



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

May 20, 2016

Honorable Thomas J. Clarke II, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: FY2017 Budget

Dear Council President Clarke and Members of the Court of Common Council:

Attached please find the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2017 with the revised Appropriations Ordinance by department, implementing the City of Hartford's General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. With the modifications noted below, the Appropriations Ordinance authorizes a total General Fund expenditure appropriation of \$552,856,620 maintaining the current tax levy of 74.29 mills. I have adjusted the General Fund revenues to \$544,547,285 to reflect the reductions in the enacted State Budget, which included a total decrease of \$2.9M within Intergovernmental Revenues, offset by an increase in General Property Taxes due to the State's change in the uniform motor vehicle mill rate from 32 to 37 mills for FY2017. The amended budget as submitted assumes the use of \$8,309,335 of the estimated fund balance for FY2017.

I have received from the Town Clerk Office the Financial and Non-Financial Resolutions adopted by the Council on May 18, 2016. Pursuant to Chapter X, Section 5(c) and Chapter IV, Section 7(c)(4) of the Hartford City Charter, I hereby exercise my authority as Mayor to veto four items and reduce two items of expenditure in certain proposed appropriations approved by Council. Please see the noted items below with an explanation of the basis for my actions:

Financial Resolution Dems #1

This resolution approves \$2,503,755 in reductions across various departments. I commend Council's effort to seek additional reductions in light of the City's severe fiscal challenges. For the following reasons, however, I hereby disapprove the reduction of \$393,000 for the Hartford Public Library:

Hartford Public Library

The Hartford Public Library is one of Hartford's most important educational institutions, and I believe that Council's additional reduction was made without any intent to close neighborhood library branches. As the reduction of \$393,000 would likely result in the closure of up to three branches, I

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have restored the proposed cut. In light of the City's continuing fiscal challenges, however, I have asked the Hartford Public Library to conduct a facility assessment in an effort to maximize branch usage and ensure the future financial sustainability of the library system.

Financial Resolution Dems #2

This resolution approves \$485,628 in additional funding across 5 line items. I am vetoing, disapproving and/or reducing these expenditure increases in 3 line items as follows:

Hartford Arts and Heritage Job Grants

This resolution approves \$200,000 in funding for the Hartford Arts and Heritage Job Grant. The intent is to promote economic development through support of arts-based enterprises. I am supportive of Council's intent. However, in view of the drastic cuts made elsewhere in this budget, I am reducing this expenditure increase to \$100,000.

Special Events

In recent years, the net cost of subsidizing parades and festivals has been more than \$700,000. Due to our fiscal challenges, my Recommended Budget eliminated subsidies for parades and festivals, requiring sponsoring organizations to pay the true cost of such events. Council's resolution approves \$100,000 in funding for special events, not to exceed \$10,000 per organization. I believe that it is appropriate to provide modest support to groups planning events in the first few months of Fiscal Year 2017. Such organizations have had insufficient time to prepare for the City's significant change in policy. However, I am reducing this expenditure increase to \$50,000.

Hartford Pro-Am

The resolution approves \$22,000 for the Hartford Pro-Am Basketball Tournament. In light of the drastic reductions made elsewhere in the FY2017 Budget, I am hereby vetoing this line item expenditure. My decision is in no way a reflection of the value or importance of the Pro-Am Basketball Tournament.

Financial Resolution Dems #8

School Crossing Guards

This resolution contains a reduction of \$1,000,000 in the Police Department, with the expectation that the City would cease to provide school crossing guard services to the Board of Education. I agree with the intent of this resolution. The cost of providing school crossing guards is appropriately borne by the Board of Education. However, ceasing to provide such services in FY 2017 would create significant operational challenges for both the City and the Board of Education. Therefore, I am vetoing this reduction of \$1,000,000, but I will actively seek reimbursement from the Board of Education for the cost of these services in FY2017.

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Financial Resolution WF #13

CT Coalition on Environmental Justice

This resolution approves \$35,000 for the CT Coalition on Environmental Justice. In light of the drastic reductions made elsewhere in the FY2017 Budget, I am hereby vetoing this line item expenditure. My decision is in no way a reflection of the value or importance of the CT Coalition for Environmental Justice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

SUBSTITUTE

THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

CITY OF HARTFORD

May 20, 2016

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD:

Section 1. The following appropriations for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016 are hereby made in the General Fund:

General Government:	<u>Appropriation</u>
Mayor's Office	624,648
Court of Common Council	596,693
City Treasurer	391,650
Registrars of Voters	414,518
Corporation Counsel	1,593,095
Town and City Clerk	739,490
Internal Audit	490,980
Office of Chief Operating Officer	369,843
Communications & New Media	541,098
Metro Hartford Innovation Services	3,118,247
Finance	3,610,884
Human Resources	1,245,831
Office of Management and Budget	883,877
Families, Children, Youth & Recreation	3,536,612
Total General Government	<u>18,157,466</u>
Public Safety:	
Fire	36,373,153
Police	44,073,922
Emergency Services and Telecommunications	3,742,604
Total Public Safety	<u>84,189,679</u>
Infrastructure	
Public Works	11,774,521
Development Services	
Development Services	3,229,396

Health and Human Services	
Health and Human Services	4,241,691
Benefits and Insurances	
Benefits and Insurances	74,965,228
Debt Service	
Debt Service	30,079,004
Non-Operating Department Expenditures:	
Non-Operating Department Expenditures	35,557,640
Municipal Total	262,194,625
Total Education	282,801,144
Hartford Public Library Total	7,860,851
General Fund Total	552,856,620

Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Municipal Code Section 7-1 through 7-87, inclusive, City services for any festival, musical program or similar event requiring exclusive use of any park, street or public place shall be paid by the sponsoring entity, unless there is a funding expenditure for that purpose.

Darrell V. Hill

Acting Director of Finance

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

**John V. Bazzano, Town
and City Clerk**

Adopted by the court of Common Council at a regular meeting held May-2016 by roll-call vote_to_.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano

Town and City Clerk

Copies to: Mayor, Chief Operating Office, Corporation Counsel, Director of Finance, Director of Management, Budget and Grants, Municipal Code, Superintendent of Schools, Director of Public Works, City Treasurer, Development Services, Economic Development, Emergency Services and Telecommunications, Fire Chief, Hartford Board of Education, Hartford Parking Authority, Director of Health and Human Services, Housing, Director of Human Resources, Internal Audit, Library, Metro Hartford Innovation Services, Office of Children Family Recreation, Police Chief, Probate Court, Registrars of Voters, Tax Collector/Assessor, and Town and City Clerk.

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016

**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HARTFORD
April 18, 2016**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD THAT:

On the City October 1, 2015 Grand List, there be and is hereby granted a tax of seventy-four with 0.29 of a mill (74.29) mills on the dollar to be levied upon the ratable estate within the City of Hartford of the inhabitants of said City and all others liable to pay taxes therein, including all estates situated or taxable within the territory added to the limits of the City by any Acts or Resolutions of the General Assembly heretofore passed. Said taxes shall become due on July first, two thousand sixteen (July 1, 2016) and payable on said date in whole or in equal semi-annual installments from that date, namely: July first, two thousand sixteen (July 1, 2016) and January first, two thousand seventeen (January 1, 2017), except as otherwise provided in Section 32-18 Tax Relief for the Elderly of the Municipal Code, and except that any tax not in excess of one hundred dollars shall be due and payable in full on the first day of July, two thousand sixteen (July 1, 2016). If any installment of such tax shall not be paid on or before the first day of the month next succeeding that in which it shall be due and payable, the whole or such part of such installment as is unpaid shall thereupon be delinquent and shall be subject to the addition of interest at the rate and in the manner provided for in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The total amount of any such tax may be paid at the time when the first installment thereof shall be payable.

Leigh Ann Ralls, Acting Finance Director

ATTEST:

**Luke A. Bronin
Mayor**

**John V. Bazzano
Town and City Clerk**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT AGGREGATING \$48,311,278 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$48,311,278 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL,
CITY OF HARTFORD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD:

Section 1. The sum of \$48,311,278 is hereby appropriated by the City of Hartford, Connecticut (the “City”) for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of the various public improvements and equipment hereinafter listed (as more fully described in the narrative description of such improvements and equipment in the City of Hartford CIP Project Commentary dated May ___, 2016), including legal, administrative and related costs (the “Projects”), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid and proceeds from the Hartford Parks Trust Fund:

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

Replacements and Upgrades to Various School Facilities	\$5,057,500
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PUBLIC SAFETY:

Renovation of Fire Station #11	5,000,000
Fire Station Improvements	1,664,100
Police Camera Systems and Related Equipment	1,364,678
Firing Range Renovations & Safety Enhancements	100,000

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Park Improvements and Playground Enhancements	3,550,000
Neighborhood Environmental Improvements	1,000,000

PUBLIC WORKS:

Milling and Paving	3,500,000
Sidewalks	1,000,000
Street Lights	1,200,000
Street Light Conversion to LED	5,000,000
Traffic Calming	200,000
Streetscapes	2,000,000
Street Signalization	5,000,000
Bridge Repairs	500,000
Refuse Carts	500,000
Oil Tanks	250,000
Citywide Security	500,000
Roof Replacement	500,000

Municipal Facilities Renovations	2,000,000
Energy Projects	1,250,000
Building Demolition	250,000

DEVELOPMENT:

Neighborhood Anti-Blight & Housing Revitalization	3,000,000
Federal/State Grant Matching Funds	225,000
Bowles Park Redevelopment	1,000,000
Redevelopment and Implementation	1,000,000
Emergency Demolition Funds	400,000
Document Conversion	300,000
Participatory Budgeting	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	<u>\$48,311,278</u>

Section 2. The estimated useful life of the Projects is not less than twenty years. The total estimated cost of the Projects is \$48,311,278. The cost of the Projects is expected to be defrayed from State and Federal grants and the Hartford Parks Trust Fund.

Section 3. To meet said appropriations, \$48,311,278 bonds of the City, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). Said bonds may be issued in one or more series in the amount necessary to meet the City's share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amount of any State and Federal grants-in-aid therefor and proceeds from the Hartford Parks Trust Fund, or the actual amounts thereof, and the anticipated time of receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, financing, legal and other costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or such other amount or whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 4. The bonds, or any series thereof, may be issued and sold by the Mayor and City Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation or private placement, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least three days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor and the City Treasurer.

Section 5. The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of State grants-in-aid of the Projects. The notes shall be issued and sold in the manner as shall be determined by the Mayor and City Treasurer. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Treasurer, have the City seal affixed, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and City Treasurer pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Hartford, Connecticut. The notes and any renewals thereof shall mature and be payable not later than the end of the fiscal year during which the proceeds of State grants-in-aid in anticipation of which the Notes have been issued are received. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of the notes, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon receipt of the State grants-in aid, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any of the notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 7. The balance of any appropriation or the proceeds of any bonds not needed to meet the cost of any Project authorized hereby may be transferred by resolution of the Common Council to meet the actual cost of any other capital project of the City (including Projects authorized hereby and capital projects authorized by prior or future bond ordinances) for which an appropriation and bond authorization has been adopted; provided that the aggregate amount of bonds authorized pursuant to such transfer shall not be increased.

Section 8. 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 a Project authorized herein and the financing thereof.

Section 9. The issuance of bonds and notes authorized hereunder is within every debt limitation prescribed by law.

Section 10. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Projects

with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations (“Tax Exempt Obligations”) authorized to be issued by the City. The Tax Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Tax Exempt Obligations.

Section 11. The Mayor, the City Treasurer and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) and to provide notices to the MSRB of certain events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 12. 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 to enable Bond Counsel to render its opinions as to the validity of the bonds and the exclusion of the interest on the bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, including, but not limited to, bond insurance agreements, paying agent agreements, tax certificates, tax forms, investment agreements or assignments, (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 13. 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 of any of the Projects 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.