



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

June 13, 2020

Honorable Noel F. McGregor, Jr., Town and City Clerk
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

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LUKE A. BRONIN
MAYOR

RE: FY2021 Budget

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I have received and reviewed the Financial Resolutions adopted by the Council on June 10 – June 11, 2020 transmitted to me by the Town and City Clerk's Office on June 11, 2020. Pursuant to Chapter X, Section 5(c) and Chapter IV, Section 7(c) of the Hartford City Charter, the Mayor is authorized to approve or disapprove proposed reductions to items of expenditure in the submitted budget, and to approve, disapprove, or reduce new or increased items of expenditure. Accordingly, I am returning the resolutions without my signature and taking the following actions:

Proposed Reductions to Items of Expenditure:

Reduction to Legal Services Expenditure

I approve the \$280,000 decrease to Legal Services Operations Programs – Litigation. I believe that the submitted budget appropriately funds legal services. However, the costs of legal services and litigation can vary widely from year to year, and I believe that the adjusted budget remains responsible, recognizing that any additional costs may be funded from the city's contingency funds.

Reduction to Hartford Police Department

I approve the reduction of \$1,000,000 to the Hartford Police Department. Our police department plays a vital role in responding to, preventing, and solving serious crime, and I believe that the overwhelming majority of our residents want a police force that can respond quickly to calls for service, and prioritize the prevention of violent crime, while also supporting community service officers and partnering with our community to address neighborhood public safety priorities. The adjusted budget will allow the Hartford Police Department to meet those responsibilities, while enabling additional investment in other vital areas of city service.

I also support the reallocation of funds within the Police Department in order to fund ongoing training, including training in implicit bias, de-escalation, and conflict resolution, as well as additional community walk-beats and the unit dedicated to domestic violence. More generally, I believe that we must work together in the

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weeks and months ahead to begin laying the foundation for programs or partnerships that will allow for real-time response by trained, non-law-enforcement professionals to situations involving mental health, substance use or abuse, or certain interpersonal disputes.

Reduction to Contingency Fund

I disapprove the \$210,000 decrease to the contingency line item. We are facing a year of unprecedented economic and fiscal uncertainty. At barely more than one half of one percent of our total operating budget, the contingency fund is already a source of concern for our budget team. Facing the tremendous economic disruption and fiscal uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the prolonged shutdown, I do not believe that it is responsible, and I cannot in good conscience approve, any reduction in contingency funds.

Reduction to Capital Improvement Fund

I disapprove the \$400,000 reduction to the Pay Go Capex Reserve (Capital Improvement Program funds). The amount dedicated to capital investment in the FY2021 Recommended Budget is already significantly lower than called for in our five-year financial sustainability plan, and the City has many significant unmet capital needs. The City's largest capital expenditures planned for this year and in the years ahead are dedicated to the improvement and renovation of our neighborhood schools.

It is my understanding that Council voted to reduce funding for capital investment based on the hope that the city would secure additional capital funding from the state to offset this reduction. As always, I look forward to working side by side with the City Council and with our legislative delegation to secure as much capital funding as possible. To the extent that we are successful in securing additional capital funds, as I hope we will be, we should use those funds to increase investment in critical infrastructure needs throughout the city.

In addition, to rely on state capital investment to support new or increased operating expenses in other areas of the city budget would create an ongoing cost with a one-time revenue source, which is an unsustainable budgeting practice that we have worked very hard to avoid over the past five years.

Reductions to the Treasurer's Office

I disapprove both the \$6,000 reduction to the Treasurer's Office and the additional \$25,000 reduction to the Treasurer's Office.

Proposed Increases to Items of Expenditure:

Increase to Health and Human Services for Senior Centers

I approve in full the increased expenditures of \$25,000 to Health and Human Services for the North End Senior Center, and the increase of \$25,000 to Health and Human Services for the South End Senior Center.

Increase to the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation for After-School Recreation

I approve in full the increased expenditure of \$155,000 for the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation for the purposes of supporting after-school and weekend recreational activities.

Increase to the Department of Public Works

I approve in full the increased expenditure of \$200,000 to fund additional Maintainer positions within the Department of Public Works.

Increase to the Hartford Deportation Fund

I approve in full the \$30,000 increase to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of funding the Hartford Deportation Fund, and the additional increase of \$70,000 for the same purpose, as these funds may serve as the local match for a grant to support this work.

Increase to Corporation Counsel for the Civilian Police Review Board

I approve in full the \$200,000 increase to the Corporation Counsel's office for the purpose of funding a full-time investigative support staff for the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). I believe that the establishment of a permanent support staff will significantly strengthen the Civilian Police Review Board's ability to provide necessary oversight and accountability, and represents one important element of the reforms we must implement together.

Increase for the Police Accountability Review Board

I approve in full the \$75,000 increase to support the Police Accountability Review Board. This funding will ensure that the new Police Accountability Review Board, composed of a wide range of community stakeholders, has the administrative, professional, and consultant support necessary to support its work.

Increase to the Capital Improvement Projects fund for Hartford Decides

I approve in part the increase to the Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of funding Hartford Decides, with a reduction to \$40,000.

Increase to the Department of Public Works for Equipment Stipend

I approve in full the \$5,000 increase to the Department of Public Works for the purpose of providing, subject to negotiation with the applicable union, an equipment stipend for certain public works employees.

Increase to the Hartford Police Department for the PAL Program

Over the past four years, the City of Hartford has moved away from funding individual non-profit organizations through line-item budget appropriations, and I do not believe that we should change or abandon that practice. I am confident, however, that we will be able to secure additional funding from other grant sources to support the PAL program. I am therefore disapproving this increase of \$50,000 to the Hartford Police Department to fund the PAL program.

Increase to Fund Stipends of the Civilian Police Review Board

The Charter of the City of Hartford Chapter 7, Section 1(h) prohibits members of any appointive board from receiving compensation for their services. Therefore, I am legally obligated to disapprove the allocation of \$50,000 for the purpose of funding of stipends for members of the Civilian Police Review Board.

Increase to City Council Civic Engagement

I am approving in part the increase to the City Council for the purpose of funding civic engagement initiatives, with a reduction to \$45,000.

Increase to the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation for Early Learning Centers

As this increase was funded with a substantial decrease to our Capital Improvement budget, which I have disapproved, I must reduce this increased expenditure. I therefore approve this increase in part, reducing it to \$100,000, but note that I hope to dedicate a portion of the CARES Act supplementary Community Development Block Grant Funding to childcare and early childhood support, and that there may other be significant opportunities to secure additional federal, state, or philanthropic support for childcare and early childhood education support in response to disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Increase to a for Charter Revision Commission

I am approving in part the increase for the Charter Revision Commission, reducing the increase to \$40,000. Past charter revisions have varied significantly in the funding they have required, and the City of Hartford Charter calls for a Charter Revision Commission to be established by April of 2021, which is in the fourth quarter of the FY2021 fiscal year. I will work with the City Council to ensure that the Charter Revision Commission has the necessary support to fulfill its mission.

Increase to the Hartford Public Library for Translation Services

I support the goal of this new expenditure and approve it in part, reducing it to \$10,000. We will work with the Hartford Public Library to secure additional funding to supplement this new expenditure if necessary.

Increase to the Office of the Town and City Clerk

At this time, it is not clear to me why funding a deputy position within the office of the Town and City Clerk is either necessary or the most appropriate use of resources. Therefore, I am disapproving this \$150,000 increase. However, if it is demonstrated that such a position is necessary, I will work with the City Council to consider the possibility of submitting of a mid-year budgetary transfer.

Increase to the Department of Health and Human Services for Two Health Inspectors

I support Council's intention to add two additional health inspectors in the Department of Health and Human Services. As the appropriate funding for a single health inspector is \$80,000, including the cost of fringe benefits, I am approving this increase in part, reducing this increase to \$160,000.

Increase to the Department of Development Services for One Housing Inspector

I support Council's intention to add an additional housing inspector in the Department of Development Services. As the appropriate funding for a housing inspector position is less than \$100,000, I am approving this increase in part, reducing it to \$95,000.

Increase Related to Stipends for Certain Honorary City Positions

I am accepting this increase in part, reducing the increase to \$5,000.

Sincerely,



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor



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NOEL F. McGREROR, JR.
TOWN & CITY CLERK
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTIC

June 11, 2020

Honorable Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

Dear Mayor Bronin:

Please find attached the following resolutions that were passed at a recessed meeting of the Court of Common Council on June 10, 2020. I have duly certified these documents and respectfully send them to you for your review.



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This is to certify that at a RECESSED meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 10, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed AS AMENDED.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION DEMS # 1

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a DECREASE of \$260,000 from the General Fund under the Pay Outside Agencies and Other Program – Contingency, Row 1674 line item 822006; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a DECREASE of \$210,000 from the General Fund under the Legal Services Operations Program – Litigation, Row 1702 line item 822009 and an additional \$70,000 from the General Fund under the Legal Services Operations Program – Litigation Row 1702 line item 822009 for a total DECREASE of \$280,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$25,000 to Health and Human Services to be allocated to the North End Senior Center, Row 1519 line item 520017 and/or 510101 for operational support; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$25,000 to Health and Human Services to be allocated to the South End Wellness Center, Row 1519 line item 520017 and/or 510101 for operational support; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$50,000 to the Hartford Police Department to support the PAL program, Row 724 line item 2120034; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$30,000 to Health and Human Services to support the Hartford Deportation Fund

as well as an additional \$70,000 to Health and Human Services to support the Hartford Deportation Fund for a total of \$100,000; as long as the following contingencies are met; 1) The City receives a matching grant in the amount of \$100,000 and 2) The City receives funds from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$70,000 to replace the money used to subsidize this allocation; if these contingencies are not met the \$70,000 of additional funding allocated from the General Fund under the Legal Services Operations Program – Litigation Row 1702 line item 822009 must be immediately returned to that line item; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$50,000 to the CIP line item 589271 for the Hartford Decides program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$60,000 to the Hartford City Council, Row 47 line item 112001 for Civic Engagement and Cultural Affairs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$75,000 to the Hartford City Council, Row 47 line item 112001 for the Charter Revision Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase of \$5,000 to the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) for a one-time yearly stipend for the purpose of DPW mechanic's maintenance of personal tools and equipment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor’s Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$150,000 to the Town Clerk’s Office, Deputy Town Clerk, Row 72 line item 117001.

Attest:


Noel F. McGregor, Jr.
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This is to certify that at a RECESSED meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 10, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed AS AMENDED.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION DEMS # 2

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a re-allocation in One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) within the Hartford Police Department. Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) from the Detention Center and Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) from The Vice Intel & Narcotics Unit, Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) to be used for a Permanent Domestic Violence Team, and Seven Hundred Thousand (\$700,000) for Community Walk-beat and Training especially pertaining to cultural competency and de-escalation and conflict resolution training. Such training to be conducted by an external service agency to reflect that of current national training standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a reduction in 1 Million dollars from the Hartford Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase in Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the Department of Public Works for Maintainer 1 positions. Funds were allocated from Hartford Police Department in the One Million Dollar Reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase in Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the Office of Corporation Counsel for the Civilian Police Review Board for the purposes of staff and professional support services to be taken from The Hartford Police Department Reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase in Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to the Office of Corporation Counsel for the Police Accountability Review Board taken from The Hartford Police Department reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase to the Civilian Police Review Board of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for stipend taken from The Hartford Police Department reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000) increase in funding to The Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation for after school recreation programs to be used to create such programs in the Hartford Public School's community schools, in conjunction with the Board of Education, so recreation programs can be provided to our youth during the academic school year in all of our neighborhoods in addition to those programs provided at Parker Memorial and Arroyo Recreation Center. Funding is taken from The Hartford Police Department Reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase in budget of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for The Department of Health and Human Services for two health inspectors. Funds were allocated from The Hartford Police Department Reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an increase of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) for the Department of Development Services, License and Inspections, to be used to add an additional Housing Inspector. These funds were taken from The Hartford Police Department Reduction.

Attest:


Noel F. McGregor, Jr.
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This is to certify that at a RECESSED meeting of the Court of Common Council, June 10, 2020, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTION DEMS # 1

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council finds the assumptions and projections in the proposed five-year plan to be reasonable and that such plan provides a sound baseline for planning for the City's continuing fiscal stability and operational needs, recognizing that ongoing and continuous actions and decisions with respect to expenditures and revenues will be required; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Common Council hereby approves the five-year plan as contained in the City's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the period covering Fiscal Year 2021 through Fiscal Year 2025.

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FINANCIAL RESOLUTION WFP # 2

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$25,000 to the Hartford Public Library (HPL), to go towards but not limited to the acquisition of translation equipment, translation service of city communication community outreach (as expressed by the Mayor's Office), and translation at HPL community meetings/events, as requested by respective residents of Hartford's immigrant community whose primary language is not English and be it further;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a DECREASE of \$25,000 in the Bank Charges Line (5352206) of the Custody of Funds Budget of the Treasurer's Office.

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FINANCIAL RESOLUTION WFP # 3

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$400,000 to Department of Children, Family Recreation budget for purposes of providing more funding for early learning centers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a DECREASE of \$400,000 in the Debt Service Budget reflecting a decrease in the Pay Go Capex Reserve (591047).

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NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTION WFP # 2

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council receive an audit by the City of Hartford Human Resources Department regarding the job descriptions and titles of employees in the Department of Public Works- Equipment Service Area.

Attest:


Noel F. McGregor, Jr.
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NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTION WFP # 3

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a decrease of \$15,000, currently budgeted for Councilman Michtom's stipend (Court of Common Council, 00112); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be further amended to reflect an increase of \$15,000, distributed on a pro rata basis, to the salaries or wages of all City Council Executive Assistants, such that the portion of the monies be divided and paid to them in proportion to the percentage of a full work week for which they are routinely paid from Council funds.

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FINANCIAL RESOLUTION HARTFORD PARTY #1

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect an INCREASE of \$6,000 in the Community Impact budget of the Non-Operating Department Expenditures budget which shall be used specifically to fund honorarium for the City's appointed honorary positions created in Section 2-178 of our Ordinances (Poet Laureate, Troubadour, Storyteller, Commentator, Flow Artist and Earth Artist). Ordinances; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect a DECREASE of \$6,000 in the Bank Charges line (535206) of the Custody of Funds budget of the Treasurer's Office.

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NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTION HARTFORD PARTY # 1

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 be amended to reflect that of the One Million Dollars of re-allocated funds in the Police Department budget, that portion directed towards training shall include the following considerations:

1. Funding for additional screening of applicants to the police force to insure that those with inherent racial bias and/or inadequate conflict resolution skills are not accepted; and
2. Funding for Continuing Police Education (CPE) designed to provide each officer on an annual basis with a minimum amount of hours of cultural competency and mental health training, and de-escalation and conflict resolution training; and
3. Funding for Career Development specifically to provide review courses designed to assist minority officers in the taking of all promotional exams; and
4. Funding for additional trauma counseling to all officers who may be involved in any traumatic event.

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NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTION HARTFORD PARTY # 3

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RESOLVED, That the Common Council hereby approves the five-year plan as contained in the City's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the period covering Fiscal Year 2021 through Fiscal Year 2025.

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NON-FINANCIAL RESOLUTION DEMS # 2

RESOLVED, Authorizing the City of Hartford to allocate \$30,000 dollars from the Capital Improvement Project funds to the Hartford's Solid Waste Task force for Waste Management studies.

Attest:


Noel F. McGregor, Jr.
City Clerk