258, and 261 Maple Street to clean up trash and debris. All the debris was cleaned up and taken out. Grass areas were also all raked and cut.

William A. DeMaio
Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

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28762-1 RE: BRUSH AND BRANCHES CLEARED AWAY FROM HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIGN

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

On Wednesday, September 14, 2005, the Parks and Recreation Department staff cleared the brush and branches away from the Holmes Elementary School sign.

William A. DeMaio
Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

28790-1 RE: POTHOLE AT CORNER OF SHUTTLE MEADOW AVENUE AND LINWOOD STREET REPAIRED

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

Pothole at the corner of Shuttle Meadow Avenue and Linwood Street was repaired on October 6, 2005.

Clarence W. Corbin, Director

TAX COLLECTOR

28811 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.

Fred J. Menditto
Tax Collector

REPORTS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

ETHICS TASK FORCE

28821 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES SECTION 2-446 THRU 2-475 REGARDING CODE OF ETHICS

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

The Ethics Task Force, a largely apolitical, bi-partisan group devoted to the study of municipal ethics and charged with issuing recommendations, was created on December 8, 2004, by Common Council Resolution. The Task Force has met several times over the last ten months. It has held one public hearing at which a number of individuals spoke including Senator Donald DeFronzo, Paul Carver, Louis Salvio, Ann Mikalak, and Treasurer Jason Jakubowski. The Task Force was informed in the Spring of 2005 that legislation from Connecticut General Assembly reforming municipal ethics

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state-wide was imminent. Therefore, by Common Council Resolution, the Task Force was permitted to defer issuing recommendations until after the General Assembly promulgated such legislation. Such legislation was not passed during the regular session of the General Assembly, although there were several bills on municipal ethics that were drafted that the Task Force reviewed and discussed. The General Assembly also met in special sessions, even quite recently. The enactment of state-wide municipal ethics reforms, however, before the next regular sessions of the General Assembly, seems highly unlikely.

Therefore, the task Force has forged ahead and issues ithe following recommendations.

First, the New Britain Ethics Code is unclear in many substantive provisions, and subject to overly broad and vague interpretations, particularly in the substantive provisions defining prohibited conduct that violates the Ethics Code. One of the bills from the General Assembly that was mentioned above provided model code language, the same language that the Town of Plainville adopted when it recently formed an ethics commission and code. We found this language to be clearer than the existing code language in New Britain concerning prohibited conduct. For instance, the definition of "appearance of impropriety" in the current New Britain Code is highly vague and overly broad. That entire phrase, although perhaps appropriate for a code on dining room etiquette, should have no place in a code of municipal ethics that requires precision and appropriate notice as to which specific conduct is prohibited. It is therefore no accident that most codes from other municipalities that we either reviewed or discussed, and the State's Ethics Code, have no such language. A proposed replacement is attached hereto as Exhibit A (on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

Second, the Ethics Code needs to have a better way to be enforced, and that is by the Ethics Commission itself. Currently, the Ethics Code provides that the Common Council can only receive and act upon recommendations from the Ethics Commission. This deprives the Ethics Commission of the power to enforce its decisions, and involves a political body in a process that should not be political. This is marked departure from the manner in which the State Ethics Commission worked, where the Commission itself would enforce the Code. A proposed replacement of the existing Code language is attached as Exhibit B (on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

Third, the manner in which the Ethics Commission should be appointed needs greater clarification, and needs to be less potentially political in nature. The members of the ethics commission should not be active politically and should not be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms. A proposed replacement of the existing Code language is attached as Exhibit C (on file in the Town Clerk's Office).

Finally, the Task Force agreed on the following other changes. In order for the Ethics Commission to operate effectively, its needs funding from the Common Council, and at least secured minimum funding that is not subject to the political winds of elected officials who may not want to support the Ethics Commission, for whatever reason. Gift affidavits similar to those required of state contractors should be required of municipal contractors but should not be made too draconian in executing lest they become overly burdensome. The personnel director should be required to provide a copy of the Ethics Code to all existing employees and any new hire, both of whom should be required to sign a document that states that they have read the Ethics Code, and agree to abide by it. Such a signed document should be filed with the employee's personnel file.

Alderman James F. Sullivan
Chair

Ald. Sullivan moved to accept, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Returned October 31, 2005 without the approval or disapproval of Mayor Stewart.

**NEW BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**

**28812 RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES REGARDING CORRUPT,
UNETHICAL OR ILLEGAL PRACTICES IN CITY GOVERNMENT**

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:

Proposed amendment on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Ald. Sullivan moved to accept and refer to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Law, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Returned October 31, 2005 without the approval or disapproval of Mayor Stewart.

28813 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - \$5,000

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:

Resolution Summary:

Due to the recent occurrence of natural disasters and the constant threat of terrorist attacks, a presidential directive has been issued requiring municipalities to compile and maintain databases of people with special needs. Using this confidential database, City residents with special needs will be identified and will receive assistance should any disaster or evacuation occur. This Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) will be advertised through the general media as well as through the school system, the senior center, motor vehicle tax bills, and other appropriate mechanisms. The objective is to register as many qualified residents as possible.

Resolution Purpose:

To transfer monies within the General Fund account to cover the costs for printing and postage. Monies are available within the City's Contingency account.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a budget transfer be made within the General Fund as follows:

Transfer From:		
001-1910-9001-073	Contingency	\$ 5,000
Transfer To:		
001-1230-2604-310	Advertising/Printing	\$ 5,000

Alderman Suzanne Bielinski
Alderman Paul D. Catanzaro

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Catanzaro. So voted. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

28814 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – YOUTH SERVICE 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:

The Community Services Division is in the process of connecting to the City's data processing network. The department has antiquated computers and equipment incompatible with the City's network. It is anticipated that expenditures will include electrical wiring, as well as computers, monitors, printers, cartridges, and the necessary software. At this time, there is funding available

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(\$13,856) from the Youth Service Bureau fund balance and the Fees and Donations accounts sufficient to upgrade the Community Services Division with this much-needed technology.

Resolution Purpose:

This resolution amends both the YSB budget and the Fees and Donations budget and appropriates monies for the purchase of this computer equipment and electrical work as mentioned above.

WHEREAS, the Community Services Division is in need of technological improvements. The items to be purchased include computer hardware, software and electrical wiring,

WHEREAS, there are monies available both in the YSB fund (fund #278) and the Fees and Donations fund (fund #298) amounting to \$13,856, which is sufficient to cover this project. In the past, the department has drawn down on these excess funds (which were accumulated primarily due to unexpended City funding over the past years) to cover budgetary shortfalls within various grant programs. This is the last of the fund balance in these accounts. THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that monies in the YSB and Fees and Donations fund balance be transferred into YSB revenue and the funds be appropriated as follows:

Fees and Donations Fund

Increase:	298-1445-4165-387	Trans to Other Funds	\$ 3,970
Increase:	298-0500-0505-077	Fund Balance	\$ 3,970

YSB Fund

Increase:	278-0500-0505-387	Trans from Other Funds	\$ 3,970
Increase:	278-0500-0505-923	Trans from Fund Balance	<u>\$ 9,886</u>
		Total Revenue	\$ 13,856
Increase:	278-1423-1427-E22	Other Project Expenses	\$ 13,856

Alderwoman Silvia Cruz

Ald. Cruz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

28815 RE: NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2005

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: As the City's lead agency for persons with disabilities, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities actively participates in the observance of **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** during the month of October during each year.

WHEREAS; most recent data discloses that there are presently approximately 54 million American citizens with disabilities living in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 became a landmark federal civil rights law with the intent that many of the 54 million Americans with disabilities who are unemployed could be gainfully employed with or without "reasonable accommodations"; and

WHEREAS; national data resources report that the unemployment rate among adults with severe disabilities between the ages of 18 and 65 years of age, either unemployed or employed less than full time, still remains unchanged at 65% to 70% since the passage of the A.D.A., and

WHEREAS; there are many issues related to employment of persons with disabilities, that still need to be examined on the local, state and federal level in partnership with the business community before full employment of persons with disabilities will be realized; and

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WHEREAS; "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" is a time when the community should examine its efforts regarding employment opportunities for qualified persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; since its creation in 1977 the Commission on Persons with Disabilities and the City of New Britain have worked diligently to educate the community as to the untapped potential of the City's disabled population, particularly in the area of gainful employment; and

WHEREAS; as a result of these efforts, approximately twenty percent of the City's total population, or approximately 16,000 citizens with disabilities live quality lives today in the City of New Britain; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that all employers and persons with disabilities are urged to continue to work together to empower people with disabilities by guaranteeing equal opportunity to qualified persons with disabilities in the workplace, and all aspects of life in our City; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" be observed and celebrated with the invitational "Fifteenth Annual National Disability Employment Awareness Month Recognition and Awards Breakfast," hosted by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, on Friday, October 28, 2005.

Alderman Silvia J. Cruz
Alderman Salvatore Bonola

Ald. Cruz moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Bonola. So voted. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

28816 RE: TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT – GLOCK ARMORER’S COURSE IN EAST BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

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 tasked to maintain peace and order, and insure the public's safety within the City and,

WHEREAS, the New Britain Police Department has recently upgraded their Glock duty pistols to a heavier caliber pistol, and,

WHEREAS, with any complicated, expensive piece of equipment, personnel must be trained to maintain and repair the equipment and secure the City's investment in these weapons, and,

WHEREAS, Glock, offers a one day Armorer's Course to teach selected officers how to maintain, troubleshoot and repair the Department's new pistols, and, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that four officers from the New Britain Police Department are authorized to attend the Glock Armorer's Course in East Brunswick, New Jersey, with one session on December 6, 2005, and a second session on December 7, 2005, and that expenditures from the Department's Training account be made as follows:

Expenditures

001-1600-1826-375	School Tuition, 4 officers x \$100	\$400.00
001-1600-1826-375	Lodging, 2 rooms x 1 night x \$74.10	\$148.20
001-1600-1826-375	Meals, 4 officers x 2 days x \$40	<u>\$320.00</u>
	Total	\$868.20

Ald. Paul Catanzaro - Police Liaison
Ald. Silvia Cruz - Police Liaison
Ald. Barbara L. Yezierski - Police Liaison

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Ald. Yeziarski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Catanzaro. So voted. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

28796-1 RE: ROUTE 175 TRAFFIC STUDY

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 Common Council was provided with a Traffic Circulation and Accessibility Study report regarding Route 175, Fenn Road, Ella Grasso Blvd. and East Street at its October 12, 2005 meeting; and,

Whereas, the report provided background on the preliminary research of safety problems and potential roadway adjustment concepts related to circulation in this area; and,

Whereas, the City of New Britain, through an advisory committee, has been involved and will continue to participate in the refinement of traffic circulation improvement to provide optimal benefits to New Britain as well as other stakeholders;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Common Council accepts the Traffic Circulation and Accessibility Study's preliminary report and encourages continued efforts, on the part of CCRPA and CRCOG, to collaborate on final recommendations and to develop strategies to secure project funding.

Alderman Salvatore Bonola
Alderman Francis Ziccardi

Ald. Bonola moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Ziccardi. So voted. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

28818 RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$40,000

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:

Resolution Overview: There are a number of technology improvements for the Police Department to enhance their ability to better serve our residents. These improvements will:

- enhance the Police Department's operations,
- reduce liability, and
- improve their ability to perform policing functions efficiently.

WHEREAS, The Council passed a series of ordinances with regard to the management of alarms three years ago, however and the sanctioning portion of the program had been delayed pending acquisition of application software and staff to support it, and

WHEREAS, Alarm management program software has been developed that provides a means to automatically send warning notices, fines, and create suspension lists; all tailored to the local ordinances (now being used in several local communities) and is highly effective, and

WHEREAS, Public Act 05-52 provided that local police are required (effective October 1, 2005) to transmit a digital photograph of each offender to the State Police Bureau of Identification and to have the electronic imaging equipment used to capture these images approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety, and,

WHEREAS, Last year, the Council approved a multi-year lease with COGENT systems for a Live Scan fingerprint system that provides Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) access and the same vendor has an add-on module for digital mug shots that meets national standard, and

WHEREAS, The existing process for scheduling police officers for off duty and overtime assignments is completely manual and is done by a uniformed officer who also assists in the property and evidence management function, and

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WHEREAS, An application exists that will automate the selection of officers for these assignments; assure automated invoicing, and could potentially be linked to municipal accounting and payroll software to avoid double entry, and

WHEREAS, funding is available in Capital Nonrecurring that will cover the technology improvements, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$40,000 be transferred from the below listed account for the purpose of purchasing software and hardware for the Police department as follows:

Budget Transfer:

Increase:		
219-1201-0513-442	Department Equipment	\$40,000
Decrease:		
219-1111-1110-379	Travel & Transportation	\$10,089
219-1125-1000-R28	Voters – Redistricting	5,328
219-1201-0513-321	Legal Services	11,848
219-1230-2400-AA9	Computer Workstations	12,735
		\$40,000

Ald. Barbara L. Yeziarski - Police Liaison
Ald. Paul Catanzaro - Police Liaison
Ald. Silvia Cruz - Police Liaison

Ald. Yeziarski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Catanzaro. So voted. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

Ald. Trueworthy was excused from the meeting.

28819 RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT – DOG FUND - \$3,000

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

Whereas, the City of New Britain has an existing and expanding feral cat population; and,

Whereas, just two feral cats can produce thousands of offspring in a five year period; and,

Whereas, wild cats can endanger the community through the spread of disease to humans and other household pets; and

Whereas, in honor of National Feral Cat day (10/17/05) The City of New Britain is joining the national movement to control feral cat populations though the "catch, neuter and release" methodology; and,

Whereas, if this program reaches its goal of neutering sixty feral cats by the summer of 2006, the city may be eligible to pursue a federal grant to continue this program into the future; therefore, be it

Resolved, that City Animal Control and volunteers from the Animal Alliance Welfare League will be responsible for identifying and transporting feral cats to Hartford Veterinary Hospital, 2300 Berlin Turnpike, Newington for neutering; and be it further

Resolved, that the Finance Department will process all bills relating to the approved veterinarian until such funds are depleted; and be it further

Resolved, that monies be appropriated from the Dog Fund fund balance in the amount of \$3,000 as follows:

Increase Revenue:		
205-0500-0505-077	Fund Balance	\$ 3,000

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RESOLUTION

28817 RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOCAL 818 UNION (SUPERVISORS)

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 Local 818 have concluded negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for a collective bargaining agreement covering the period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS: The Local 818 employees have ratified the tentative agreement; and

WHEREAS: Action is required by the Common Council of the City of New Britain in accordance with Ordinances of the City of New Britain and Connecticut General Statutes:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the proposed agreement between the City of New Britain and the Local 818 Union be and hereby is approved by the Common Council of the City of New Britain.

Alderman Michael Treworthy
Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt, seconded by Ald. Hermanowski. So voted. Ald. Yeziarski and Ald. Ziccardi recused themselves from the vote. Approved October 28, 2005 by Mayor Timothy T. Stewart.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Ald. Yeziarski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Bielinski. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST: Peter J. Denuzze, City Clerk