

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, April 27, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Transportation has announced the opportunity to submit proposals for the Municipal Grant Program for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010; and

WHEREAS, These State funds are available to any municipality and are apportioned based on the formula in the Connecticut General Statutes 13b-38bb; and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut General Statutes 13b-38bb states that 50 percent of such funds shall be apportioned on the basis of the share of the population of persons age sixty or older and 50 percent shall be apportioned on the basis of a municipality's square mileage relative to the State's square mileage; and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut General Statutes 13b-38bb also requires that municipalities apply for these funds through a designated Regional Planning Organization (RPO) or transit district; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford will apply for these funds through Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) the designated RPO; and

WHEREAS, In order to be certain that State funds will not be used to supplant municipal funds, the Municipality must certify their maintenance of effort annually; and

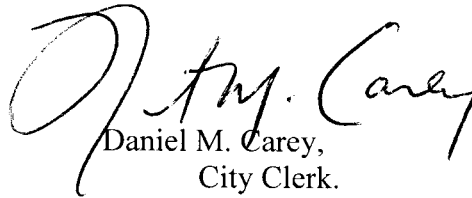
WHEREAS, Based on the aforementioned formula the City's total apportionment is \$73,406 for SFY2010 and requires a 50 percent local match which is customarily budgeted in the department's General Fund allocation for the City's Dial-A-Ride Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services, to apply for and accept these State funds in support of the City's Dial-A-Ride Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the required match be budgeted within the Department of Health and Human Services which will manage this grant for the SFY2010 period; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor or the Mayor's designee be allowed to approve and execute all amendments and contracts with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Municipal Grant Program for the SFY2010 (July 1, 2009 - June 2010).

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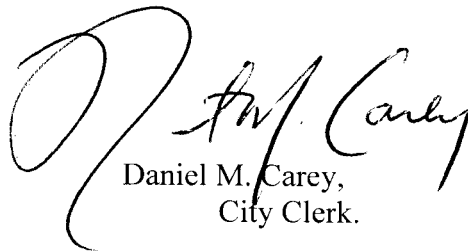
WHEREAS, Considerable work has been done by a Refugee Resettlement Task Force in Hartford to develop a report and recommendations (see attached) to assure adequate resources and coordination of services to new arrivals of refugees to the City of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council accept the Refugee Resettlement Report and recommendations of this task force, of which one recommendation includes regular reports to the City of Hartford that will commence immediately and on an ongoing basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Catholic Charities as the official Refugee Resettlement Agency Report semi-annually to the Health and Human Services Committee and Education Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council supports the report's recommendations for additional resources from the Federal and State Governments for resettlement; and that the Town Clerk forward a copy of this resolution and the report to our Federal and State Representatives.

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WHEREAS, The passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 led to increased ownership consolidation in the commercial radio industry; and

WHEREAS, In January 2000, the FCC responded to the overwhelming public pressure to democratize the radio airwaves by creating the Low-Power FM (LPFM) service. The service was designed to allow community groups to launch non-commercial, 100-watt radio stations in order to increase diversity of programming on the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, In December 2000 Congress, under intense pressure from corporate broadcasters, passed the Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act, which severely curtailed the new LPFM service. The result was an 80 percent loss of new station opportunities. Urban areas were particularly affected by the Act. Of the fifty largest American cities, only one now qualifies to receive an LPFM license. This is particularly egregious because the service is particularly well-suited for densely populated urban areas, in which an LPFM station's small signal can reach a large amount of people; and

WHEREAS, In July 2003, the FCC released an independent study commissioned by Congress to determine whether LPFM stations interfere with existing broadcasters. The study's authors, engineers at the MITRE Corporation, not only found that LPFM stations cause no significant interference to existing stations; they also recommended that the LPFM service be restored to the form originally given it by the FCC. Restoring the service to its original form would mean that thousands more community groups across the country, including in our cities, would have access to the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, Over 800 LPFM stations were allowed to proceed which were unaffected by the criteria set by the Congressional action. These stations are currently on the air and are run by local Government agencies, groups promoting arts and education to immigrant and indigenous peoples, artists, schools, religious organizations, environmental groups, organizations promoting literacy, and many other civically-oriented organizations; and

WHEREAS, The FCC regularly issues licenses for similarly powered "translator" stations, which can repeat numerous times across the Country the signal of a full power station, but currently does not give these channels to local groups seeking a first FM signal; and

WHEREAS, A commitment to localism - local operations, local research, local management, locally-originated programming, local artists, and local news and events has increased radio listening to noncommercial educational radio stations; and

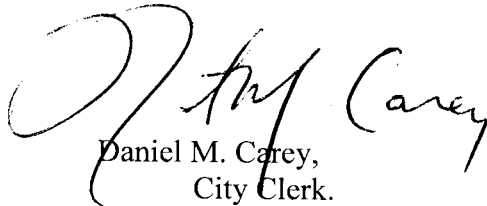
WHEREAS, There is widespread concern at the corporate consolidation of media and its ability to serve the needs of local communities, inform debate on public policy, and ensure citizen access the radio airwaves; and

WHEREAS, The availability of local, democratically-controlled media outlets is essential to promoting citizen participation in public affairs, ensuring rapid responses to natural disasters, overcoming historic inequalities in access to the means of communication and a strengthening a vibrant democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford urges Congress and the FCC to restore the LPFM service to its original mandate, and to do all within their power to ensure that license applications are processed quickly, and that citizens are given the opportunity to access the public airwaves; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, the entire Congressional Delegation representing the City of Hartford, and the Federal lobbyist for the City of Hartford.

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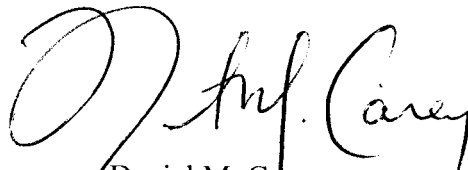
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RESOLVED, Jack N. Hale (D) of 25 Carmel Street, Hartford, 06106 be appointed to the City of Hartford's Advisory Commission on the Environment. Mr. Hale's term expires July 14, 2012.

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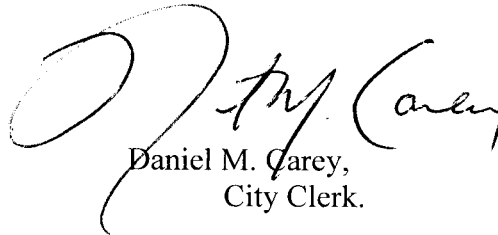
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RESOLVED, W. Michael Downes (D) of 74 Rosemont Street, Hartford, 06120 be appointed to the City of Hartford's Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member. Mr. Downes term expires February 1, 2014.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, April 27, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters was born in the City of Hartford in 1948, and was a lifelong advocate, champion, and servant of the City he loved; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters was a warm and outgoing individual who used his sense of humor and compassion to bring together members of Hartford's diverse communities to support a vision of a brighter future for Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters served the people of Hartford as Mayor from 1993 to 2001, and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor, Michael P. Peters helped dramatically reform public housing, partnered with the State to jump start the revitalization of downtown, lead the effort to reduce neighborhood blight; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters was a tireless booster of Hartford whose slogan "Go Hartford" reflected his infectious optimism about the City that created goodwill for Hartford throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters served Hartford in a number of other capacities including as Chairman of the Hartford Redevelopment Agency, as the founder of the Hooker Day Parade, and as a small business owner; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters founded "Mayor Mike's Companies for Kids" a charitable foundation that made a difference in the lives of thousands of Hartford youth; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters began his public service as a Hartford Firefighter in 1971, a profession he loved with a passion; and

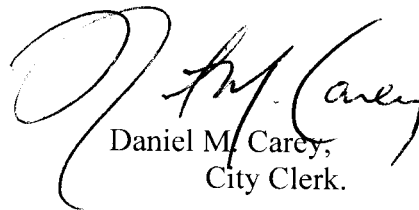
WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters served the people of Hartford for twenty two years as a firefighter, many times risking his life to save the homes and lives of residents; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters served for many years with Hartford Fire Department Engine Company #15 at 8 Fairfield Avenue in Hartford, a firehouse that was his second home, his window to the community and his last posting as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Peters passed away on January 4, 2009, after a courageous battle with illness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford firehouse at 8 Fairfield Avenue is hereby named the "Mayor Michael P. Peters Memorial Firehouse".

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WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Public Health has Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) funds available for local health departments to develop plans to provide pharmaceuticals and homeland security preparedness planning within 48 hours of any catastrophic public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Public Health has already entered in a sub-contract with West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District as the fiduciary agency for these funds; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been chosen as the CRI demonstration site; and

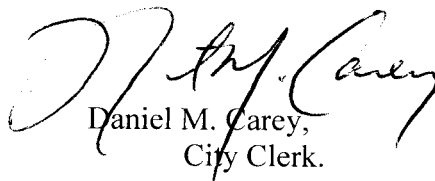
WHEREAS, The Hartford Health and Human Services Department is seeking reimbursement for services, supplies and equipment used in the development of this plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Mayor and Court of Common Council do hereby authorize the acceptance and receipt of approximately Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District from the CRI Grant for the period of February 26, 2009 through August 31, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, The resolution authorizes the contract continuation, February 26, 2009 thru August 31, 2009 of the City of Hartford Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) contract with West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor or the Mayor's designee be allowed to approve and execute all contracts and amendments with the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District for February 26, 2009 to August 31, 2009 period.

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WHEREAS, The Hartford Fire Department (HFD) has new mandates from the National Fire Protection Association related to fire equipment and apparatus (NFPA), apparatus and the HFD guidelines identifies certain equipment that is no longer able to meet the minimum requirements for fire rescues/suppression, and therefore have been warehoused; and

WHEREAS, The HFD equipment that has been stored are suppression turnout gear, a 1980 Mack CF 600 1000 GPM Pumper, a 1983 Grumman Tiger Cat Pumper 1,250 GPM both are open cab; and

WHEREAS, This type of equipment in less developed countries, can continue to serve its intended purpose as well as increase the safety of their community; and

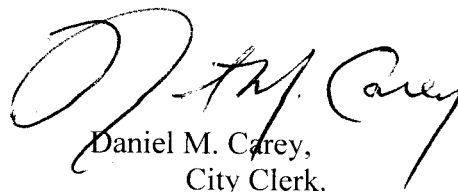
WHEREAS, Mayor, Eddie A. Perez, along with the Court of Common Council passed a resolution approving the City of Mao Provincia Valverde, Dominican Republic as a Sister City; and

WHEREAS, Our Sister City Mao, Dominican Republic has shown interest in this equipment; and

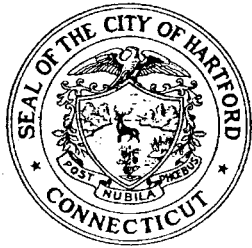
WHEREAS, Delivery of this equipment will be undertaken by the City of Hartford to the docks of New York; the date of equipment shipping will be determined after July 1, 2009, at for which the City of Hartford will receive a new Pumper. All cost of shipping will be undertaken by the Government of the Dominican Republic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council requests that the Mayor take steps necessary to transfer the suppression turnout gear, 1980 Mack Pumper, and 1983 Grumman Tiger Cat Pumper.

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WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council has a process in place for the hiring of outside legal counsel; and

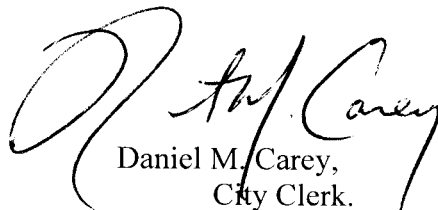
WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council wants to ensure that it has the maximum tools at its disposal for the upcoming budget season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hires Day Pitney, LLP to be its special legal counsel for any legal questions or issues that may arise during the 2009 budget season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council's hiring of Day Pitney, LLP is to be consistent with the official retention agreement that was entered into between the Council President and Day Pitney, LLP on April 3, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any and all legal questions related to the budget, which members of the Court of Common Council feel should be addressed by Day Pitney, LLP shall be submitted in writing to both the Council President and the Chairman of the Operations, Management and Budget Committee, who shall be jointly responsible for facilitating the request for said legal advice.

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