May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Commission on Human Relations was created to foster mutual understanding and respect for all races, religions, ethnic groups and sexual preferences within the city and to encourage equality of treatment without regard to race, religion, ethnicity or sexual preference, and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Joanna Iovino as a member of the Commission, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual as a member of the Commission on Human Relations:

- Joanna Iovino (U), 108 Wadsworth Street, Apt. C-1, Hartford 06106
  Appointed to a term expiring February 24, 2015

Attest: 

John V. Bazzano, 
City Clerk.
May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

RESOLVED, That Court of Common Council does hereby designate $1,000 from Fiscal Year 2011-2012 City Contributions toward Public Programs account to the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center.

Attest:

[Signature]

John V. Bazzano,
City Clerk.
May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, awards grants to municipalities for hiring new police officers, and

WHEREAS, DOJ has notified the City that a grant of $1,933,760 will be made available through the 2011 COPS Hiring Program to the City of Hartford for the period September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014, and

WHEREAS, This grant will fund full pay and benefits for ten (10) new police officers for three years, and

WHEREAS, The police department is projecting that more than 50 current officers will become eligible to retire in Fiscal Year 2012-13, and

WHEREAS, If the City accepts this grant, it must maintain funding for the ten police officers in the City’s operating budget for at least one year following the expiration of the grant and, additionally, must improve homicide prevention and increase the rate at which homicides are solved, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford is hereby authorized to accept the 2011 COPS Hiring Program Grant in the amount of $1,933,760 from the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Office, 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 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 agreement or other documents, or to take any of the 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.

Attest:

[Signature]
John V. Bazzand
City Clerk.
May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The City is faced with a $56mil deficit for its 2012-2013 fiscal year and all departments are called to examine their processes in order to assess where they can deliver better service within the confines of a shrinking budget; and

WHEREAS, The City’s Metro Hartford Information Services Department is a model department as they provide leadership, coordination, and support for the information technology and communication needs of the City of Hartford, the Hartford Public Schools, and the Hartford Public Libraries; and

WHEREAS, MHIS is responsible for the infrastructure of the current city/school network. The network currently supports 1,500 city employees and 5,500 Board of Education users. There are approximately 20,000 students that may also use PCs or Macs at schools. There are approximately 155 servers, 10,000 PCs and approximately 10,000 telephones on the network.; and

WHEREAS, An industry wide movement is underway towards the delivery of services via the concept of cloud computing; and

WHEREAS, Cloud computing is the delivery of computing as a service rather than a product, whereby shared resources, software, and information are provided to computers and other devices as a utility over a network; and

WHEREAS, The use of Cloud computing within a municipality can reduce the total cost of ownership both directly and in indirectly via facilities consolidation, labor optimization, asset utilization and capital expenditure reductions; and

WHEREAS, Currently, various providers are doing cloud assessments to municipalities at no charge; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council instructs the Mayor to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on the merits of switching City networks and networking functions to a cloud computing infrastructure.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano,
City Clerk.
May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Hartford Public Schools (HPS) is currently occupying and using, for its central offices and business operations, certain space on the 8th and 9th floors (54,762 sq ft) as well as a portion of the basement (11,145 sq ft) of the former G. Fox building at 960 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The HPS occupies the space pursuant to a lease dated July 2000, as amended, by and between HDR Operating Company, LLC and HDR Office Holdings SPE, LLC, as landlord, and the City of Hartford, as tenant; and

WHEREAS, The HPS wishes to open a “Welcome Center” on the first floor of the building at 960 Main Street and requires additional space in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, The HPS and the Landlord have negotiated an amendment to the Lease to add approximately 1,854 square feet of first floor retail space to the lease upon the following terms and conditions:

- The initial term is April 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015, with a five-year renewal option,

- The annual rent is $22,248.00, which amount equates to $12.00 per rentable square foot per year,

- Landlord shall pay the cost of electricity, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning,

- Tenant will pay for routine janitorial services and its pro rata share (1.72%) of any increases in the operating expenses and real estate taxes over the base year of 2010,

- Tenant will pay for tenant improvements at an estimated cost of $30,000.00,
The expenditures for the tenant improvements are reimbursable by the Landlord provided the improvements and the City’s requisitions are approved by the Landlord, and

WHEREAS, At its meeting on February 21, 2012, the HPS authorized the City to enter into and execute an amendment to the Lease with the Landlord for the purposes and under the terms set forth above; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an amendment to the Lease or other agreement granting the use of the Premises for the purposes set forth above, upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests 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 lease, 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 lease and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano
City Clerk.
May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

RESOLVED, That Court of Common Council does hereby designate $2,000 from Fiscal Year 2011-2012 City Contributions toward Public Programs Account to the Guakia Inc Performing Arts Program.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano,
City Clerk.
May 15, 2012

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, May 14, 2012, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The 2010 U.S. Supreme Court’s 5-4 ruling in Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission rolled back legal restrictions on corporate spending in the electoral process, allowing unlimited corporate spending in electoral campaigns, ballot questions and referendum movements; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Buckley v. Valeo established a principle, not enumerated in the constitution, that money is a form of speech; and

WHEREAS, Already within the State of Connecticut corporations have garnered the right to vote in two municipal tax districts, and are thus exceeding the enumerated rights provided in the Connecticut and US Constitutions, which grant only US citizens the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Money affects the quality and quantity of speech and is NOT, in itself, speech; and allowing corporations with great wealth to use it as speech effectively drowns out the protected free speech of the People in our diverse society; and

WHEREAS, The Citizens decision supersedes state and local efforts to regulate corporate activity in their elections; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a groundswell of support around the nation to have Congress introduce an amendment to the Constitution stating that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, As of May 2012 over 160 municipalities and six states have either passed or currently have bills/resolutions in progress; and
WHEREAS, In order for Connecticut Congressional representatives to act, they must hear a resounding voice from their constituents and the Hartford Court of Common Council and Mayor are the elected representatives of the Capital of the state of Connecticut with a population over 125,000; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Court of Common Council and Mayor are the elected representatives of the Capital of the state of Connecticut with a population over 125,000; now therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, With the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Motion, the City of Hartford hereby includes in its Federal and State Legislative Programs SUPPORT for a Constitutional Amendment and other legislative actions that will overturn Supreme Court decisions such as Buckley v Citizens United that together have established the principles that money is a form of speech and that corporations are a form of person.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano,
City Clerk.