

Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, In January 1995, Chappelle Garden's Inc. purchase from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Chappelle Gardens Housing Cooperative, Hartford's first HUD-assisted housing project, and committed \$8.4 million in an up-front grant to save their 22 acre, 188 unit community; and

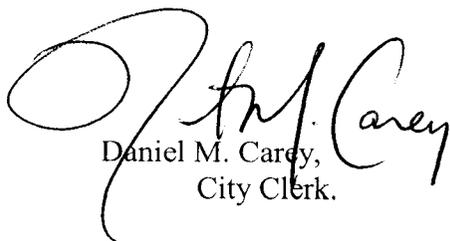
WHEREAS, Approximately, \$435,000 of the HUD grant was designated for construction of a community center on the property, as well as \$150,000 from DECD, \$100,000 from the Hartford Foundation and \$150,000 for the property's reserve as a loan; and

WHEREAS, Due to delays, the construction did not begin until November 2005 while costs have increased significantly since the money was first allocated in 1995, resulting in a \$180,000 financial gap with 90 percent of the project completed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to allocate \$130,000 in Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds for eligible soft costs (architectural, engineering, permits, certificates of occupancy, etc.) and hard costs (construction) for the Chappelle Garden's Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Mayor is authorized to direct the Department of Development Services - Division of Grants Management to allocate these funds and reimburse Chappelle Garden's Inc. for eligible hard and soft costs associated with the construction of their community center.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Hartford Parking Authority (HPA) has prepared a proposal for the management of the parking lot at 1214 Main Street on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, The proposal calls for an upfront City investment of \$115,000 for improvements to the 225 space lot; and

WHEREAS, The HPA estimates that the lot can generate \$150,000 in revenue with an annual net profit after expense of \$35,000 which will be used to help offset the proposed City investment in improvements to improve safety and security; now, therefore, be it

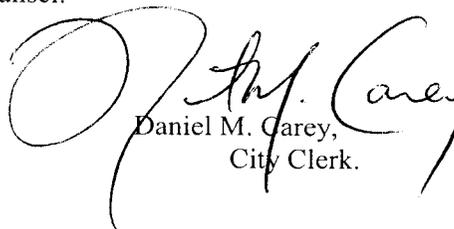
RESOLVED, That Court of Common Council authorizes the City's Purchasing Agent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the HPA for the operation of the lot at 1214 Main Street on behalf of the City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby further 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 interests 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 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 lease agreement and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, On October 13, 2005, the Hartford Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) selected Plaza Mayor, LLC as Tentative Developer for the northwest and southwest corners of Park and Main Streets in the Main-John-Hudson Project in order to carry out its proposal; and

WHEREAS, Said proposal is a mixed-use development that will result in the construction of townhouses, retail space, a banquet center and associated parking surrounding a public plaza that will serve as a gateway to Park Street; and

WHEREAS, On November 9, 2006, the Agency Granted Initial Approval of Disposition Agreement with Plaza Mayor, LLC and has forwarded the same to the Court of Common Council for its consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, The City has proposed providing financial assistance to support certain public components of the project, which include, but are not limited to environmental and site costs and construction and associated costs of the plaza, streetscape, gateway and covered parking that will be open to the public; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, \$6,000,000 in bonds were authorized in the Capital Improvement Fund in Fiscal Year 2001 for the purpose of “Pool Enclosures for Certain Swimming Pools”. As of 10/31/06 there remains an available appropriation balance of \$4,940,742.67:

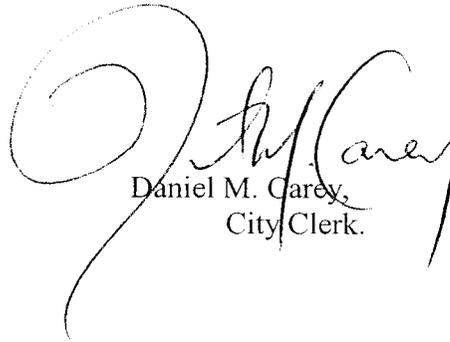
A. Appropriation	\$6,000,000.00
B. Expenditures	\$128,908.71
C. Encumbrances	\$2,542.62

D. Commitment \$927,806.00
E. Appropriation Balance \$4,940,742.67; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Finance Director be hereby authorized to make the following appropriation transfers in support of the Plaza Mayor Project:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increases</u>
311B481 Pool Enclosures	\$4,600,000	
311C245 Streetscape Improvements		\$1,800,000
420E004 Economic Development Site Acquisition		\$ 500,000
311C240 Road Improvement Program (Plaza Mayor)		\$2,300,000

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WHEREAS, The Hartford Redevelopment Agency passed the following resolution on November 9, 2006 and submitted the same to the Court of Common Council for its consideration and approval.

RESOLUTION GRANTING INITIAL APPROVAL OF A DISPOSITION AGREEMENT WITH PLAZA MAYOR, LLC FOR THE NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST CORNERS OF PARK AND MAIN STREETS IN THE MAIN-JOHN-HUDSON STREET PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, On October 13, 2005, the Hartford Redevelopment Agency approved Plaza Mayor, LLC as Tentative Redeveloper for northwest and southwest corners of Park and Main Streets in the Main-John-Hudson Street Project in order to carry out its proposal; and

WHEREAS, The northwest and southwest corners shall refer to 89-97, 99-105, 109, 111, 115 and 131-157 Main Street, 9, 11-17, 19-21, 22-34, 23-29, and 22-70 Park Street and 14-28 John Street, together with all appurtenances thereto (collectively, the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, The Tentative Developer has made progress in identifying private funding sources and has satisfied all other "Requirements for Initial Approval of a Disposition Agreement"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Hartford Redevelopment Agency (Agency), as follows:

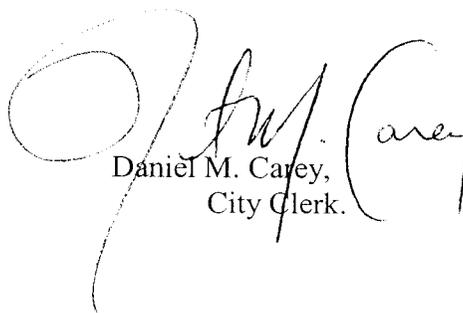
1. Plaza Mayor, LLC is hereby named Redeveloper for the Property.

2. A disposition price of \$1.00 is hereby established.
3. Initial approval of a disposition agreement between the Agency and the Redeveloper on the above terms is hereby granted.
4. The Executive Director of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the Court of Common Council for its consideration and approval.
5. Any substantial change in the proposal will require approval by the Agency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Court of Common Council that the resolution is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any substantial change, as interpreted by the Corporation Counsel, in the terms of said disposition shall be referred to the Court of Common Council for approval.

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RESOLVED, That the following individuals be appointed to the City of Hartford Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

Roberta Gould (D) of 11 Eastview Street, West Hartford, 06107 to fill the expired term of Commissioner Rooks, for a term to expire January 13, 2009.

Brenda Lammie (D) of 29 Grande Avenue, Windsor, 06095, to fill a vacant term to expire January 13, 2009.

Lois Ross (D) of 185 Pembroke Street, 06112, to fill a vacant term to expire January 13, 2009.

James Pestana (D) of 20 Hickory Drive, Windsor, 06095, to fill a vacant term to expire January 13, 2009.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Hartford Symphony Orchestra has outgrown their Farmington Avenue office and has located new space downtown at 99 Pratt Street; and

WHEREAS, The relocation includes moving a dozen new jobs from out of State to downtown; and

WHEREAS, In order to defray a portion of those costs, the Hartford Symphony Orchestra has requested a grant from the City for \$25,000 to assist with funding those costs; and

WHEREAS, There are contingency funds available to support this grant; now, therefore, be it

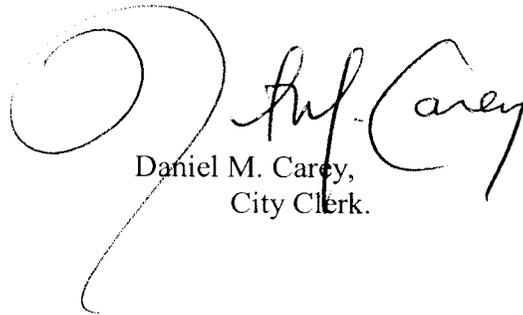
RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council authorizes \$25,000 grant be awarded to the Hartford Symphony Orchestra; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby further 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 interests 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 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 agreements and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

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WHEREAS, In the Fiscal Year 2000 for the purpose of "Pool Enclosures for Certain Swimming Pools", \$6,000,000 in bonds were authorized in the Capital Improvement Fund to assure that Goodwin Park Pool, Keney Park Pool, Colt Park Pool and Pope Park Pool would have pool use during and after hours – as well as provide additional protection to the longevity of these pools' life; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the City's Public Works Department's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for pool enclosures resulted in quotes of expenditures for pool enclosures -- far exceeding the amount of these funds (i.e.: \$6 million) as allocated -- leading to significant unspent funds for the pool enclosures; and

WHEREAS, Other economic development pools of funding necessitate the immediate use of these unspent swimming pool enclosure funds; and

WHEREAS, A new task force has been developed by the Mayor and City Council to review the specifications and resources needed for adequate pool enclosures, which will in all likelihood continue to require funds in the not-too-distant-future to meet said specifications; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City Council support the work of the task force including agreeing to account for up to \$6-million in Capital Improvement Program funds as part of the issuance of the \$20-million May-2007 City Council bond approval, and/or through action on any additional funds needed for further pool enclosures as part of the 2007-2008 City budget's Capital Improvement Program fund allocation.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Sorrows is sponsoring a religious procession on Friday, April 6, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The route is in the vicinity of their church on Greenwood Street; and

WHEREAS, The sponsor of this event is requesting a 50 percent fee waiver for City costs associated with this event; and

WHEREAS, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provided in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the City's costs and fees associated with an event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That prior to the event the sponsor is required to obtain the proper Insurance Certificate, which holds the City harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This Certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council waives one half of the fees associated with this special event.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Town Clerk's Association (CTCA) will hold their Spring Conference in Hartford on April 25 -27, 2007 at the Connecticut Convention Center and Hartford Marriott. The conference will be attended by Town and City Clerks from around the State of Connecticut, along with the Office of the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, The CTCA will be hosting a Town Clerk reception in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, The sponsor of this event is seeking permission to serve food and liquor, to use tables and chairs, and a 50 percent fee waiver for City costs associated with this event; now, therefore, be it

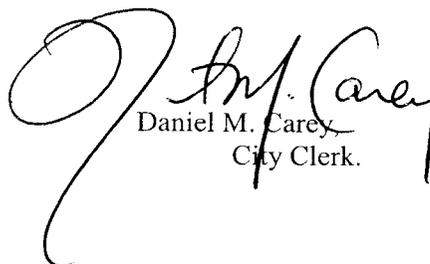
RESOLVED, That prior to the event the sponsor was required to obtain the proper Insurance Certificate, which held the City harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This Certificate was reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the permittee is also required where applicable to apply and receive a liquor permit from the Connecticut Liquor Control Commission. A copy of this approved liquor permit must be presented to the Risk Management Department prior to the event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common gives permission to the Connecticut Town Clerks Association to hold their event.

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council waives one half of the fees associated with this special event.

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WHEREAS, Foodshare will be holding the 24th Annual Walk Against Hunger in the Asylum Hill and West End neighborhoods on Sunday, May 6, 2007 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, The sponsor of this event is also seeking permission to serve cold food and beverages; and

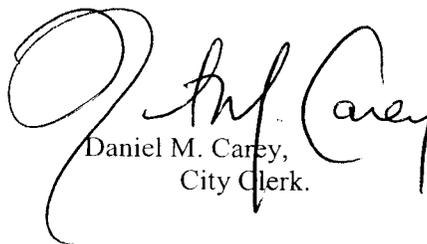
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RESOLVED, That prior to the event the sponsor is required to obtain the proper Insurance Certificate, which holds the City harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This Certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council waives one half of the fees associated with this special event.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 26, 2007, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

WHEREAS, The Eugene Green Institute at Lewis Fox Middle School is an all boys academy that focuses on leadership and excellence; and

WHEREAS, The young men of the Eugene Green Institute challenge themselves to become academically competent in preparation for their future through education and expansion of their horizons beyond the walls of the City of Hartford; and

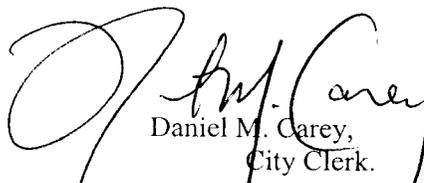
WHEREAS, The young men of the Eugene Green Institute are requesting financial assistance to help defray the cost for 90 of them to take advantage of their annual educational field trip coordinated by their instructors/teachers; and

WHEREAS, This educational experience will include stops such as: Coppin State University, Virginia State College, Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History, Jamestown, Va. just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, The young men of the Eugene Green Institute have done their own fundraising, and have reached out to local businesses and foundations and have obtained about \$6,000.00, they still have a shortfall of funds and are requesting help from the City of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council requests that the Office of the Mayor identify \$7,500 to support the Eugene Green Institute.

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