

# Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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July 12, 2010

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas,** The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation awards grants to municipalities to enhance law enforcement operations; and

**Whereas,** The Hartford Police Department has been awarded a grant to provide increased traffic enforcement; and

**Whereas,** The intent of this grant is to reduce and/or eliminate hazardous operation of motor vehicles as well as the hazardous conditions caused by the "cruising" activity.; and

**Whereas,** The police department will use these funds to identify specific times and policing specific areas of the City affected by the "cruising" activity, employing relentless enforcement utilizing lawful, proven and effective police tactics and successfully targeting identified offenses and arresting offenders.; and

**Whereas,** These activities typically require overtime as the police department is below ideal staffing levels; and

**Whereas,** To reduce the impact on the general fund budget the grant funds received will be used to offset and supplement the allocation of overtime for the police department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to accept grant funding in the amount of \$13,800 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for the Operation Safe Streets 2010 Traffic Safety Enforcement Program.

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**Whereas,** The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance awards grants to municipalities to enhance law enforcement operations; and

**Whereas,** The Hartford Police Department qualifies for a formula allocation grant from the FY 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and

**Whereas,** The intent of this grant is to assist the efforts of law enforcement agencies to prevent or reduce crime and violence; and

**Whereas,** The police department will use these funds to provide a greater police presence, cover staff vacancies, conduct criminal investigations and respond to hotspots of criminal activity; and

**Whereas,** These activities typically require overtime as the police department is below ideal staffing levels; and

**Whereas,** To reduce the impact on the general fund budget the grant funds received will be used to offset and supplement the allocation of overtime for the police department; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to apply for and accept grant funding in the amount of \$284,617 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas,** The Office of Youth Services serves as the City's Youth Service Bureau; and

**Whereas,** As the Youth Service Bureau, the Office for Youth Services is legislatively responsible for the coordination of programs in areas of juvenile justice, crisis intervention, child welfare; mental health; positive youth development; recreational/cultural programs and research on youth issues; development & resources for new and expanded programs; community involvement; and advocacy on behalf of youth and their families; and

**Whereas,** The CT Department of Education has notified the City that funds are available for Hartford's Youth Service Bureau activities in the amount of \$160,722 for fiscal year 2010-11; and

**Whereas,** The City must provide cash match of \$100,000, which has been budgeted in the current FY 10-11 Mayor's adopted budget; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to apply for and receive the funds to leverage the funding priorities of the Office and its Youth Services; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Office for Youth Services to release these funds through a competitive city wide Request for Proposals of qualified youth

services providers, contingent upon the state funding allocation being made and to enter into contract with the selected agencies; 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 receive and expend the above referenced grant; 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.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas**, On January 26, 2009, the City of Hartford's Court of Common Council approved a certain redevelopment plan entitled "Redevelopment Plan For The Downtown North Project" (the "Plan"); and

**Whereas**, Two (2) certain parcels of real property and improvements thereon known as 1161 Main Street and 40 Chapel Street (collectively, the "Properties"), and owned by Edwards Development LLC and Chapel Equities LLC respectively (collectively, the "Seller"), are subject to the Plan; and

**Whereas**, Pursuant to the Plan, the City of Hartford ("City"), acting by and through the Hartford Redevelopment Agency ("HRA"), desires to acquire the Properties from Seller; and

**Whereas**, As a result of extensive negotiations between the parties over the past several months, Seller is willing to sell the Properties to HRA for a purchase price of \$625,000.00; and

**Whereas**, On July 8, 2010, HRA: (i) approved the acquisition of the Properties from Seller for the above-referenced purchase price, subject to Council approval, and (ii) determined that it has sufficient funds to maintain the Properties in advance of their redevelopment; and

**Whereas**, In order to proceed with the acquisition of the Properties and the demolition of the building located on 1161 Main Street, the HRA has requested Council's approval of such acquisition; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That, the HRA is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a purchase and sale agreement with Seller or its successors or assigns for the purposes set forth above, and to perform all obligations thereunder, except such authorization does not include the authority to

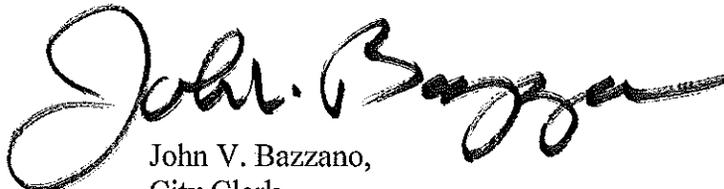
acquire the Properties, upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the HRA and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City and HRA; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the HRA is hereby further authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as HRA and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City and HRA in order to effect the above transactions; 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 HRA fail to execute the aforementioned purchase and sale 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 HRA executing such purchase and sale agreement and documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the HRA and the Corporation Counsel.

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**Whereas,** Elacia Hall, Mon-Cherie Webb and Brittnee Countryman are sponsoring a Fashion Show to benefit Hope for Autism for the purpose of raising awareness of autism. The event will take place on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 7:00pm; and

**Whereas,** The event sponsors are requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in 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; and

**Whereas,** 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; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council grant the sponsors of Hope for Autism a forty-two percent (42%) fee waiver.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas,** The American Cancer Society is the sponsoring the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event at Bushnell Park on October 17, 2010 from 9:00am to 1:30pm; and

**Whereas,** The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver, a closure of Trinity Street where it passes through the park, and permission to serve food and beverages; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides 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; and

**Whereas,** Prior to the event the Sponsor is required to obtain tile 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; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council waives forty-two percent (42%) of applicable City fees associated with the event.

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**Whereas,** The Special Olympics is sponsoring the "Corporate 5K" fundraiser in Bushnell Park on August 12, 2010 from 6:20pm to 8:30pm; and

**Whereas,** The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides 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; and

**Whereas,** 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; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council waives forty-two percent (42%) of applicable City fees associated with the event

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas,** The Friends and Families of Forster Heights Park are sponsoring the "Community Day at Forster Heights" on July 10, 2010 from noon to 5:00pm; and

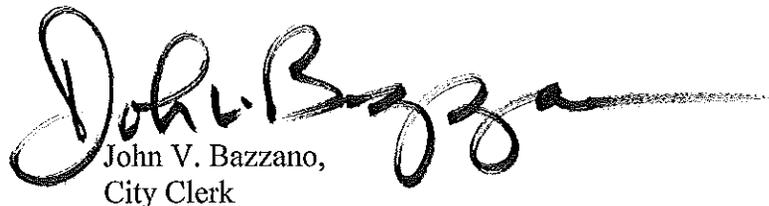
**Whereas,** The event sponsor is requesting a 50% fee waiver; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides 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; and

**Whereas,** 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; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council waives forty-two percent (42%) of applicable City fees associated with the event.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas,** The 19th Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz, Inc. will be held in Bushnell Park in afternoon and evenings of July 16, 17 and 18, 2010; and

**Whereas,** The Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz has been a successful event for the last eighteen years, attracting thousands of people from around the City and region; and

**Whereas,** The Festival has attracted numerous luminaries of this uniquely American art form, including Arturo Sandoval, Dave Brubeck, John Scofield, and Joey DeFrancesco; and

**Whereas,** The Greater Hartford Jazz Festival Committee is requesting permission to sell food, wine, beer, crafts and souvenirs and also to hang banners and display signage during the event and a 50% fee waiver for all city costs associated with the event; and

**Whereas,** On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides 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; and

**Whereas,** The Greater Hartford Jazz Festival Committee is required to obtain the proper insurance certificate prior to the event, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the consumption of alcohol or beer at the event. This insurance certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; and

**Whereas,** 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 Human Services Department prior to the event; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council waives fifty percent (50%) of applicable City fees associated with the event; and, be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council grants permission for the sponsor to sell alcohol.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**Resolved,** That Kenneth H. Kennedy, Jr., is appointed Chair of the Operation Management and Budget Committee.

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**Whereas,** The City of Hartford as a municipal government has the responsibility to service the residents of the City of Hartford; and

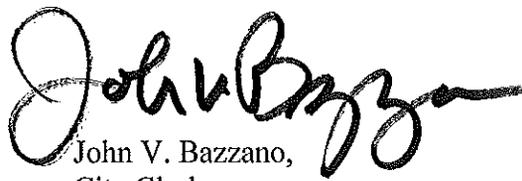
**Whereas,** The Court of Common Council passed a no mil increase FY 2010 - 2011 Budget; and

**Whereas,** Staying with appropriated budget is paramount, the Labor and Workforce Development Committee for the City of Hartford request that each department through the Office of the Mayor submit their budgeted workforce full-time employees information to include, total number of full-time employees, dates of hired for new employees, and any promotions for existing employees awarded for FY 2008 - 2009 and FY 2009 - 2010; and

**Whereas,** This employee information is critical to the adopted budget and employee relationships are important to the morale of the workforce in these fiscally challenging times, as such the Labor and Workforce Development Committee also request that kinships wherever known also be disclosed; now, therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council request that the Mayor make this employee information available to the Council no later than August 30, 2010.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, July 12, 2010, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**Whereas,** The Hartford Board of Education has adopted a vision for the Hartford Public Schools to transform the education of its students, and

**Whereas,** An integral part of that vision is the development and implementation of smaller learning communities; and

**Whereas,** Research has demonstrated that smaller learning communities are a powerful tool for education reform and student achievement; and

**Whereas,** Weaver High School currently houses three such smaller learning communities; and;

**Whereas,** While many in the community support these smaller academies, there are many student alumni and former staff who feel a strong connection to the Weaver High School name; and

**Whereas,** The implementation of smaller learning communities can be accomplished without changing the Weaver building name; therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council hereby urges the Hartford Board of Education to preserve the Weaver High School name; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council utilize its sole authority to approve the issuance of bonds or notes for construction purposes for the school to help ensure that the Thomas J. Snell Weaver name is maintained.

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**Resolved**, That Council Rule 1X be amended to reflect the following:

There shall be the following Standing Committees:

1. Education
2. Legislative Affairs
3. Health and Human Services
4. Housing
5. Labor and Workforce Development
6. Operations, Management and Budget
7. Planning and Economic Development
8. Public Works, Parks and Environment
9. Quality of Life and Public Safety
10. Committee of the Whole

The Council shall appoint all committees or subcommittees, and no committee or subcommittee created by Council shall have authority to create its own subcommittees or sub-subcommittees. The Council may from time to time appoint special committees for the purpose of holding public hearings on any matter and for such other purposes as it may designate. A quorum rule of two (2) Council Members is applied to all standing committee, special committee and subcommittee meetings.

Any elected City official who attends a Committee meeting shall have the right to participate in the Committee's discussion whether or not the official is a member of the Committee.

There shall be opportunity for public participation at eve17 Committee meeting, except that such participation at a meeting of the Committee of the Whole shall be at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson.

1. All Education Committee meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

2. All Legislative Affairs Committee meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

3. All Health and Human Services Committee meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

4. All Housing Committee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

5. All Labor and Workforce Development Committee meetings will be held on the [second] third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

6. All Operations, Management and Budget Committee meetings will be held on the Thursday immediately following the first regularly scheduled Council meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

7. All Planning and Economic Development Committee meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

8. All Public Works and Parks Committee meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

9. All Quality of Life and Public Safety Committee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

10. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place in accordance with Rule XI.

Committee Chairpersons reserve the right to hold Committee meetings throughout the community with proper notice to the Town and City Clerk's Office and the community.

Committee meetings will be convened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

The agenda for each regularly scheduled meeting of a Standing Committee shall be delivered to the Mayor, the Town Clerk and all Council Members at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The agenda shall include all items referred from the previous Council meeting and any item filed by a Committee Member with the Chairman at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled Standing Committee meeting.

The appropriate Chairperson in concurrence with the majority of the Committee Members will announce said time in their Committee meeting notice.

Any regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting falling on a legal holiday, or the evening before a holiday, or on an evening when a Council meeting has been scheduled by operation of law shall be rescheduled for the first evening thereafter.

A special meeting of a Standing Committee can be called upon no less than 48 hours notice by the Chairperson filing a written notice of the meeting with the Town Clerk and mailing a notice to all proper persons. The Chairperson may not file such a notice until he or she has the approval of at least

one other Committee Member, and the Chairpersons shall call the meeting on behalf of all those who consented. Should at least three (3) Committee Members request a special meeting, the Chairperson shall file a notice and call a meeting at their request.

All reports of Committees appointed by the Council shall be in writing. Assistance to each Standing Committee for the purpose of preparing reports shall be provided by City staff. Reports shall include general information on the subject matter, a brief summary of discussion, the proposed action, and the Committee vote.

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**Whereas,** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of funding for the Climate Showcase Communities Grant; and

**Whereas,** The City of Hartford has identified a \$225,000 green roof project for a city high school; and

**Whereas,** Federal funds will provide approximately 50% of the project costs; and

**Whereas,** Green roofs provide a variety of benefits including extending roof life, increasing the R value of the roof, reducing rainwater run off to storm systems, and reducing the 'heat island' effect of urban development; and

**Whereas,** This project would integrate a variety of educational benefits that would include nutrition, engineering, biology/botany, and community outreach; and

**Whereas,** Potential partners for this project are the Hartford Public School system, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, University of Hartford, Metropolitan District Commission, and the Hartford Food System; and

**Whereas,** The City of Hartford must also identify the local match which can not be other Federal sources, but can be an 'in-kind' match; and therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the City of Hartford hereby formally endorses application for and acceptance of funds for tiffs Climate Showcase Communities application under the EPA and be it further

**Resolved,** That the City Council hereby commits to providing the 33% 'in-kind' local share to the extent necessary and that such funds come from the bond authorization in Budget 2009-2010 for Educational Facilities (roofs/masonry, intrusion alarms, parking lots, asbestos removal, HVAC & school building improvements).

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**Whereas**, The Metropolitan District Commission ("the MDC") is a non-profit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929 to provide potable water and sewage to communities in the Greater Hartford area; and

**Whereas**, To provide water in suitable quantities and quality, the MDC owns a considerable amount of land in the Greater Hartford region and beyond; and

**Whereas**, For many decades these lands, with some restrictions for security purposes, have been open to all for recreational uses such as cycling, hiking, walking, running and swimming; and

**Whereas**, The reservoirs in West Hartford are the closest woodsy, mountainous terrain in the area for Hartford residents to enjoy pastoral pleasures, and many residents enjoy heading out to Lake McDonough to swim; and

**Whereas**, Hartford and its residents are MDC ratepayers and are represented by nine commissioners on the MDC board; and

**Whereas**, As a result of an adverse legal ruling and associated liability and insurance concerns, the MDC is considering closing its lands to some or all of the public recreational activities with which it has become associated; and

**Whereas**, Closure of the MDC lands to recreational use would result in a severe diminution of services to rate-paying Hartford residents; now, therefore, be it resolved

**Resolved,** That the Hartford Court of Common Council and the City of Hartford urge the MDC to keep its lands open to the public for recreational use; and, be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council urges the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly to pursue appropriate legislative action in concert with the delegations of other MDC member towns to ensure the continued public enjoyment of the MDC lands; and, be it further

**Resolved,** That the Court of Common Council requests the Town/City Clerk transmit certified copies of this resolution to the MDC board as well as the Hartford delegation to the Connecticut General Assembly.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John V. Bazzano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John V. Bazzano,  
City Clerk