



# CITY OF HARTFORD

OFFICE OF THE TOWN AND CITY CLERK

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103

JOHN V. BAZZANO  
TOWN & CITY CLERK  
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

February 15, 2018

Honorable Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

Dear Mayor Bronin:

Please find attached the following resolutions that were passed at a regular meeting of the Court of Common Council on February 13, 2018. I have duly certified these documents and respectfully send them to you for your review.

  
John V. Bazzano, City Clerk

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# Court of Common Council

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) receives funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing operating assistance for mass transit for seniors and persons over 18 years of age with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford provides transportation for seniors and disabled residents to medical appointments and senior centers and for grocery shopping, through the Dial-a-Ride Program operated under a contract with DATTCO Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, GHTD will provide financial assistance in the amount of \$127,635 to the City of Hartford through an Operating Assistance Grant for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, The terms of the grant require that the City provide matching funds in an amount equal to that of the grant; and

**WHEREAS**, The General Fund Budget for the Department of Health & Human Services includes an allocation of \$705,991.00 for Dial-a-Ride which is more than sufficient to meet the \$127,835 match required by the GHTD grant; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the City to accept the Operating Assistance Grant in the amount of \$127,635 from the Greater Hartford Transit District for operation of the City's Dial-a-Ride program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; 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

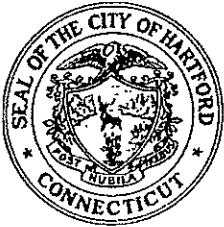
**RESOLVED**, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

**Attest:**

  
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following SEVERED RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) is responsible for the development, maintenance and improvement of systems for the transportation of people and goods within the sixteen towns of the Hartford metropolitan area; and


**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford has four seats on the GHTD Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor has reappointed Jennifer L. Cassidy and Frank Lord as members of the GHTD Board of Directors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the reappointment to the Greater Hartford Transit District of:

Frank Lord (I) 266 Pearl Street, Unit 508, Hartford 06103  
Reappointed to a term expiring July 6, 2019

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**WHEREAS**, Hartford was founded in 1636 on the Connecticut River; and

**WHEREAS**, During its first three hundred years, Hartford consistently interacted with the Connecticut River for commerce, food and sport; and

**WHEREAS**, As the city, state and region grew, the Connecticut River became increasingly polluted due to industrial, household and storm water discharges and runoff; and

**WHEREAS**, After severe flooding in 1936 and 1938, a series of dikes were constructed which were designed to prevent the devastation seen in those years, but which had the side effect of cutting off the city from the river; and

**WHEREAS**, At the same time the development of the automobile created a demand for larger highways capable of moving traffic from town to town and state to state; and

**WHEREAS**, Highway designers were conveniently able to locate Interstate 91 along the river's edge on or near the newly constructed dikes; and

**WHEREAS**, The net effect of the dikes and roadways were that Hartford businesses and residents were no longer able to access the river, and the net effect of the pollution was that Hartford businesses and residents had no desire to access the river; and

**WHEREAS**, Beginning in the late 1960's highlighted by the passage of the Environmental Protection Act of 1970, attention began to be focused on cleaning the Connecticut River and preventing it further pollution; and

**WHEREAS,** At the same time, business and residents began to realize the loss suffered by failing to connect with and exploit the Connecticut River as had been done for most of Hartford's history; and

**WHEREAS,** Individuals came together and created Riverfront Recapture, Inc, a non-profit whose mission was to recapture the Connecticut River for the residents and businesses alike; and

**WHEREAS,** By virtue of the Operating Agreement between Riverfront Recapture and the City, the most recent version of which was effective January 1, 2009, Riverfront Recapture has been given the authority within the area known as the Riverfront Park maintain, manage and promote recreational activities, concessions, attractions and events; and

**WHEREAS,** The Operating Agreement allows Riverfront Recapture to develop facilities in the Riverfront Park in conjunction with the City; and

**WHEREAS,** Through tireless efforts, aggressive fundraising and inspired grant-writing, Riverfront Recapture has made dramatic advancements creating riverfront parks on both sides of the Connecticut River at Hartford, including trails, boat launches, picnic and fishing areas, amphitheater for public events, multiple docks, a boathouse and rowing program; and

**WHEREAS,** Riverfront Recapture has enlivened the Hartford waterfront with weekly, monthly and annual programming of events which bring thousands to the banks of and on the Connecticut River; and

**WHEREAS,** Although the Operating Agreement authorizes Riverfront Recapture to promote, organize and implement attractions in the Riverfront Park such as marinas and restaurants, Hartford still lags behind other waterfront cities in amenities tied to our waterway in that, among other things, we are lacking any marina facilities and have no fixed restaurant options at or on the water; and

**WHEREAS,** Development in the flood plain implicates federal regulatory agencies and provides substantial challenges associated with routine, dramatic rising and falling of the river's waters, ice formations and ice flows; and

**WHEREAS,** The Dutch have been able to hold back the North Sea, and American engineers, not to be outdone, can certainly conquer the issues associated with development in the particular flood plain that is the Hartford riverfront; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That, pursuant to the provisions provided in the Operating Agreement:

- a) The City of Hartford hereby notifies Riverfront Recapture that the City seeks to initiate planning to bring to the river's edge in Hartford dining options, a marina and houseboat accommodations; and
- b) The City calls upon Riverfront Recapture to develop one or more proposals that will include a substantial effort to bring to the river's edge in Hartford dining options, a marina and houseboat accommodations; and
- c) The City designates the Development Services Department and the City's Flood Control Commission and such specific individuals as the Mayor may designate, to work in cooperation with Riverfront Recapture in preparing these proposals;

understanding that there are substantial obstacles to be overcome in all such development, but nevertheless convinced that the results will more than justify the expenses entailed in terms of economic development for the greater Hartford region and improved quality of life for all greater Hartford residents; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That, as the benefits of this proposed development will extend to the entire central Connecticut area, Riverfront Recapture is encouraged to engage all affected communities and seek monetary, governmental and community assistance from each for a collective future which insures to all; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That Riverfront Recapture report its progress to the City on no less than a semi-annual basis commencing July 1, 2018.

**Attest:**



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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Court of Common Council adopted its Council Rules on February 8, 2016 where the members of the standing committees were appointed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Council rules be amended, reflecting changes specifically to section IX as it pertains to standing committees and its members, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the following be and hereby are appointed as Chairperson and members to the Standing Committees of the Court of Common Council for the term commencing January 22, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019.

## **Operations Management, Budget and Government Accountability**

Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President, Co-Chair (D)  
Thomas J. Clarke II, Co-Chair (D)  
Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader (D)  
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Minority Leader (WF)  
Cynthia R. Jennings (WF)  
James Sánchez (D)

## **Legislative Affairs**

John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader, Chair (D)  
Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader (D)  
Larry Deutsch (WF)

## **Quality of Life and Public Safety**

Thomas J. Clarke II, Co-Chair (D)



James Sánchez, Co-Chair (D)  
rJo Winch (D)

**Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Environment**

Cynthia R. Jennings, Chair (WF)  
John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader (D)  
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Minority Leader (WF)  
Thomas J. Clarke II (D)  
James Sánchez (D)  
rJo Winch (D)

**Health and Human Services**

Larry Deutsch, Chair (WF)  
James Sánchez (D)  
rJo Winch (D)

**Planning, Economic Development and Housing**

Julio A. Concepción, Majority Leader, Chair (D)  
Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President (D)  
John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader (D)  
Wildaliz Bermúdez, Minority Leader (WF)  
Larry Deutsch (WF)  
James Sánchez (D)

**Labor, Education, Workforce and Youth Development**

rJo Winch, Chair (D)  
Larry Deutsch (WF)  
James Sánchez (D)

**Committee of the Whole**

Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President (D)  
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women is charged with assisting in the elimination of gender-based discrimination and helping to improve the status of women in the city of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS** The Mayor has appointed Haben Abraham, Erica Crowley, Maria Banda Rodriguez, and Sharon Pope to the commission; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointments of the following individuals as members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women:

Haben Abraham (D) 60 Lebanon Street, Hartford 06112  
For a term expiring on September 1, 2019  
(Replacing Tamelia Joyner)

Erica M. Crowley (D) 49 Tremont Street, Apt. 2 Hartford 06105  
For a term expiring on September 1, 2019  
(Replacing Dorothy Buckley)

Maria S. Banda Rodriguez (I) 21 Temple Street, Hartford 06103  
For a term expiring on September 1, 2018  
(Filling a vacancy)

Sharon Pope (D) 1326 Asylum Avenue, Hartford 06105  
Appointed to a term expiring on September 1, 2018  
(Filling a vacancy)

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**WHEREAS**, The history of the City of Hartford is rich with tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, The walking stick has been part of Hartford's history since Hartford's first Mayor, Thomas Seymour; and

**WHEREAS**, The walking stick has been presented to every Mayor since Thomas Seymour in 1784; and


**WHEREAS**, Furniture maker Peter Van Beckum has offered to make a special case to display the staff and donate it to the History Center at the Hartford Public Library for all to see; and

**WHEREAS**, The case will be donated on behalf of the memory of Bill Faude who was the City's archivist for many years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the city accept the generous donation by Mr. Van Beckum; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the case be prominently displayed at the History Center of the Hartford Public Library for all to see and enjoy the proud history of our great capital city.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, Hartford public schools has already received more than 400 families from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Island who have been displaced by Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria; and

**WHEREAS**, The CREC Hurricane Relief Center has serviced over 1,300 individuals in Hartford is scheduled to close on Feb 28th, 2018; and


**WHEREAS**, Hartford and other host cities receiving displaced families are at the forefront of assisting these families with limited resources and capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, It is in Hartford's best interest to request additional State support to cover the costs of a growing ESOL student population arriving from Puerto Rico (the majority of the new students are from Puerto Rico) and are enrolling into our public school system; and

**WHEREAS**, With limited support from FEMA and the White House, numerous grassroots organizations have chosen the date of February 28th, 2018, as the day official Day of Action in Connecticut to call attention to, and request support for funding and assistance to help displaced refugees; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That on February 28th, 2018, there will be a demonstration and Day of Action, at the Connecticut State Capitol to support Puerto Rican families arriving to Connecticut and that the Hartford Court of Common Council supports this Day of Action and encourages Hartford residents to participate.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Court of Common Council stands in support of the two items found in the Minority Construction Council's Legislative agenda; which highlights the required changes necessary to our Connecticut State Law on its Prompt Payment System CGS Section 42-158i to 42-158j, and secondly, legislation to amend Sec. 32-9n, further proposing the exclusive designation of the Minority Business Enterprise and the Women Business Enterprise respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, These issues confronts the disparities facing the lower tier contractors to which minorities are all based, ultimately limiting the potential of minority groups in the region; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby stands in total support of the proposed legislation of the Minority Business Enterprise; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the disparities facing minorities stricken their earning potential, and with the current design will always be at a heightened disadvantage to their higher tier earners, we therefore support and encourage the necessary changes on the proposed legislative agenda.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Court of Common Council passed a resolution on November 13th first calling for a universal review of policies and procedures for all city departments; and


**WHEREAS**, The Council has not received any reasonable effort of a response to this request from The Administration, or a plan to explore what could be a vital part of our journey to attaining financial sustainability for The City of Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council identifies the burden of such a task compiling data from the city's seventeen departments where bare bone staff is often the case, nevertheless a necessary one; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council formally requests an update on the resolution passed on November 13, 2017 regarding the universal review of all city departments; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That The Administration provide this update or a formable plan by the next council meeting which is scheduled for February 27, 2018.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Court of Common Council has established the Hartford Solid Waste Task Force for the purpose of opposing the appointment of a new MIRA operator at the current site of the South Meadows trash-to-energy facility; and

**WHEREAS**, In order to assist the members of the Hartford Solid Waste Task Force in furtherance of the mission of the Task Force activities, representation by members of the Court of Common Council will be beneficial; and

**WHEREAS**, The term for the contract negotiation between MIRA and the developer of the South Meadows trash-to-energy facility expires August 31, 2018; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** That Councilwoman Cynthia R. Jennings and Councilman James Sanchez be and they hereby are appointed members of the Hartford Solid Waste Task Force and the duration of the Hartford Solid Waste Task Force be extended to August 31, 2018.

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**WHEREAS**, Community health centers in Hartford and throughout the State provide medical, public health, and social services to our residents, often with essential and life-saving health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Funding for these Federally-Qualified Health Care centers [from multiple sources such as Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration, United States Public Health Service, Federal Emergency Management Administration, and others] will end as proposed by the current Administration in Washington; and

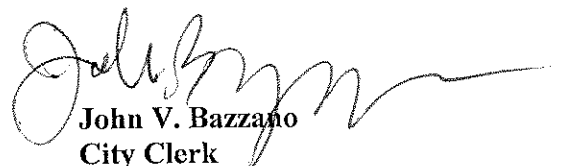
**WHEREAS**, Losing these public health and preventive measures will in the longer-term result in increased cost to the city, state, and national economies; and

**WHEREAS**, These cuts will have discriminatory impact on residents of Hartford and other urban areas with worsening of health disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, Beyond negative public health impacts of these funding cutbacks, there will likely be disastrous and immediate harm to Hartford resident and immigrant people living here; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That Hartford Court of Common Council firmly opposes these funding cut-off plans by the Administration in Washington and insists on continued Congressional support for these well-established Federally-Qualified Health Centers that serve the people our communities.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, February 13, 2018, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, Hartford Public Library has been serving the City of Hartford as a free public library for 124 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Hartford Public Library is a premier urban public library, and is recognized and supported nationally for its innovative and impactful programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Hartford Public Library serves the Hartford community through a myriad of programs and services, including The American Place, the American Job Center, Art Walk, City ID services, the Hartford History Center, health screenings, YOUmedia, Library on Wheels, school visits, Leap into Learning, passport services, School Choice registration, museum passes, and hundreds of thousands of books and other materials for reading, learning and exploring; and

**WHEREAS**, Hartford Public Library is well-positioned to meet future challenges and to continue to deliver quality services, with a sustainable service model that offers the community a breadth and depth of services that is responsive to the community's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford, the Hartford Public Schools and the Hartford Public Library have enjoyed a collaborative and mutually supportive relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hartford Public Library and the Hartford Public Schools specifically work together in the Boundless program to enhance access to physical and digital content for all Hartford Public Schools students, through, among other initiatives, support for teachers, summer learning opportunities and targeted outreach; now, therefore be it

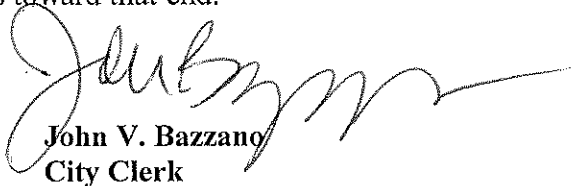
**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford Court of Common Council express its support of the Hartford Public Library and its work to offer a better future for all residents of Hartford; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council encourages the Hartford Public Library to establish and/or expand collaborations with Hartford Public Schools to fully leverage Hartford Public Schools libraries and the community school model for the benefit of students, families and community members within the city's neighborhoods; and it be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a working group made up of representatives of the Hartford Public Library, the Hartford Public Schools and any other appropriate stakeholder be established to expand this collaboration and prioritize this new partnership in the neighborhoods where library closures have recently occurred, including but not limited to exploring opportunities at Rawson, Batchelder and West Middle Schools; and it be further

**RESOLVED**, That, at a minimum, monthly reports through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018 be submitted to the Court of Common Council on progress toward that end.

Attest:

  
**John V. Bazzano**  
City Clerk