

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
550 MAIN STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda

Cynthia R. Jennings, Councilwoman/ Chairperson
Wildaliz Bermudez, Minority Leader
John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader
James Sanchez, Councilman
rJo Winch, Councilwoman

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

- 1. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE BPF'S PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAYGROUND AT BUSHNELL PARK AND ENCOURAGES BPF TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS REASONABLE CONCERNS WITH THE CITY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING AND**

ZONING COMMISSION. (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION) (ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (ITEM 12 ON AGENDA)

- 2. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH KNOX, INC. TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THE CITY'S URBAN TREE CANOPY. (ITEM #5 ON AGENDA)**
- 3. PRESENTATION BY DONNA SWARR, PRAC SECRETARY, OUTLINING THE PARKS, AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION'S (PRAC) GOALS FOR 2018 AND ITS CURRENT ACTIVITIES**
- 4. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-1, ARTICLE I, CONCERNING SOLID WASTE AND WEEDS-GENERAL OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR BRONIN)(ITEM #19 ON AGENDA)**



**OFFICE OF THE TOWN AND CITY CLERK
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
NOTICES OF REFERRALS**

January 9, 2018

**REFERRED TO: COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA R. JENNINGS, CHAIRPERSON,
PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council January 8, 2018 the following item (s) was/were introduced and referred to you for a report.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE BPF'S PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAYGROUND AT BUSHNELL PARK AND ENCOURAGES BPF TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS REASONABLE CONCERNS WITH THE CITY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION) (ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER GALE) (COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ) (ITEM #12 ON AGENDA)

REPORT SUBMITTED ON _____

ATTEST:

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

INTRODUCED BY:
Majority Leader Julio A. Concepción

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, January 8, 2018

CO-SPONSORED BY:
Assistant Majority Leader John Q. Gale
Councilman James Sanchez

Resolution Supporting the Bushnell Park Playground

WHEREAS, The Bushnell Park playground complex installed in 1999, adjacent to the historic Carousel, served as a community asset for nearly 20 years and;

WHEREAS, Children from all Hartford neighborhoods and throughout the Hartford Region enjoyed spending time in Bushnell Park while entertaining themselves in the playground complex and;

WHEREAS, Due to the end of its usable life, coupled with safety concerns, the City removed the playground structure in April of 2016 and;

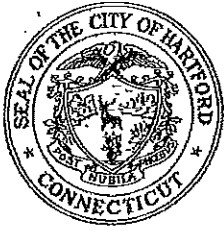
WHEREAS, Since the playground's demolition and removal, the Bushnell Park Foundation (BPF) has taken the lead to restore this important asset to the park by establishing a Playground Selection Committee and;

WHEREAS, For nearly two years the BPF and its Committee have collaborated with numerous City Staff members, elected officials, local parents and community members and;

WHEREAS, The BPF has raised \$250,000 for the project to date, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council follow the example of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) and support the BPF's plan of moving forward with the construction of the playground at the location that was originally identified (site of the former playground), and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council encourages the BPF to continue its collaboration with the City's Planning Department and Planning & Zoning Commission to address any safety and reasonable aesthetic concerns that the Department and Commission might have.



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January 23, 2018

**REFERRED TO: COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA R. JENNINGS, CHAIRPERSON,
PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council January 22, 2018 the following item (s) was/were introduced and referred to you for a report.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") WITH KNOX, INC. TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THE CITY'S URBAN TREE CANOPY. (ITEM #5 ON AGENDA)

REPORT SUBMITTED ON _____

ATTEST:

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

January 22, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Street Tree Planting

Dear Council President Thames:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorize the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") of \$75,000 with Knox, Inc. (Knox) for the planting and maintenance of 150 street trees, to support and maintain the city's urban tree canopy.

This project is a continuation of the City's street tree planting program that has been underway for the past two years in partnership with Knox. The MOU requires Knox to plant a minimum of 150 trees along streets throughout the Hartford and maintain them by watering, mulching, and staking. All trees chosen will be suitable for Hartford's hardiness zone, tolerant of diseases and pests, and will meet minimum branching height requirements. Knox will guarantee the survival of the trees for two years after planting. Knox will employ Hartford residents as seasonal employees as part of this endeavor. Additionally, community volunteers will be trained by Knox in horticulture techniques to assist in the care of the trees to assure their survival and health in the future. Funds for this project are available in the Capital Improvement Fund in account code W1808.

Respectfully submitted,

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Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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**OFFICE OF THE TOWN AND CITY CLERK
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February 15, 2018

**REFERRED TO: COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA R. JENNINGS, CHAIRPERSON,
PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council February 13, 2018 the following item (s) was/were introduced and referred to you for a report.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-1, ARTICLE I, CONCERNING SOLID WASTE
AND WEEDS - GENERAL OF THE HARTFORD MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR
BRONIN) (ITEM #19 ON AGENDA)**

HEARING DATE FEBRUARY 20, 2018

REPORT SUBMITTED ON _____

ATTEST:

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



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

February 13, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Bulky Waste Definition

Dear Council President Thames:

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance amending Section 15-1 of the Municipal Code to delete the term "demolition debris" from and add the terms "mattresses" and "box springs" to the definition of Bulky Waste.

On October 23, 2017, the Court of Common Council adopted an ordinance that repealed Chapter 15 Article I (Garbage, Refuse and Weeds - In General) and replaced it with a new Chapter 15 Article I (Solid Waste and Weeds - In General). Within Section 15-1, the definition for "Bulky Waste" contains the term "demolition debris". The inclusion of this term was an error. The City has never picked up demolition debris and it would be inadvisable to begin doing so due to the high likelihood that hazardous materials, such as asbestos, would be included in the debris. Therefore, we recommend that demolition debris be deleted from the definition. Further, staff has noted that it would be helpful to residents if mattresses and box springs were specifically mentioned in the definition of bulky waste. These changes are proposed in the attached ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

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