

# *COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL*



**MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

**CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103**

**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

**ACTION TAKEN**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution to accept the donation of a bus shelter from the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD).
2. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$84,578.00 for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PEHP) from the Capitol Region Council of Governments.
3. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$770,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Injury Prevention Program from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).
4. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$62,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) ODMAP Project from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).
5. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying resolution that would authorize the execution of an extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium.
6. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying Greater Hartford Flood Commission Annual Report.
7. **MAYOR BRONIN**, with accompanying Hartford State of the Forest Report 2019.
8. **OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**, Communication discharging resolution authorizing the City to sell 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue, and 8 Francis Court to the New Samaritan Corporation
9. **QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**, Communication concerning the nomination of Interim Police Chief Jason Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford.
10. **QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**, concerning postponement of resolution calling for a Search and Interview Process for Hartford's Next Police Chief that Involves Hartford's Residents and Police Department Employees.

**REPORTS**

11. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**, with accompanying resolution confirming the nomination of Interim Police Chief Jason Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford.
12. **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution confirming the reappointed Frank Lord and Jennifer Cassidy to the Greater Hartford Transit District and to postpone the appointment of Raul Irizarry.
13. **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution authorizing the City to sell 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue, and 8 Francis Court to the New Samaritan Corporation.
14. **QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**, with accompanying resolution confirming the appointment of Gloria Brown to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women.

**FOR ACTION**

15. **Ordinance** amending General Fund Appropriations to Reflect Revised Project Costs Relative to Public Improvements in The Burns Latino Studies Academy.
16. **Ordinance** Amending General Fund Appropriations to Reflect Revised Project Costs Relative to Public Improvements at Bulkeley High School.

17. **Ordinance** making it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product.
18. **Resolution** with accompanying report confirming the nomination of Interim Chief Operating Officer Thea Montañez as Chief Operating Officer.

**RESOLUTIONS**

19. **(MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILMAN LEBRON) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON)** Resolution appointing Noel F. McGregor to serve as the Hartford Town & City Clerk for an indefinite term in accordance with the Charter, Municipal Code and all applicable laws of the State of Connecticut.
20. **(MAJORITY LEADER CLARKE II) (COUNCILWOMAN SURGEON)** Resolution requesting that the Hartford City Council in collaboration with the Mayor's Office and the Hartford Board of Education, to declare the City of Hartford a STEM city.

**Attest:**

**Eric T. Lusa**  
**Acting City Clerk**



ITEM# 1 ON AGENDA

**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Bus Shelter Donations**

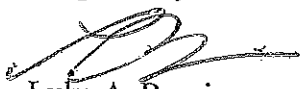
Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution to accept the donation of a bus shelter from the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD). The bus shelter is planned to replace an existing shelter on the eastern side of Market Street at the CTfastrak stop in front of 100 Constitution Plaza. GHTD has secured funding to purchase and install the new bus shelter. The Downtown Business Improvement District has agreed to assume responsibility for normal cleaning and maintenance of the bus shelter. This shelter serves hundreds of riders every day and this donation will help improve customer experience.

The city also anticipates that, subject to prior review and approval from the Department of Public Works (DPW), GHTD will be donate other bus shelters for installation. Therefore, the attached resolution also authorizes the City to accept additional donations going forward.

The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

**550 Main Street**  
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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 24, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hartford has been offered a donation by the Greater Hartford Transit District of a bus shelter, and

**WHEREAS**, the bus shelter is proposed for installation as a replacement for the existing shelter on Market Street at the CTfastrak & transit stop in front of 100 Constitution Plaza, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Hartford Transit District has secured the funding for both the purchase and installation costs for the bus shelter, and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) will be responsible for normal cleaning and on-going maintenance of the bus shelter, and

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonably anticipated that GHTD will be, subject to prior review and approval of the City's Department of Public Works, donating other bus shelters for installation in locations that are approved by said Department of Public Works that will improve the experience of all transit riders in Hartford, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to accept the donation of a bus shelter from the Greater Hartford Transit District as described above, to accept the donations of such other bus shelters from the Greater Hartford Transit District as are approved by the City's Department of Public Works, to execute any and all related legal instruments, and to take such other actions, as he and the Office of the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City, in order to effectuate and/or further the acceptance and installation of both the bus shelter as described above and the aforementioned other bus shelters, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to take any of the other aforesaid actions, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.



ITEM# 2 ON AGENDA

**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Fiscal Assistance (PHEP)**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$84,578.00 for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PEHP) from the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

These funds allow DHHS to pay the salary and the fringe benefits of a program staff coordinator who will conduct public health emergency preparedness activities, including risk assessment, drills and exercises, and emergency operations coordination.

This resolution authorizes DHHS to accept funds available from the Capitol Region Council of Governments and to execute contracts and contract amendments in accordance with the PHEP award for the period 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2020. Accepting this grant will have no revenue or expense impact on the City's General Fund. DHHS is happy to answer any questions you may have.

We respectfully request that this grant be acted on at the February 24, 2020 Council meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 24, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Capitol Region Council of Governments has advised the City of Hartford through its Department of Health and Human Services of the availability of \$84,578.00 in grant funding under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Fiscal Assistance (PHEP) to conduct public health emergency preparedness activities for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, The City proposes to utilize these funds for the PHEP; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of these funds supports the City's overall commitment to conduct public health emergency preparedness activities; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to apply for and accept \$84,578.00 in grant funds from Capitol Region Council of Governments for the funding period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract, and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.



ITEM# 3 ON AGENDA

**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
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**RE: Opioid Overdose Grant**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$770,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Injury Prevention Program from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).

DHHS has been planning a variety of initiatives to help combat the opioid epidemic using this funding, in partnership with community organizations, and they are happy to answer any questions you may have.

This resolution authorizes DHHS to accept funds available from DPH, and to execute contracts and contract amendments in accordance with the HHP award for the period 6/1/2020 through 8/31/2022. Accepting this grant will have no revenue or expense impact on the City's General Fund.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 24, 2020

**WHEREAS**, The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) wants to decrease the number of opioid-related deaths across the state by partnering with local municipalities, and

**WHEREAS**, DPH released a Request for Proposals, selected the City of Hartford as recipient of these grant funds, and funded DHHS in the amount of \$770,000, now, therefore, be it and

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to accept a grant of \$770,000 from the State of Connecticut DPH, and to enter into a contract with DPH for the purpose of supporting the OD to Action in Connecticut Communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract, and expend the State of Connecticut DPH funds; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.



ITEM# 4 ON AGENDA

**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
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**RE: ODMAP Grant**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant of \$62,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) ODMAP Project from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).

These funds allow DHHS to use ODMap to collect and analyze overdoses on a daily basis, helping DHHS to take a proactive approach to the opioid crisis by giving clear data on where opioids are being utilized at the neighborhood level.

This resolution authorizes DHHS to accept funds available from DPH, and to execute contracts and contract amendments in accordance with the ODMAP Project award for the period 9/1/2019 through 8/31/2021. Accepting this grant will have no revenue or expense impact on the City's General Fund. DHHS is happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 24, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has advised the City of Hartford through its Department of Health and Human Services of the availability of \$62,000 in grant funding under the ODMAP Project to support data analysis and harm reduction activities in the City for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, The City proposes to utilize these funds for the ODMAP Project; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of these funds supports the City's overall commitment to decrease the number of overdoses and overdose deaths by partnering by better using data to drive decision-making and resource allocation; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Hartford to apply for and accept \$62,000 in grants from DPH for the funding period September 1, 2019-August 31, 2021 to be used for the ODMAP Project administered by the Hartford Department of Health and Human Services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract, and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreements or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.



ITEM# 5 ON AGENDA

**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
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**RE: License Agreement-Hartford Athletic – Chase Lot**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution that would authorize the execution of an extended license agreement between the City of Hartford ("City") and The Hartford Athletic ("HA") for the use of a parking lot during events at the stadium. The City-owned land at 260 Huyshope Avenue (the "Property") is also known as the Chase Lot. A parcel map and description of the property is attached as Exhibit A.

Hartford Athletic is currently operating under a Stadium Use Agreement dated February 25, 2019 with the City for the use of Dillon Stadium. The Use Agreement provides for HA's use of the Property for parking purposes to accommodate the needs of people attending events. Last season, HA utilized the Property for parking under a June 1, 2019 license agreement which ended on December 31, 2019. Per the license agreement, the term shall be extended to ten (10) years subject to approval by the Hartford Court of Common Council.

The license agreement would provide HA with a long-term parking solution that will help to ensure the club's continued success in the City. The Department of Development Services and Corporation Counsel are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, February 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hartford ("City") owns a certain parcel of land at 260 Huyshope Avenue also known as the "Chase Lot" in close proximity to Dillon Stadium, totaling approximately six acres (collectively, the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Athletic which has utilized the Property for parking for sporting events under a license agreement with the City since June 1, 2019 for a six (6) month term ending on December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, As provided within the 2019 license agreement, the Hartford Athletic has the option to extend the license agreement with the City for an additional ten (10) years to continue utilizing the Property for parking subject to approval by the Hartford Court of Common Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the new license agreement would provide Hartford Athletic with a long-term parking solution that will help ensure the club's continued success in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Terms of the Licensing Agreement are set forth in a Term Sheet attached hereto, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, subject to review and approval of the Term Sheet, to enter into a non-exclusive license agreement with the Hartford Athletic, LLC, and be it further

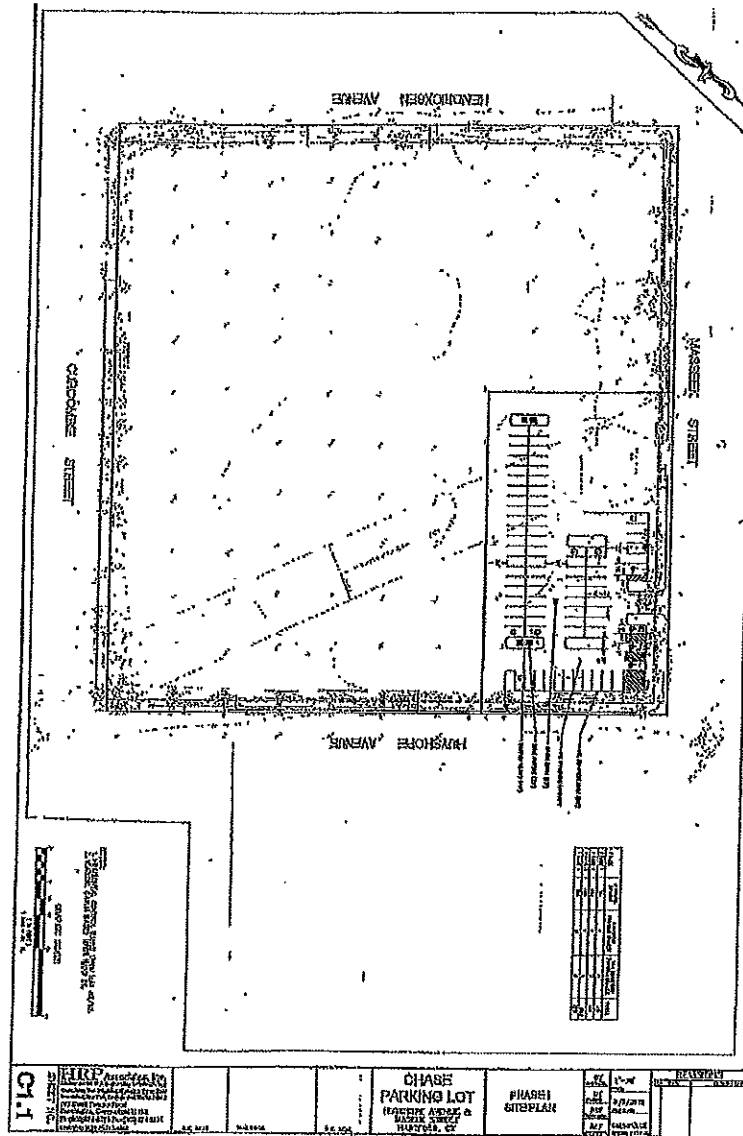
**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents, and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction, upon approval of the Term Sheet; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

## Exhibit A

A certain parcel of land located at 260 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, CT, bounded by Masseek Street to the North, Huyshope Avenue to the East, Curcombe Street to the South and Hendricxsen Avenue to the West, as more particularly depicted on the map below.





**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

ITEM# 6 ON AGENDA

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
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**RE: Greater Hartford Flood Commission Annual Report**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your review is the annual report submitted on behalf of the Greater Hartford Flood Commission for the City of Hartford. This annual report is mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the commission for 2019.

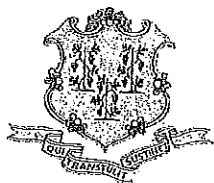
Please direct any and all questions on this report to the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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## GREATER HARTFORD FLOOD COMMISSION

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### Annual Report of the Greater Hartford Flood Commission January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

To: Court of Common Council, Hartford  
Town Council, West Hartford  
Town Council, Bloomfield  
Town Council, Newington

#### 1. FLOOD EVENTS

- a. During the calendar year 2019 there were 5 flood events (36 days). A flood event is defined as the Connecticut River reaching "Action Stage" or 12 feet (1929 NGVD). The Flood Events were as follows:

1/25/19 to 1/28/19 with a crest of 14.29 feet  
4/2/19 to 4/3/19 with a crest of 12.33 feet  
4/9/19 to 4/20/19 with a crest of 13.16 feet  
4/15/19 to 5/3/19 with a crest of 20.29 feet  
12/15/19 to 12/18/19 with a crest of 15.64 feet

During these events, inspections of the Levee System were conducted and the System was found to be satisfactory. All stations were activated during these events and the personnel operating them performed well.

#### 2. INSPECTION, ANALYSIS and CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- a. Routine & Periodic Inspections: Routine inspections of the System were completed. The city inspection reports were submitted to the USACE via semi-annual reports in March and August 2019. The inspections include Earthen Levees, Concrete Floodwalls, Drainage Structures, Utility Penetrations, Pressure Conduits, Park River Conduit Gate Valves, Pumping Stations, and Flood Control Channels.
- b. Routine Flood Control Levee System Maintenance: This work includes various maintenance projects for the levee system. The work consists of mowing the dikes, rip rap restoration, drainage ditch clearing, animal boring control, miscellaneous repairs and sediment and debris cleaning after flood events. The work was conducted by Northern Tree Service. (Year #2 of a 3 year contract)

(1) This report is submitted to the governing bodies of the towns of West Hartford, Bloomfield, Newington and the City of Hartford as required by the Special Laws 1955, Act. No. 72, Section 18 and the Charter of the City of Hartford.



- c. The United States Army Corp of Engineers published the Semi-Quantitative Risk Assessment (SQRA) of the Hartford Flood Protection System in March 2019. The SQRA reviewed the incremental risks associated with the System and its condition. Further information on the SQRA is provided below.
- d. Highest Priority Pump Station Repair Project (South Meadows Pump Station Repairs): A Change Order has been submitted to replace the deteriorating pump flow guides in three of the pumps and repair of the damaged impellor in Pump #1 located at the South Meadows Pump Station. The work is anticipated to be completed in 2020.
- e. North and South Meadows Bar Screen Installation and Cleaning Mechanism Replacements: A Change order is being developed to replace the damaged Keney Lane Pump Station bar screens as well as complete additional site work at the South Meadows Pump Station. The site work includes the regrading of the access drive to the trash rake, adjustment of the existing concrete block retaining wall, replacement of a failed storm drainage outfall and repaving of the pavement located to the east of the building. The work is anticipated to be completed in 2020.
- f. Closure Structure Upgrades: DPW continued to work with Amtrak on the design of the renovation of Closure Structure. A sub-consultant specializing in railroad / Amtrak work will be added to the design team to assist in the development of the final design plans. The design phase is scheduled to be completed in 2020.
- g. South Meadows Dike Impervious Blanket: The semi-final design plans for the project have been completed. The semi-final plans include a levee surface repair plan and calls for the repair of the riverside impervious shell. DPW has proposed modifying the Impervious Blanket and Toe Drain Replacement Projects due to concerns associated with the impacts of the construction projects on the operations of Brainard Airport and degrading the level of levee protection during construction. The Impervious Blanket Project would require reducing the height of the levee to install the haul road and the levee riverside embankment would be exposed to scour during the installation of the impervious blanket. DPW is proposing to install a chimney / blanket drain and berm on the landside embankment to address potential seepage issues associated with the Clark Dike. If the DPW's proposal is acceptable to the USACE, elements of the Impervious Blanket Project will be combined with the Toe Drain Replacement Project and the Impervious Blanket Project will be abandoned.
- h. Toe Drain Design Replacement Project: As noted above the Basis of Design Report has been revised to recommend the installation of a chimney / blanket drain along with the berm on the land side of the levee embankment to address seepage. The proposal will include the abandonment of the existing toe drain in the area of the chimney drain. A new toe drain will be installed at the new toe of the landside berm. The entire existing flood protection system collector drain / toe drain system has been evaluated to determine which elements are required to

meet current USACE requirements and as well as identifying elements of the drainage system that are not required. Portions of the toe drain sections are identified to be permanently abandoned, other elements will receive point repairs and sediment will be removed where required. The revised basis of design report and the evaluation have been submitted to the USACE for their review. The development of the design plans and securing of the appropriate regulatory permits will commence once a final decision is made on the proposed design modification.

- i. Piezometer Monitoring Program: The System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) requires DPW to monitor ground water elevation data during high water events especially for the levee segments located along Interstate 91 between the Founders Bridge and the Bulkeley Bridge as well as the Clark Dike levee segment. An evaluation of the existing piezometer and data loggers located along the System has been submitted to the USACE for approval. DPW is evaluating the current available technology which could be utilized to establish remote monitoring of the piezometer data in order to provide daily access to the data as well as reduce the amount of labor required to download the data. The monitoring of piezometers is scheduled to be implemented in 2020.
- j. Interim Risk Reduction Measure (IRRM) Outline: The System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) requires DPW to develop and implement IRRMs related to various deficiencies until structural improvements are constructed. IRRMs include heightened level of monitoring as well as a defined action plan to address the issues related to known deficiencies. The IRRM outline associated with seepage in the area of the Bulkeley Bridge and the Clark Dike have been submitted to the USACE for their review. The various IRRMs are scheduled to be developed in 2020.
- k. Dutch Point Floodwall Evaluation and Monitoring: A stability analysis and recommendations to address movement at the Dutch Point floodwall located at Sta. 38+41M was developed. The joint is the transition between pile-supported wall segment to the south and the non-pile supported wall segment to the north. The factor of safety for the steady-state and the rapid drawdown are above the USACE minimums. Joint movement is thought to be related due to temporarily lowered factor of safety during drops in the river levels after period of sustained high water levels. Due to the need for continued monitoring of the joint, options have been developed to improve the accuracy as well as the amount of data collected annually during the flood wall monitoring effort. The Dutch Point Floodwall Stability Analysis and the revised floodwall monitoring protocol have been submitted to the USACE for their review. An action plan will be developed based on the USACE's feedback.
- l. Floodwall Freeboard Evaluation (Bulkeley Bridge to Sta. 1+10NM): The existing north wing wall of the Bulkeley Bridge was incorporated into the levee

system as part of the original flood protection system construction. At some point, a portion of the wing wall was reduced in elevation by up to 5 feet from the original design. A visual inspection and a survey of the area has been completed. The report has been transmitted to the USACE for their review and comment. DPW will be discussing developing a long-term capital project to address the reduced freeboard in this area.

- m. Floodwall and Closure Repair Project: The repairs of various concrete floodwall deficiencies are currently in the design phase. The project involves corrective actions to address areas of deteriorated / cracked concrete, areas of spalling as well the replacement of deteriorating joint sealant material. The design phase is scheduled to be completed in 2020.
- n. Armory & Pope Park Pump Station Corrosion Issues: A corrosion assessment report associated with the mechanical piping and components has been conducted. No significant corrosion loss on the pipe runs was noted but some of the bolts / nuts are heavily corroded and some of the pipe collars have failed. The report containing recommendations has been transmitted to the USACE for their review. DPW will explore developing a plan to address the corrosion related issues once the USACE provides their feedback.
- o. Bushnell Park & Keney Lane Pump Station Stilling Well Replacement: In April 2019, the Bushnell Park pump station stilling well failed during a high water event resulting in the flooding of the pump room. DPW with the assistance of the Metropolitan District (MDC) were able to control the flooding of the station until temporary repairs could be completed. Replacement of the failed stilling well at the Bushnell Park pump station was completed in 2019. Inspections of the stilling wells located at the other pump stations were conducted to determine their condition. Deficiencies associated with the stilling well at the Keney Lane pump station have been identified and replacement of the stilling well is scheduled for early 2020.
- p. Pump Station Megger Testing: Megger testing of the electrical conductors and motors was conducted in the six pump stations. Various safety and reliability issues were identified. DPW Facilities has implemented temporary repairs to address the various safety concerns and has commenced the development of a corrective action plan to permanently address the various safety / reliability issues. The corrective actions are scheduled for early 2020

### 3. 2019 GREATER HARTFORD FLOOD COMISION ACTIONS

- a. Approved a resolution on February 26, 2019 authorizing the Flood Control Director to take the reasonable and necessary actions to seek funding and resources required to address flooding issues related to debris located along the North Branch of the Park River.

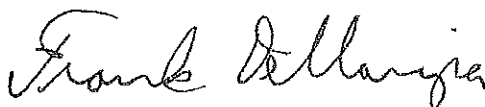
- b. Approve an application by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00980B – State Project No. 63-712. Elements of the bridge are located within the Hartford Flood Protection System right of way and the Connecticut River flood plain.
  - i. Granting of temporary construction easements within Riverside Park, the access road to the Park and the Hartford Flood Protection System right of way which are required to rehabilitate the bridge.
  - ii. Modification of the storm drainage system and grouted drainage swale on the Hartford Flood Control levee embankment related to modifications to the bridge drainage system.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. SWIF Program- The City of Hartford has voluntarily entered into the System Wide Infrastructure Framework Program (SWIF) through the submittal of a Letter of Intent, which was accepted by the USACE on August 11, 2015. The SWIF program provides the City of Hartford with the opportunity to transition its levees over time to USACE standards. By using the SWIF program, the City can prioritize deficiencies to address the highest risks first to work toward achieving system-wide risk reduction. The latest draft of the SWIF report was submitted to the USACE on October 1, 2019. The USACE is currently reviewing the document.
- b. USACE Semi-Quantitative Risk Assessment Pilot Program (SQRA) - The USACE published the semi-quantitative risk assessment (SQRA) for the Hartford Flood Control System in March 2019. The SQRA provides both long term and short term value. In the short term, the results can be used to help better prioritize items that are being considered as part of the SWIF program. In the long term, the results will help the City focus its resources (time and money) in key areas within the system and allow the City to make investment decisions based on which actions have a higher benefit in terms of risk reduction.
- c. Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA) – The Act which was signed into law in October 2018 includes authorization for a feasibility study of the Hartford Flood Protection System. Federal funding is unavailable for the feasibility study. DPW submitted requests in 2019 to seek federal funding of the study.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Dellaripa, P.E.  
Director, Greater Hartford Flood Commission



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

ITEM# 7 ON AGENDA

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Hartford State of the Forest Report 2019**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your review is the annual report submitted on behalf of the Tree Advisory Commission. This annual report is mandated by City Ordinance and recounts the activities of the commission for 2019.

Please direct any and all questions on this report to the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Hartford State of the Forest Report 2019**

*The State of the Forest Report is an annual report prepared by the City Forester and the Tree Advisory Commission. It is a requirement of Hartford's Tree Ordinance. It should be viewed as an addendum to the Hartford Tree Plan adopted by the Hartford City Council on October 15, 2019. This report was adopted by the Tree Advisory Commission on February 5, 2020.*

### **State of the Forest Update**

- During fiscal year 2018-19, 259 trees were removed by contractors. 141 trees were pruned. Total cost to the City of Hartford for contracted forestry services was \$491,894.75. \$15,804.00 was for treatment and special care, and \$150,086 was for Emerald Ash Borer removals and pruning of treated trees.
- During fiscal year 2018-19, the only trees planted using municipal funds were 125 trees planted on the grounds of five schools in the Keep Kids Cool project with funding from the Hartford Decides citizen budgeting program. Trees were planted by Knox at SAND School, Journalism and Media Academy, Dwight Bellizzi School, Batchelder School and Wish School. Total cost was \$75,000.

### **Accomplishments of the City Forester and Tree Advisory Commission – 2018-19**

- Submitted Hartford Tree Plan to DPW Director for approval and submission to mayor and city council.
- Completed a conceptual tree planting plan for submission to the City of Hartford Tree Working Group. The plan outlines percentage targets for ultimate sizes of trees to be planted, preferred species, and criteria for selecting planting locations.
- Obtained Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA designation for the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
- Successfully promoted the adoption of the revised City of Hartford Tree Ordinance.
- Established "Capital Forest," the Facebook page for Hartford's trees.
- Held an Arbor Day tree planting event at Columbus Park on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in collaboration with Knox.

### **Tasks completed by the City Forester – 2018-19**

- Responded to 292 Public Stuff (3-1-1) cases.
- Responded to 150 emergency storm response cases
- Responded to approximately 100 additional cases that did not come through the Public Stuff system.
- Issued 40 private tree removal permits.

- Required removal of 5 hazardous trees on private property.
- Reviewed 60 tree plans submitted to the Department of Development Services
- Removed 40 dying Ash trees, treated 98 Ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer, and worked with CT Agricultural Experiment Station on an EAB research project that treated 67 trees.
- Trained 12 DPW maintainers in chain saw use and safety so that they would be available for emergency response and other tasks not requiring a tree trimmer.
- Complete a hazard inventory of half of the city's streets, identifying 238 trees needing to be removed and 225 trees requiring safety pruning.

**Tree Advisory Commission and City Forester Goals – 2019-20**

- Complete city-wide inventory of 30,000 street trees, street tree planting locations and trees in park active use areas.
- Promote planting of at least 1500 trees in the 2020-21 City budget
- Continue to investigate establishment of a program to encourage and fund tree planting on private properties
- Publicize Hartford's first City Tree and the first group of legacy trees.
- Update the City forestry website
- Fill two vacant seats on the Tree Advisory Commission
- Investigate bi-lingual tree removal placard.
- Continue treatment and removal of Ash trees as indicated.
- Monitor and promote re-establishment of the Forestry Crew.
- Support the work of the City's Tree Working Group including promotion of the conceptual tree planting plan
- Promote creation of a tree planting and management plan for the forest area around Brainard Airport.
- Collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the Advisory Commission on the Environment to implement the Hartford Tree Plan and to enhance communications.
- Sponsor the first annual Hartford Tree Appreciation Celebration.
- Assist in planning and promoting Earth Day and Arbor Day observances in Hartford.
- Work with DPW staff, the City Treasurer, and others to establish and use a process for accessing the Hartford Tree Fund to support tree planting.
- Work toward creation of tree planting plans for all Hartford parks.
- Establish a system for tree protection during development projects managed by the State of Connecticut.
- Support and cooperate with the work of the City's Sustainability Office.
- Assist the City's Sustainability Office and TO Design staff to develop a Hartford Urban Tree Canopy Action Plan
- Assist DEEP and others to develop a Keney Park Climate Resiliency & Management Plan

## Hartford Tree Planting Plan

This is a conceptual plan to provide guidance for any tree plantings in the city in the near future. Recommended species may change based on experience and changes in the environment.

### **Tree Sizes**

In our recommended tree list, trees are classified as small, medium, and large. In general, small trees are suitable for planting under utility lines or as ornamental accents to home grounds. Typically, small trees grow no higher than 25 feet. Medium trees are typically in the 40 to 50 foot range. They are suitable for various locations that are somewhat constrained. Large trees can reach 70 to 80 feet or higher. Because of the volume of their mature crowns, they provide the greatest environmental and health benefits per tree.

During FY 2016-17, 31% of trees planted were small size, 3% were medium, and 70% were large. We recommend that in the coming year, to get the most value for dollars spent, 75% of trees planted should be large, 5% should be medium, and 20% should be small.

### **Tree Species**

Within each size range, there should be a range of options to fit specific circumstances, availability, and preferences of neighbors. We are recommending about ten species for each size range, though our recommended tree list is more expansive. Trees are listed alphabetically by botanical name. Fastigate trees should be used only where circumstances prevent the use of trees with more spreading habit.

#### **Small**

Amelanchier canadensis	Shadbush, serviceberry, x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'
Carpinus caroliniana	American Hornbeam (this one needs a lot of shade to grow)
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud
Cornus kousa	Kousa Dogwood
Malus ioensis	Prairie Crabapple
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood
Prunus cerasifera	Cherry plum
Prunus cerasifera Thunderleaf	Purple Leaf Plum
Prunus serrulata	Kwanzan Cherry
Syringa reticulata	Japanese Tree Lilac
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn



**Medium**

<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Hackberry
<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	Yellowwood
<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	Hardy Rubber Tree
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honey Locust
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum, Tupelo
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Eastern hophornbeam
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>	Amur Corktree
<i>Quercus robur</i> f. <i>fastigiata</i>	Fastigate Oak
<i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>	Pagoda Tree
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber tree magnolia
<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	Big leaf Magnolia

**Large**

<i>Carya glabra</i> & <i>tomentosa</i>	Pignut Hickory, Mockernut Hickory
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Coffee Tree
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree
<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	Overcup Oak
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak, also: <i>Q. coccinea</i> (scarlet oak)
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Linden
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine

**Planting location**

In general, the vast majority of planting should be done in areas that have demonstrated significant heat island effect in our satellite imagery analysis. Specific planting locations should be based on the desirability of the location for the health of the trees and the wishes of adjacent property owners. Most trees should be planted in or adjacent to public rights of way or on public lands where paved areas or locations where people gather would benefit from additional shade. Other considerations such as screening, noise reduction, aesthetics, or maintenance of tree lines may be taken into account.

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## Communication

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

**RE:126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue and 8 Francis Court to the New Samaritan Corporation.**

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

Request to discharge the January 13, 2020 referred resolution to the Operations, Management Budget and Government Accountability (OMBGA) Committee concerning the purchase of 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue and 8 Francis Court to the New Samaritan Corporation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maly D. Rosado  
Co-Chair OMBGA

Thomas J. Clarke II  
Co-Chair OMBGA

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## Communication

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
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Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held a special meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Classical Magnet to discuss the following item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### **Item #1**

**Confirming the nomination of Interim Police Chief Jason Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford. (Item #1 on Agenda 1/27/20)**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman Thomas J. Clarke, II, Co-Chairman James Sánchez, Council President Rosado, Councilman Gale, Councilwoman Surgeon, Councilman Lebron, and Councilwoman Bermudez. Also present were Thea Montanez, Chief of Staff, Vas Srivastava, Chief of Staff, Interim Chief Thody HPD and Assistant Chief Media HPD.

Hartford residents asked numerous questions and gave numerous statements to the Council members who attended concerning policies and qualification for the Next Police Chief. Councilmembers listened and took notes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas J. Clarke, II  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

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James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

# Court of Common Council

ITEM# 10 ON AGENDA



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## Communication

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held its regular meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### **Item #2**

**Resolution calling for a search and interview process for Hartford's Next Police Chief that involves Hartford's residents and Police Department Employees (Item #11 in 1/27/20 Agenda)**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman James Sánchez, Councilman John Gale, Council President Maly Rosado and Councilwoman Bermudez. Also present were, Cynthia Lauture from Corporation Council, Kayla Reasco from Mayors office, Faith Palmer from Mayors office, Chief Freeman HFD and Rodney Barco from HFD.

Councilwoman Bermudez stated her reasoning why Hartford Police should have a search and interview process for the Next Chief of Police. Councilman Gale gave some background information to how the process works.

A motion was made by Councilman Gale to postpone this item; Second by Council President Rosado.

**Vote Taken (3-0. 2Absent. Pass)**

Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Absent

Councilman James Sánchez: Yes

Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Yes

Councilman John Gale: Yes

Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

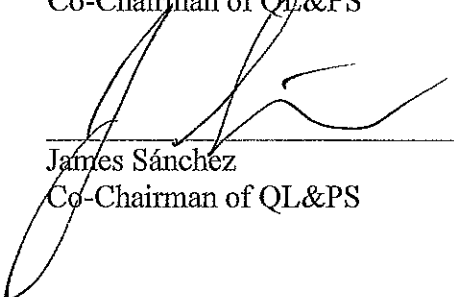
Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas J. Clarke, II  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

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James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS



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## Report

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Committee of the Whole (COW) held a meeting on February 4, 2020 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #1

**Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution confirming the nomination of Interim Police Chief Jason Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford.**

The following were present: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Josh Michtom, Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilman James Sánchez, and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

Also attended: Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, Alexander Lombardi, Corporation Counsel, Interim Chief Jason Thody Thea Montanez, Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer, Steve Francis, Interim Human Resource Director, Leigh Ann Ralls, Finance Director, Faith Palmer, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, Vasishth Srivastava, Chief of Staff and other concerned citizens.

The Committee of the Whole met to discuss the resolution confirming the nomination of Interim Police Chief Jason C. Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford.

Interim Police Chief Thody shared with the Committee numerous accomplishments including implementation of the body-worn and in-car camera operation, dedication of community service officers to specifically address homeless outreach and illegal dumping and partnered with Interval House to place a domestic violence advocate within the department to enhance the quality of service to victims of domestic violence.

A question and answer segment of considerable length ensued amongst council members concerning i.e., civilian complaints, disciplinary actions, policy development, diversity, Community Policing Model and Engagement, officer recruitment and retention, technology, partnerships, training and multiple collaborative measures to better serve the City of Hartford.


A motion was made by Councilman Sánchez James and seconded by Councilman John Gale to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

**Vote Taken: (5-2-1 Abstain- 1 Absent- Pass)**

Council President Rosado: Yes  
Majority Leader Clarke II: Yes  
Councilwoman Bermudez: No  
Councilman Gale: Yes  
Councilman Lebron: Absent  
Councilman Michtom: No  
Councilwoman Rossetti: Yes  
Councilman Sánchez: Yes  
Councilwoman Surgeon: Abstain

The Committee adjourned at approximately 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maly D. Rosado  
Council President



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

January 27, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**Re: Appointment of Jason Thody as Police Chief**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my nomination of Interim Chief Jason Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford.

Interim Chief Thody began his career as a Hartford police cadet in 1996, and since then he has gained experience as both a supervisor and commander of many areas within the Department, including patrol operations, the neighborhood-based community policing plan, Planning and Accreditation, the Crime Scene Division, and special teams such as the Crisis Negotiation Team, Emergency Response Team and the Honor Guard.

He has been a Connecticut P.O.S.T.C. certified law enforcement instructor since 2005, instructing new recruits and certified police officers in varying subjects including Fair and Impartial Policing's Implicit Bias training program, which he brought to Hartford in 2015.

Interim Chief Thody earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Tunxis Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Albertus Magnus College, and a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice from the University of Louisville. He is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's 135th Administrative Officers Course, the Police Executive Research Forum's 60th session of the Senior Management Institute for Police, and FBI-LEEDA's 183rd Executive Leadership Institute. In November of 2019, he was recognized by Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Hartford for his commitment to serving the Hartford community and protecting residents.

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I've worked closely with Chief Thody over the past nine months, and I've seen his willingness to tackle tough issues openly and honestly, his commitment to building a culture of professionalism and accountability, and most of all, his personal commitment to the Hartford community and to the spirit of community policing. The department is moving in the right direction, and after giving it a lot of thought, I don't think this is the right time for yet another leadership change, or for a long national search that would create uncertainty and instability as we prepare for another summer.

I also think it is important to note that Interim Chief Thody has earned the support of leaders from a wide range of organizations, including the Greater Hartford Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Interval House, COMPASS Youth Collaborative, the Police Department's Chaplain Association, the Spanish American Merchants Association, and a number of community members.

His resume is attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, January 27, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has nominated Interim Police Chief Jason Thody to the position of Chief of Police for the City of Hartford,

**WHEREAS,** Interim Chief Thody has spent his entire career as a member of the Hartford Police Department serving in a number of senior roles, and graduated from the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course, the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, and FBI-LEEDA's Executive Leadership Institute, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the Mayor's nomination of Interim Police Chief Jason Thody as Chief of Police for the City of Hartford, effective upon the date of confirmation.

# Court of Common Council



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Eric Lusa, Interim Town and City Clerk

## Report

February 24, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a special meeting on February 18, 2020 at 6 pm in the Function Room to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #2

**COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAUL IRIZARRY AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK LORD AND JENNIFER CASSIDY TO THE GREATER HARTFORD TRANSIT DISTRICT (ITEM #4 ON AGENDA OF JANUARY 27, 2020).**

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Council President Maly D. Rosado, Councilman John Gale, Jim DelVisco from Corporation Council, Reginald (Bill) Fairbarin from the New Samaritan Corporation, Jennifer Cassidy, Tone Nelson from Corporation Council, and Glenn Geathers from the Department of Development Services/ Economic Development.

Nominee Jennifer Cassidy was present at the special Committee Meeting. Frank Lorde and Raul Irizarry were not present at the meeting. Jennifer Cassidy was present at the meeting, she was questioned by councilmembers about new developments in the Hartford Transit District. She

spoke about developments with Dial-A-Ride and moving the depot to East Hartford. Developments with the railway project, issues with traffic congestion in the Asylum Hill area and plans to call a meeting to deal with congestion related issues in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. Frank Lorde was not able to attend the meeting however; Councilman John Gale and Jennifer Cassidy spoke to the qualifications of the candidate. Due to the fact Raul Irizarry was not present at the meeting, Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon suggested the committee meet with Raul Irizarry on the March 4<sup>th</sup> Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee Meeting.


A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon to send the reappointments of Jennifer Cassidy and Frank Lorde back to full Council with a favorable recommendation. The appointment of Raul Irizarry to the Hartford Transit District will be postponed until committee members can meet with the candidate.

The aforementioned resolution is severed. The reappointments of Jennifer Cassidy and Frank Lorde are sent back to full Council with a favorable recommendation. The appointment of Raul Irizarry to the Hartford Transit District will be postponed

**Vote Taken (3-0. 3 Absent. 0 Recused Pass)**

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes  
Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes  
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes  
Councilman James Sanchez: Absent  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez: Absent  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development  
& Housing



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

January 27, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Appointments to the Greater Hartford Transit District**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointment of Raul Irizarry and the reappointments of Frank Lord and Jennifer Cassidy to the Greater Hartford Transit District ("GHTD").

The GHTD is a quasi-municipal corporation operating under the authority of Chapter 103a of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are currently sixteen member towns represented by appointees who collectively form the Board of Directors. As a municipality with a population over 100,000 the City of Hartford is allotted four appointees to the board, the highest number possible.

Mr. Irizarry currently serves as a Transportation Planner for the Capital Region Council of Governments ("CRCOG"). He holds two bachelor's degrees from the University of Connecticut in Landscape Architecture and Urban and Community Studies.

Mr. Lord and Ms. Cassidy have served on the board for the GHTD supporting the work of the directors and representing the City admirably. I am confident they will remain strong advocates for all of our residents.

Their resumes are attached for your review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, January 27, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The Greater Hartford Transit District (“GHTD”) was formed pursuant to chapter 103a of the connecticut general statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** The GHTD works to support the transportation goals of the region by securing resources, potential funding opportunities, and development assistance for its member towns; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford, having a population of more than 100,000, is allotted four appointees to the board for the GHTD; and

**WHEREAS,** Appointments to the GHTD shall serve a term four years; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has appointed Raul Irizarry and reappointed Frank Lord and Jennifer Cassidy to the Greater Hartford Transit District; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following appointment and reappointments:

Raul Irizarry (D) – Vacancy  
30 Woodland Street #7B, Hartford, CT 06105  
For a term expiring December 9, 2023

Frank Lord (D) – Reappointment  
266 Pearl Street #508, Hartford, CT 06103  
For a term expiring December 9, 2023

Jennifer Cassidy (D) – Reappointment  
36 Ashley Street, Hartford, CT 06105  
For a term expiring December 9, 2023

## JENNIFER L. CASSIDY

36 Ashley Street  
Hartford, CT 06105  
860-278-9398  
[j.cassidy@snet.net](mailto:j.cassidy@snet.net)

### PROFILE

- Highly organized neighborhood leader with excellent communication, research and negotiation skills
- Energetic, pro-active, hands-on professional with more than 25 years of management experience
- Extremely well connected in the civic, business and non-profit communities

### SKILLS

- Identifies, facilitates, fosters and sustains successful project and operational relationships between communities, business and government
- Initiates creative projects with action plans, proposed partners and specific measurable results
- Handles challenging new initiatives and multiple tasks in a stressful environment, including seeing them through to completion and best results
- Reads, interprets, evaluates and implements complicated budgets for varied projects
- Demonstrates talent for enforcing quality, compliance and processing standards with a variety of applications
- Creatively researches and identifies new funding opportunities for complex and novel initiatives
- Creates and manages events
- Handles day to day office operations including bill payment, scheduling meetings, staffing committees, and recording donations

### EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION/ADVOCACY

- Spearheaded the formation of the Asylum Hill NRZ and developed, presented and successfully established the neighborhood's first formally adopted strategic plan
- Represented the City of Hartford on regional committees to address special events, environmental issues, transportation, hospitality and marketing
- Advocated and negotiated with funders, lenders, sponsors, residents, non-profits, corporations and the City of Hartford to develop and maintain good working relationships in the Asylum Hill Neighborhood
- Oversaw the purchase, rehabilitation and sale of four homeownership projects as president of a community development corporation
- Implemented and coordinated the Harvest Market and collective marketing of Hartford Farmers Markets

#### OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT

- Instrumental in the creation of a new department at a large insurance company to streamline training manuals and write new procedures resulting in an overall improved quality of service
- Reviewed, clarified, and created City of Hartford ordinances which improved enforcement effectiveness and quality of life
- Selected by Senior Management at The Hartford to manage special projects to reduce backlogs, streamline workflows and improve quality
- Improved service and quality by creating opportunities for internal and external cooperation between the corporate and municipal communities

#### LEADERSHIP

- Headed up a department which included developing roles and responsibilities, assessing customer needs, and establishing and documenting workflows and procedures at a large insurance company
- Managed a retail store with 50 employees
- Directed municipal initiatives; including a two-day conference of non-profit providers, advocacy groups, law enforcement and the general public

Jennifer L. Cassidy

## EDUCATOR

- Substitute taught grades 1-8 in various Farmington Valley School Systems
- Taught office systems in regional offices around the country. This included developing lesson plans, instructing, and evaluating.
- Community educator for youth programs serving grades 2-12. Developed programs, planned educational events, and scheduled field trips to increase civic, cultural, and corporate experiences.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Business for Downtown Hartford	2016-present
Hartford Preservation Alliance, Office Manager (part-time)	2014-2016
CT Landmarks, Community Educator (part-time)	2011-2014
Grow Hartford (seasonal), farming	2011-2016
City of Hartford, CT Executive Assistant to Hartford City Council	2004-2011
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Hartford, CT, Assistant Director	1982-2003
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Hartford, CT, Field Assistant	1980-1982
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Hartford, CT, Life/Health Underwriter	1978-1980
Sage Allen, Simsbury, CT, Sales/Office Associate, Sunday Manager	1973-1978
Substitute Teacher in various Farmington Valley School Systems	1975-1977

## Community Service and Boards

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association (AHNA) Chair and Board Member	1995-present
Central Regional Tourism District, Founding Board Member	2000-present
Greater Hartford Transit District, Director	2011-present
I-84 PAC (Public Advisory Committee, Member	2014-present
Charitable Society of Hartford, Member	2014-present
Hartford Business Improvement District, Secretary	2018-present
Farmington Asylum Business District	2008-2018
CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Governments) Transportation Committee, Member	2008-2010 & 2017-present
Farmington Asylum Business District	2008-2018
HNEP (Hartford Neighborhood Environment Partnership), member	2004-2011
St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Incorporator	1999-2017
Farmington Avenue Alliance, Vice-President	1998-2018
Hartford 2000 (citywide coalition of neighborhood groups), Member	1997-2009
Hill Housing Inc., President	1995-2005

## Additional Volunteer Activities

Green Team tree plantings	New Voices of Asylum Hill
Hartford First Night	We Are Asylum Hill: Celebrate the Arts with Us
ING Hartford Marathon	Live Work Love Steering Committee
Boston Marathon	

## Awards and Recognition

Tree Warrior, Knox Parks  
Volunteer Award, the Hartford Financial Services Group  
Founders Award, Business for Downtown Hartford  
Award, Hartford Preservation Alliance  
Quality Award, Hartford Specialty Company, the Hartford Financial Services Group

## Education

BS, Central Connecticut State College, graduated magna cum laude, 1975

## Certifications

ESL- pending. Course work has been completed.  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Office of Citizenship Teacher Training Seminary 12/14  
Jennifer L. Cassidy



**Frank Lord**

**Residence: 266 Pearl Street, #508, Hartford, CT 06103**  
**Mailing address: PO Box 230177, Hartford, CT 06123-0177**  
**860.505.5456**  
**hopgoods@hopgoodgroup.com**

**Professional:**

**Hartford Life Insurance Company** 1971 through retirement 2000 and consulting 2000 through 2002. Assistant Vice President – various responsibilities in support of business of providing investments and services to corporate and government sponsors of retirement plans – actuarial, operations, customer service and information technology.

**Licensed Connecticut Real Estate Broker** – 1994 – 2015

**Rehap Development** – various multi-family residences in Hartford

**Civic Activities:**

**City of Hartford Pension Commission** – 2005 – 2017

**Great Hartford Transit District** - since 2004 – Board Member, Secretary, Vice Chairman

**Mark Twain House and Museum** - Trustee and Board President 1983-1990, Trustee 2010-2018

**Downtown Hartford Business Improvement District** – 2009 – 2015, Treasurer

**Greater Hartford Arts Council** – Advisory Committee 2001-2003

**Bushnell Park Foundation** – 1997 – 2007, Director and Vice President

**Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Catalyst Endowment** – 2001 – 2007, Steering Committee

**Center City Churches (now Hands on Hartford)** – 1998 – 2005, Director, Treasurer, and Chair of Finance Committee

**City of Hartford Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission** – 1999- 2004

**Hartford 2000** – 1997 – 2003, Founding Member

**South Downtown NRZ (SODO)** – 1996 – 2007, Founding Member, President

**Works/Laura Glenn Dance** – Director and Board President – 1990 – 1998

**Education:**

**Dartmouth College: Bachelor of Arts, Physics Major, Minor in Urban Studies**  
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# Court of Common Council

ITEM# 13 ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilman  
Nick Lebron, Councilman  
Marilyn Rossetti, Councilwoman  
James Sánchez, Councilman  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Interim Town and City Clerk

## Report

February 24, 2020

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee held a special meeting on February 18, 2020 at 6 pm in the Function Room to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #1

**COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SELL 126 AND 130 NEW PARK AVENUE, 161 FRANCIS AVENUE, AND 8 FRANCIS COURT TO THE NEW SAMARITAN CORPORATION AS SET FORTH HEREIN, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECTION 202 FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (ITEM #1 ON AGENDA OF JANUARY 13th, 2020).**

The following were present: Committee Chairwoman Shirley Surgeon, Council President Maly D. Rosado, Councilman John Gale, Jim DeVisco from Corporation Council, Reginald (Bill) Fairbarin from the New Samaritan Corporation, Jennifer Cassidy, Tone Nelson from Corporation Council, and Glenn Geathers from the Department of Development Services/ Economic Development.

The Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Special Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. Reginald (Bill) Fairbairn spoke on behalf of the New Samaritan Corporation. He gave background information on the organization, their work in Hartford and their mission to provide seniors with affordable housing options. Glenn Geathers spoke of how the project would

benefit seniors in Hartford and also create revenue for the city. John Gale raised questions as to whether the New Samaritan Corporation would consider mixed income housing in the future. Council President Maly D. Rosado raised questions about individuals who are veterans and individuals who have no income. Reginald Fairbarin stated individuals with no income would pay nothing since housing is income based. Specifics about veterans receiving preferences for housing were unknown.

Glenn Geathers spoke to how there was support for the New Samaritan project within the Parkville Community.

A motion was made by Councilman John Gale and seconded by Council President Maly D. Rosado to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

**Vote Taken (3-0. 3 Absent. 0 Recused Pass)**

Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon: Yes  
Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado: Yes  
Councilman John Q. Gale: Yes  
Councilwoman Marilyn Rossetti: Yes  
Councilman James Sanchez: Absent  
Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermúdez: Absent  
Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shirley Surgeon  
Chairwoman of  
Planning, Economic Development  
& Housing



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

January 13, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**Re: Sale of 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue, and 8 Francis Court to New Samaritan Corporation**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution for consideration by the Court of Common Council (the "Council") which would authorize the City of Hartford ("City") to sell 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue, and 8 Francis Court (collectively, "The Property") to the New Samaritan Corporation ("New Samaritan"). This item was originally submitted to the Council last fall, and is being resubmitted given that there is a new Council.

New Samaritan is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with extensive experience in developing a full range of housing for the elderly. It has developed approximately 2,500 units of housing in Connecticut and Massachusetts and is the largest, not-for profit provider of affordable senior housing services in the State of Connecticut.

It is the sponsor of nearly thirty U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202: Supportive Housing developments for the elderly.

New Samaritan would like to acquire the Property in order to construct a four-story residential building consisting of 22 units. All 22 units would be one-bedroom units receiving rental assistance under HUD's Project Rental Assistance Contract.

The project is designed to support seniors as they grow older, enabling them to age in community. Based on their nearly 50-years of experience in providing affordable senior housing, New Samaritan has worked closely with the project architect to include design features tailored to the senior population. The proposed design includes the following common areas: group physical and occupational therapy room; community room with community warming kitchen; laundry room; resident service coordinator's office; private exam room; media room and activity area.

The inclusion of these spaces will allow for the efficient provision of supportive services, enhancing residents' health, wellness and their ability to age in place.

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The cost of the proposed development is approximately \$6.7M. New Samaritan has requested a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 Capital Advance in the amount of \$4,501,900 toward the development of the project. In addition to these funds, New Samaritan Corporation voted at their meeting on May 30, 2019 to commit \$2,000,000 toward the development of the proposed project.

To date, New Samaritan Corporation has paid \$32,812.50 for environmental studies on the property which were necessary to submit their application to HUD. Cumulatively, New Samaritan has invested approximately \$165K in the project (inclusive of environmental studies, architectural work, and consulting fees for assembly and submission of the HUD application).

The proposed purchase price is \$87,000. This price reflects the current Fair Market Value of the Property as determined by the City Assessor's Office.

The sale would be contingent upon the approval of New Samaritan's HUD 202 Grant for the construction of senior housing that has been submitted to, and is under review by, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A decision is expected from HUD by December 31, 2019.

The project has received the endorsement and support of the Parkville NRZ, and from Representative Minnie Gonzales, 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Luke A. Bronin', is written over the typed name.

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, January 13, 2020

**WHEREAS**, New Samaritan Corporation ("New Samaritan") proposes to acquire four city-owned vacant parcels located at 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue, and 8 Francis Court (collectively, the "Property") for the development and construction of a four-story building comprised of 22 units of senior housing; and

**WHEREAS**, New Samaritan is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with extensive experience in developing a full range of housing for the elderly, and has developed approximately 2,500 units of housing in Connecticut and Massachusetts, making them the largest, not-for profit provider of affordable senior housing services in the State of Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, New Samaritan proposes to construct the improvements, estimated at approximately \$6.7M, with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 capital advance in the amount of \$4,501,900, which application is under review by HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, New Samaritan has voted, at their meeting on May 30, 2019, to commit \$2,000,000 toward the development of the proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposed purchase price is \$87,000, which is the current Fair Market Value of the Property as determined by the City Assessor's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, The sale would be contingent upon the approval of New Samaritan's HUD 202 application that is currently under review, with a decision expected by December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The sale will be subject to review and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with C.G.S. Section 8-24; and

**WHEREAS**, The project has received the endorsement and support from the Parkville NRZ and Representative Minnie Gonzales, 3<sup>rd</sup> District; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell 126 and 130 New Park Avenue, 161 Francis Avenue, and 8 Francis Court to the New Samaritan Corporation as set forth herein, subject to the approval of the Section 202 funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents, including easements or rights of way required for utilities, and to take such actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the City in order to effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the above-transaction or any

other documents, or to take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreements and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

# Court of Common Council

ITEM#

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ON AGENDA



CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader  
Nick Lebron, Councilman  
Marilyn E. Rosetti, Councilwoman  
James Sánchez, Councilman  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman  
Joshua Michtom, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Acting Town and City Clerk

## Report

February 24, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee held its regular meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the following referred item as reflected on the committee agenda.

### **Item #1**

**Resolution confirming the appointment of Gloria Brown to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women. (Item #2 on 1/13/20 Agenda)**

The following were present: Committee Co-Chairman James Sánchez, Councilman John Gale and Councilwoman Bermudez. Also present were, Cynthia Lauture from Corporation Council, Gloria Brown, Kayla Reasco from Mayors office, and Faith Palmer from Mayors office.



Councilman Sánchez and Councilman Gale asked Gloria her interest in the Commission. Gloria gave the Councilmembers a little of her background and expressed her interests.

A motion was made by Councilman Gale to move item with a favorable recommendation to full council; Second by Councilman Sánchez.

**Vote Taken (2-0. 3Absent. Pass)**

Councilman Thomas J. Clarke II: Absent

Councilman James Sánchez: Yes

Councilwoman Maly Rosado: Absent

Councilman John Gale: Yes

Councilman Joshua Michtom: Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas J. Clarke, II  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS

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James Sánchez  
Co-Chairman of QL&PS



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

January 13, 2020

Honorable Maly Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**Re: Appointment to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my appointment of Gloria Brown to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women. This item was originally submitted to the Council last fall, and is being resubmitted given that there is a new Council.

The purpose of the Commission is to assist in the elimination of gender-based discrimination and help improve the status of women in Hartford. The Commission is charged with studying the conditions of Hartford women and making findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Brown is a Reverend that has been supporting the work of the commission for the past few months. She holds a Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degree from North Carolina College of Theology.

I am pleased to appoint Ms. Brown to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford's Women. Her resume is attached for your review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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**INTRODUCED BY:**  
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, January 13, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women is charged with assisting in the elimination of gender-based discrimination and helping to improve the status of women in the city of Hartford, and

**WHEREAS,** The Commission is composed of twenty members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Court of Common Council, for a term of two years, and

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor has appointed Gloria Brown to the Permanent Commission on the status of Hartford Women; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following appointment:

Gloria Brown (D) – Replacing Annette Medero  
30 Woodland Street Apt #8-D, Hartford, CT 06105  
For a term expiring January 13, 2022

## REV. DR. GLORIA BROWN

30 Woodland Street Apt. 8-C  
Hartford, CT 06105-2343

This resumé is in support of my application to the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women.

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### PRESENT PROJECTS:

Monthly volunteer services at Niantic Women's Prison since from 1992 to the present  
Founder of Fresh Start Initiatives, Inc., a non-profit organization to support women leaving prison.  
Member of the Community Relations Committee of the Town & County Club of Hartford, CT.  
Active in the ministerial staff of True Faith Christian Ministries.  
Member of the Women's Ministry of True Faith Christian Ministries.  
Minister of religious services at the York Institution, Niantic, CT.

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### PAST ACTIVITIES

Chaplain of the Leadership Conference of Connecticut.  
Ministry at the McKinney Homeless Shelter.  
AIDS Ministry, Hartford Regional Care Team  
Ministry at Long Lane Correctional Center  
Author of *Christ in You* (Windsor, CT, 2014)  
Former member of WREE (Women for Racial and Economic Equality)  
Delegate to the Women for World Peace Conference, Copenhagen, DK 1982.  
Delegate to the U.S-Soviet Peace Conference, Moscow, 1983.  
Recognition for Leadership and Volunteer Development at the NAACP Northeast Region Leadership Conference, 1997.  
Recognized by Families in Crisis for Outstanding Volunteer Services for Families of Incarcerated Persons.  
Recognition certificate from AIDS Project Hartford for volunteer services.

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### EDUCATION

Graduated from Weaver High School, the Morris School of Business, and the New York University Music School.  
Attended the Hart School of Music.  
Took courses toward a B.A. in social work at Central Connecticut State University.  
I have a certification in assistant nursing.  
Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees from North Carolina College of Theology.



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

ITEM # 15 ON AGENDA

January 27, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Burns Latino Studies Academy Ordinance Appropriation**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance appropriating \$50,700,000 for the planning, design, and construction of renovations and improvements to Burns Latino Studies Academy.

During the July 2019 Special Session, the State of Connecticut General Assembly authorized the conversion of the code violation project at the Burns Latino Studies Academy to a renovation project and placed the project on the school building project priority list. The reimbursement rate for the project was also increased from 80% to 95%.

Before moving forward, the Board of Education has requested that an appropriation ordinance be adopted in order to be able to apply for the State Construction Grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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Introduced by:

Introduced by: *Luke A. Bronin, Mayor*

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT  
REVISED PROJECT COSTS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN  
THE BURNS LATINO STUDIES ACADEMY PROJECT NO. 064-0312 RNV.**

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

January 27, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford that:

**Section 1.** As authorized by the State of Connecticut, the sum of **\$47,700,000.00** is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the "City") in the General Fund in support of public improvements in the Burns Latino Studies Academy Project No. 064-0312 RNV (the "Project"), which additional sum will increase the estimated project costs in the Project to **\$50,700,000.00**.

**Section 2.** The estimated useful life of the Project is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Project is **\$50,700,000.00**. The cost of the Project is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants for a full renovation at 95% reimbursement rate.

**Section 3.** The balance of any appropriation not needed to meet the cost of the Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Court of Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including the Project authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future capital ordinances) for which an appropriation has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of the appropriation authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.

**Section 4.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.

**Section 5.** The Mayor and City Treasurer, in the name of the City, are hereby authorized

to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, (c) appoint any other consultants or professionals as required and (d) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this ordinance.

**Section 6.** The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others.

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**Leigh Ann Rawls, Director of Finance**  
**ATTEST:**

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**Luke A. Bronin, Mayor**

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**Eric Lusa, Acting Town & City Clerk**

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.



**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

ITEM # 16 ON AGENDA

January 27, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Bulkeley High School Ordinance Appropriation**

Dear Council President Rosado,

During the July 2019 Special Session, the State of Connecticut General Assembly authorized the placement of the Bulkeley High School renovation project on the school building project priority list. The reimbursement rate for the project was set at 95% and the authorized project cost at \$149 Million. As was previously done at Weaver High School, the Office of School Construction Grants & Review has indicated that the renovation project and the previously approved Board of Education office relocation to Bulkeley are to be combined as a single project. This will result in a total project budget of \$154 Million.

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance revising the appropriation to \$154,000,000 for the combined planning, design, and construction of renovations and improvements to Bulkeley High School.

This ordinance would approve the project and authorize the Board of Education to submit a school construction grant application to the State Department of Education. However, the Board of Education has requested that an appropriation ordinance be adopted in order to be able to apply for the State Construction Grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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Introduced by:

Introduced by: *Luke A. Bronin, Mayor*

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO REFLECT  
REVISED PROJECT COSTS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN  
THE BULKELEY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 064-0313 RNV.**

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

January 27, 2020

Be It Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford that:

**Section 1.** As authorized by the State of Connecticut, the sum of **\$149,000,000.00** is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the "City") in the General Fund in support of public improvements in the Bulkeley High School Project No. 064-0313 RNV (the "Project"), which additional sum will increase the estimated project costs in the Project to **\$154,000,000.00**.

**Section 2.** The estimated useful life of the Project is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Project is **\$154,000,000.00**. The cost of the Project is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants for a full renovation to occur with a 95% reimbursement.

**Section 3.** The balance of any appropriation not needed to meet the cost of the Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Court of Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including the Project authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future capital ordinances) for which an appropriation has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of the appropriation authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.

**Section 4.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.

**Section 5.** The Mayor and City Treasurer, in the name of the City, are hereby authorized to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, (c) appoint any other consultants or professionals as required and (d) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this ordinance.

**Section 6.** The Mayor is authorized in the name and on behalf of the City to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the City with engineers, contractors and others.

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**Leigh Ann Rawls, Director of Finance**  
**ATTEST:**

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**Luke A. Bronin, Mayor**

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**Eric Lusa, Acting Town & City Clerk**

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

Introduced by:

Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke, II  
Councilman John Q. Gale

HEADING  
AND  
PURPOSE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
CITY OF HARTFORD

January 27, 2020

Be It Hereby Ordained by the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS**

The Hartford Court of Common Council finds that:

(1) Documents obtained during litigation against the tobacco industry reveal that tobacco companies have used fruit, candy, and alcohol flavors as a way to target youth. Tobacco industry documents stated that "sweetness can impart a different delivery taste dimension which younger adults may be receptive to," that "[i]t's a well-known [sic] fact that teenagers like sweet products," and that flavored products would have appeal "in the under 35 age group, especially in the 14-24 group."

(2) Marketing and public health research shows that flavors such as fruit, candy, and alcohol hold an intense appeal to minors and young adults. The presence of flavors such as menthol in tobacco products can make it more difficult for adult tobacco users to quit. Moreover, menthol cigarettes in particular have a disproportionate health impact on youth, as well as members of racial and ethnic populations, the LGBT community, and people of low socio-economic status.

(3) Forty-one state attorneys general sued a tobacco company selling flavored cigarettes, arguing that it was violating the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement by targeting youth. The settlement of that litigation included an agreement that the tobacco company stop marketing flavored cigarettes.

(4) The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009 prohibits the manufacture and sale of flavored cigarettes, except menthol cigarettes. No federal prohibition exists for flavored non-cigarette tobacco products.

(5) Jurisdictions such as the States of New Jersey and Massachusetts; New York City; Providence, Rhode Island; and Chicago, Illinois have passed restrictions on the sale of flavored tobacco products. The authority of state and local governments to restrict the sale of these products has been upheld by federal courts.

(6) Accordingly, the City Council finds and declares that the purpose of

this ordinance is to protect public health and welfare by reducing the appeal of tobacco to minors and reduce the likelihood that minors will become tobacco users later in life.

## **SECTION II. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this ordinance:

(a) "*Electronic smoking device*" means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any component or accessory of such a product, whether or not sold separately and also includes any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine. Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

(b) "*Flavored tobacco product*" means any tobacco product that contains a taste or smell, other than the taste or smell of tobacco, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to, or during the consumption of, a tobacco product, including, but not limited to, any taste or smell relating to menthol, mint, wintergreen, chocolate, cocoa, vanilla, honey, or any candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, menthol tobacco cigarettes are not included in this definition.

(c) "*Person*" means any natural person, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation, or other legal entity, including an employee of a legal entity.

(d) "*Tobacco product*" means any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine, that is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to, a cigarette, any electronic smoking device as defined in this section and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; and the term "tobacco product" includes any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product including but not limited to filters, rolling papers or liquids used in electronic smoking devices. The term "tobacco product" does not include drugs, devices or combination products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Tobacco product shall not include a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus made from tobacco.

## **SECTION III. PROHIBITION ON SALE**

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product.

A public statement or claim made or disseminated by the manufacturer of a tobacco product, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such tobacco product, that such tobacco product has or produces a taste or smell other than tobacco shall constitute presumptive evidence that the tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product.

#### **SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

It is a violation for any person to fail to comply with the requirements of this ordinance. If a person is found to have violated this ordinance, the person shall be charged an administrative penalty as follows:

1. First violation. The Hartford Department of Health and Human Services shall impose a civil fine of at least five hundred dollars (\$500).
2. Second violation within thirty-six (36) months of a first violation. The Department shall impose a civil fine of at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).
3. Third violation within twenty-four (24) months of any preceding violation. The Department shall impose a civil fine of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall constitute grounds for the denial of, refusal to renew, suspension of, or revocation of any food, liquor, tobacco, or other business license issued by the city. Any fines collected under this ordinance shall be used for implementation and enforcement of the ordinance.

#### **SECTION V. ENFORCEMENT**

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Developmental Services, Division of Licenses and Inspections, shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance. All tobacco retailers shall be subject to such compliance checks as shall be determined by said departments to be reasonable and necessary to obtain compliance with this ordinance.

#### **SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY**

If any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any circumstances, is held invalid, the remaining portions shall be considered severable, and shall be given effect to the maximum extent possible.

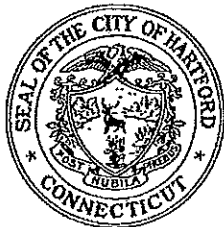
#### **SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days after its publication.

# Court of Common Council

ITEM# 18 ON AGENDA

CITY OF HARTFORD  
550 MAIN STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
Thomas J. Clarke II, Majority Leader  
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Councilwoman  
John Q. Gale, Councilman

Eric Lusa, Interim Town and City Clerk

Nick Lebrón, Councilman  
Josh Michtom, Councilman  
Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilwoman  
James Sánchez, Councilman  
Shirley Surgeon, Councilwoman

## Report

February 10, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Committee of the Whole (COW) held a meeting on February 4, 2020 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers to discuss the following items as reflected on the committee agenda.

### Item #2

**Communication from Mayor Bronin with accompanying resolution confirming the nomination of Interim Chief Operating Officer Thea Montanez as Chief Operating Officer.**

The following were present: Council President Maly D. Rosado, Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilwoman Wildaliz Bermudez, Councilman John Gale, Councilman Josh Michtom, Councilwoman Marilyn E. Rossetti, Councilman James Sánchez, and Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon.

Also attended: Howard Rifkin, Corporation Counsel, Alexander Lombardi, Corporation Counsel, Interim Chief Jason Thody Thea Montanez, Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer, Steve Francis, Interim Human Resource Director, Leigh Ann Ralls, Finance Director, Faith Palmer, Assistant to the

Chief Operating Officer, Vasishth Srivastava, Research and Communications Specialist Office of Mayor Luke A. Bronin and other concerned citizens.

The Committee of the Whole met to discuss the resolution confirming the nomination Thea Montanez as the Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Ms. Montanez shared numerous accomplishments in her current position serving dual roles as both Chief of staff and Interim Chief Operating Officer for the City of Hartford. She has spearheaded planning and implementation of the Mayor's signature initiatives such as the creation of the City's first ever Office of Sustainability, Reentry Welcome Center and the Hartford Youth Service Corps and the Rapid Response Plan to immediately respond to the urgent needs of victims, community and family, collaborating with numerous provider partners.

A question and answer segment ensued amongst council members concerning i.e. management style, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance opportunities, performance evaluations, priorities and goals in the role of the COO.

A motion was made by Councilman Sánchez James and seconded by Councilman John Gale to send this item to full Council with a favorable recommendation.

**Vote Taken: (8-0-0 Abstain- 1 Absent- Pass)**

Council President Rosado: Yes

Majority Leader Clarke II: Yes

Councilwoman Bermudez: Yes

Councilman Gale: Yes

Councilman Lebron: Absent

Councilman Michtom: Yes

Councilwoman Rossetti: Yes

Councilman Sánchez: Yes

Councilwoman Surgeon: Yes

The Committee adjourned at approximately 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Maly D. Rosado*

Council President Maly D. Rosado





**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

January 27, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President and  
Members of the Court of Common Council  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

**Re: Appointment of Thea Montañez as Chief Operating Officer**

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my nomination of Chief of Staff and Interim Chief Operating Officer Thea Montañez as Chief Operating Officer for the City of Hartford.

As you know, over the last four years, Thea Montañez has been my right hand in every aspect of city government, and she has earned the trust and confidence of our employees, community members, and elected officials. In addition to helping manage the day to day business of city government, she has led some of our most important initiatives aimed at supporting justice-involved youth and adults, including the Reentry Welcome Center and the Hartford Youth Service Corps, and has helped lead efforts to rebuild staffing levels at our police and fire departments and create more effective partnerships with our school system, state agencies, non-profits, and business community.

Before joining the City of Hartford in 2016, she was Director of the North Hartford Promise Zone at the United Way. Prior to that, she led the planning team that earned Hartford its Promise Zone designation as a private consultant. Earlier in her career, she worked at The Hartford Financial Services Group and for The Waterford Group. Montañez served as President of the Board of Directors of the Hartford Public Library from 2012 to 2014 and she currently serves on the Board of Directors of Connecticut Public and the University of St. Joseph. She holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University.

Her resume is attached for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LB", written over a horizontal line.

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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**INTRODUCED BY:**

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

City of Hartford, January 27, 2020

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor has nominated Chief of Staff and Interim Chief Operating Officer Thea Montañez to the position of Chief Operating Officer for the City of Hartford,

**WHEREAS**, Thea Montañez has served as Chief of Staff since January 2016, Interim Chief Operating Officer since September 2018, and holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the Mayor's nomination of Interim Chief Operating Officer Thea Montanez as Chief Operating Officer, effective upon the date of confirmation.

**Introduced by:**

Majority Leader Thomas J. Clarke II  
Councilman Nick Lebron  
Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon

**Court of Common Council**

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**WHEREAS,** There exist a vacancy in the office of the Town and City Clerk of the City of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 4(c) of Chapter IV of the Charter of the City of Hartford provides that the Court of Common Council shall, "Appoint a town and city clerk (the "city clerk") to serve for an indefinite term": and

**WHEREAS,** Noel F. McGregor Jr., has demonstrated the desire to fill the Town and City Clerk vacancy and the Court of Common Council wishes to appoint Noel F. McGregor to fill the vacancy, now; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That Noel F. McGregor Jr., is hereby appointed by the Court of Common Council to serve as Town and City Clerk of the City of Hartford for an indefinite term; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That such appointment is done in accordance with the Charter and Municipal Code of the City of Hartford and all applicable laws of the State of Connecticut; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That Noel F. McGregor Jr., is hereby confirmed to serve at the Town and City Clerk of the City of Hartford, with a salary of \$115,000 effective February 24, 2020.

**INTRODUCED BY:**  
**Majority Leader T.J. Clarke II**  
**Councilwoman Shirley Surgeon**

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
**City of Hartford, February 24, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford has been regional leaders in implementing sound changes that has stared the way to prosperity for many communities for over a century. This morality can be found in the day to day life of successful people, all deriving from diverse beginnings and unique cultures throughout our state. We hereby extend to the administration, with further collaboration with The Board of Education and other vested partners in pronouncing The City of Hartford as a STEM City; and

**WHEREAS**, While every State can attribute to its own successes the crucial role of equity and diversity, Hartford Connecticut has served as a leading entity. Furnishing surrounding towns with the diversity necessary to build healthy communities. Neighboring towns such as Bloomfield and Windsor has taken such a stance, identifying the immediate educational impact on our children and the ability to execute vital economic sustainability for our future.; and

**WHEREAS**, These characteristics have placed an obligated burden on our Capital City, in a manner that requires shared sacrifices through bold explorations and a must do attitude to shape the future of our children and to ensure we are poised to preparing them for the globally competitive 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut has always been an impact state, hosting some of the finest educational institutions in this great country, and its Capital has always been an impact city, with a scaled relativity to any major city as it pertains to culture and diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, It is at this juncture we urge the administration, in collaboration with City Council, The Board of Education and other vested entities to make this bold move of investing in the future of our children and the STEAM and program that has presented a rare opportunity of monumental positioning of our youths; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford City Council, in collaboration with The Mayor's Office and Hartford Public Schools Board of Education, declare The City of Hartford a STEM city, investing our efforts with the STEM program for a collaborative impact in this globally competitive 21<sup>st</sup> century, to develop the necessary skill sets needed for our greatest investment, our children and their survival; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford City Council in collaboration with The Mayor's Office and The Board of Education and other vested national and community-based organizations takes this vital role of ensuring all reasonable efforts to attain these endeavors is pursued and exhausted for the greater good of the City of Hartford and this region.