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Monday, March 2, 2009

7:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, duly warned, was held on March 2, 2009 in the Bart Guida Aldermanic Chambers of the Biagio DiLieto Government Center, 165 Church Street.

City Clerk Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The members present were Alderpersons Plattus, Calder, James-Evans, Jackson-Brooks, Perez, Clark, Smart, Lemar, Brison, Antunes, J. Rodriguez, Castro, Paolillo, DePino, Blango, Jones, Morehead, Shah, McCormack, Silverman, S. Rodriguez, Lehtonen and Goldfield- 23.

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Divine Guidance was invoked by Alderwoman Jones: "Good evening everyone. I would first like to give honor to God and to thank everyone who continues to come out meeting after meeting, month after month, supporting the individuals that do all they can to aid in the process of government.

We all come here to serve for the betterment of our fellow citizens. We all come with different gifts, skills, talents and ideas. Some may be similar but yet different. Some of us will not be as experienced as others and it should not devalue the contribution. Every community needs representation. With that said, I want to just talk a little about prayer. I know some do believe that prayer works and some do pray for our leaders as we are instructed to do. Yes, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY. Using the acronym PRAY:

P is for Patience. We should exercise Patience when others require more time to process information or to get their point across. There is no manual that says you or I have access to all the correct answers. We should exercise Patience for ourselves when we fall short of the mark.

R is for Relationships. Relationships aren't easy to establish. We know that in most relationships there is giving and there is receiving. Let us all aspire to be givers. Some of us are more gifted in forming Relationships. These should be the ones that bring others together so the giving and sharing of ideas can have a stronger impact on the lives of others.

A is for Ability to Accept. The Ability to allow ourselves to be Acceptors of those that may not look like us, talk like us, live like us, or even think like us. Accepting diversity and allowing ourselves to be inclusive in all areas. This is not easy, just as it is not easy to feel like you belong when you are in a new environment. Welcome others, accept their differences.

My closing point is Y. Y is for Yielding. Yielding to one another. Sometimes we can get caught up in a moment and it seems there is a sense of urgency to get our point across, and we at times consciously and unconsciously try to get our point across at a rate of speed that injures the willingness of another to be a part of an exchange of ideas. Yielding means that you slow down and sometimes come to a complete stop, allowing the other person to proceed without fear of being cut off, run down or emotionally scared. It feels good to be first and for our ideas to be out there, but it also feels good to be a part of the team and sometimes last, working in an effort together. It is said best in Mark 9:35. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.'

Pray New Haven, Pray Connecticut, Pray America, Pray World.

I thank you Father God that you continue to work in the lives of those that answer the call, the call according to your purpose. Continue to guide and bless our leaders in all forms of government, be it cities, states or countries, administrators in our schools, in our work places, and in our churches. In Jesus Name. Amen."

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2009 was approved.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following were read for the first time and unanimous consent for immediate action thereon having been granted, it was voted, viva voce, on motion of Alderwoman Jones, duly seconded, that they be accepted and the matter to which they refer be approved, and it was so declared by the Chair:

From the Chief of Police submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of a grant for \$74,464.50, with a required local match of \$24,821.50, from the Connecticut Department of Transportation for funding overtime for police to conduct additional traffic enforcement throughout the city.
(RESOLUTION ADOPTED)

February 11, 2009

The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Honorable Board Members:

In accordance with the Order of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven, passed October 17, 1994, I am respectfully writing to advise the Honorable Board of an application by the City of New Haven's Department of Police Service to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for funding overtime for police to conduct additional traffic enforcement throughout the city. The Department is

applying for \$74,464.50 with a required local match of \$24,821.50. This represents a 75% reimbursement for the costs associated with overtime for this project. We will be assigning officers from March to September 2009 to locations where serious moving violations and crashes are known to occur. Our objective is to reduce the overall number of motor vehicle accidents caused by aggressive and reckless driving. These funds will greatly enhance the police department's capabilities to enforce motor vehicle laws and provide a visible deterrent effect as well. I am requesting unanimous consent as these are the same funds made available to us in the past.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please contact me at (203) 946-6333 with any questions.

Sincerely,

James M. Lewis
CHIEF OF POLICE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,464.50 TO FUND ADDITIONAL POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND TO ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS IF OFFERED AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Police Service is authorized statutorily to enforce state motor vehicle laws in New Haven; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Safety Program has made funds available to the State of Connecticut to reduce accidents that occur due to aggressive driving through enhanced traffic enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation is making funds available to Connecticut cities to reduce motor vehicle violations and aggressive driving through additional police enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the New Haven Department of Police Service prioritizes the enforcement of motor vehicle laws as a means to improve public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven is eligible to receive 75% reimbursement of overtime costs from the State of Connecticut for additional police motor vehicle enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven supports efforts to improve public safety on New Haven's streets through increased enforcement of motor vehicle laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven authorizes the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for funds offered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation to reimburse costs incurred from increased enforcement of motor vehicle laws in the amount of \$74,464.50 and to accept such funds, if offered, and to execute all documents and contracts as necessary.

Aldermanic Affairs. Favorable.

Order approving the reappointment of Noel Hogan to the Commission on Disabilities.

Order approving the reappointment of William E. Johnston to Homeless Advisory Commission.

Order approving the reappointment of Eric Khalid Lum to the Homeless Advisory Commission.

Order approving the reappointment of Verelda Wilson to the Homeless Advisory Commission.

(ORDERS PASSED)

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF NOEL HOGAN TO THE NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Noel Hogan to the New Haven Homeless Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2011 be and hereby is approved.

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM E. JOHNSTON TO THE NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of William E. Johnston to the New Haven Homeless Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2011 be and hereby is approved.

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ERIC KHALID LUM TO THE NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Eric Khalid Lum to the New Haven Homeless Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2009 be and hereby is approved.

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF VERELDA WILSON TO THE NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Verelda Wilson to the New Haven Homeless Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2009 be and hereby is approved.

Alderwoman McCormack: "The committee unanimously approved the

reappointments of these individuals to the Homeless Advisory Commission based on their dedication and good attendance record. I ask you to support these items. Thank you.”

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The following were read for the first time, ordered printed in the Journal, and referred to the Committee as indicated for public hearing and report:

CITY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY:

From Alderpersons Perez, Jackson-Brooks, Colon, Smart, Brison, Lee, Antunes, J. Rodriguez, Paolillo, Edwards, McCormack, Calder, James-Evans and Castro submitting an order requesting that the appropriate committee of the New Haven Board of Aldermen reviews the process and proposals that led to recent personnel reductions and report back to the Board of Aldermen its findings. (PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

March 2, 2009

Hon. Carl Goldfield
President, New Haven Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510-2010

Dear President Goldfield:

As you are aware 27 City of New Haven employees were laid off Friday, February 27, 2009 and the City has plans to layoff 127 more by the end of the fiscal year.

Each of these employees provides a function vital to the constituents of our city and is in no way responsible for the fiscal crisis which led to their layoffs.

In the economic tsunami that we find ourselves in it is in our best interest to ensure that we exhaust all options to maintain services and opportunities for gainful employment in order to avoid the even more catastrophic residual effects in our city associated with personnel reductions of the size and scope currently underway.

Media outlets reported that the labor force offered concessions and that disagreements over the impact of the various proposals to achieve the targeted savings requests of the City led to an impasse that resulted in the layoffs. However, there may be some middle ground that could allow us to keep people employed and maintain some level of services for our constituents.

Given this we would respectfully ask that the appropriate committee of the New Haven Board of Aldermen reviews the process and proposals that led to the recent personnel reductions and report back to the Board of Aldermen its findings.

Yours truly,

Hon. Jorge L. Perez Ward 5, Alderman	Hon. Gina Calder Ward 2, Alderwoman	Hon. Jacqueline James-Evans Ward 3, Alderwoman
Hon. Andrea Jackson-Brooks Ward 4, Alderwoman	Hon. Dolores Colon Ward 6, Alderman	Hon. Michael Smart Ward 8, Alderman
Hon. Allan P. Brison Ward 11, Alderman	Hon. Robert Lee Ward 12, Alderman	Hon. Gerald M. Antunes Ward 15, Alderman
Hon. Joseph Rodriguez Ward 15, Alderman	Hon. Migdalia Castro Ward 16, Alderwoman	Hon. Alphonse J. Paolillo, Jr. Ward 17, Alderman
Hon. Alfreda Edwards Ward 19, Alderwoman	Hon. Elizabeth C. McCormack Ward 24, Alderwoman	

FINANCE:

From the Mayor, submitting the FY2008-2009 general, capital, and special budgets:

Appropriating Ordinance #1, an ordinance making appropriations for operating departments of the city for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Tax levy and revenue appropriating ordinance for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Appropriating Ordinance #3, an ordinance authorizing issuance of General Obligation Bonds, fiscal year 2009-2010.

Appropriating Ordinance #4, an ordinance making appropriations for certain school projects in the five-year capital plan and authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds, fiscal year 2009-2010.

Order approving Alling Memorial Golf Course Enterprise Fund Budget, fiscal year 2009-2010.

Order approving Lighthouse Park Carousel Enterprise Fund Budget, Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Order approving Walker Skating Rink Enterprise Fund Budget, Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Order approving East Rock Park Communications Tower Enterprise Fund Budget, Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

March 1, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church Street

New Haven, CT 06510

To the Citizens of New Haven:

In accordance with the City Charter, I present for your consideration and adoption the proposed City Budget and Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. This is a budget that strikes the right balance between necessary services, fiscal prudence and accountability to the taxpayers of New Haven in this extraordinary moment of financial crisis in our nation.

The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget focuses on four broad goals:

1. Violence Reduction and Public Safety;
2. Closing the Achievement Gap;
3. Creating a Vibrant Community; and
4. Continuing the Mission of Being a Welcoming Community

Violence Reduction

Violence reduction remains the City's top priority. This budget follows through on the city's commitment to reduce violence and increase public safety. To do so, the City will continue to employ a threefold strategy.

First, we will engage our youth and give them positive choices. The Street Outreach Workers program will continue to intercede in the lives of troubled youths before issues escalate toward unacceptable behavior. As we look to continue the success of this program, this budget undertakes the essential transition of this program to the City's general fund.

Second, we will continue to engage the population of recently incarcerated individuals. Cycles of incarceration, left unchecked, present a threat to public safety. New Haven crime statistics for 2008 reveal that 73% of homicide victims and 50% of the suspects in homicides and non-fatal shootings had previous criminal convictions.

Later this year the State Judicial Department and the City expect to implement a prison re-entry initiative for split sentence offenders re-entering the community. The City expects to pilot a collaboration that over time will offer real choices and better outcomes for the re-entry population and the communities they re-enter.

Third, we will continue to provide great quality policing rooted in cooperation with the community and manifested in targeted action by district officers. In Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the City graduated a new police class of 45 officers and experienced the second lowest violent crime rate in the past 15 years. In the last 6 months of 2008 the number of firearms seizures and arrested increased by 70% - due in large part to a 48% increase in issued traffic violations.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 will include another class of 45 police officers who will assist in the department reaching its goals of increased traffic stops, spending more time on New Haven streets, increasing the Police Departments visibility and sending a message that carrying illegal weapons or instilling fear in our residents is a ticket to nowhere.

Closing the Achievement Gap

Over the past decade, New Haven Schools have made steady progress. Our resolve to change the way we have done things coupled with Obama Administration's new initiatives will move our students from incremental academic improvement to exponential academic achievement. The change we want and the change we seek is not only to be able to point to high performing schools here and there but reform resulting in excellent performance across the entire district. Schools will be graded based on student achievement and failing schools will be closed. New standards will be set for principals. Great teachers are at the core of exponential academic success and so we must establish new expectations.

Responsibility and accountability will be the cornerstone of this effort. And as teachers and students achieve these goals, both should be rewarded; teachers with more pay and students with a promise. A promise that for those motivated students that follow the rules and achieve academically, tuition to a two or four year college will no longer be a barrier to higher education.

Vibrant City

Foreclosures

Over the last 15 years the City has worked hard to strengthen its neighborhoods. This year, in the face of a national housing crisis, the City's strength will once again be tested. Nearly 25% of outstanding home loans in New Haven are subprime loans. Subprime loans account for the majority of foreclosures. Residential foreclosures in New Haven have increased by 150% over 2007 and by 630% over 2006. We are confronting the cancer of the national financial crisis on our housing stock. The City will work hand in hand with ROOF and our non-profit developers to preserve and put our vacant housing back in the hands of New Haven families.

Later this month the Board of Aldermen will vote to approve a local action plan that will direct \$3.2 million in neighborhood stabilization funds to prevent the foreclosure crisis from ravaging entire communities. Properties targeted for acquisition and rehabilitation will provide a mix of affordable, well-managed rental and homeownership housing units.

Taxes

There is no question that for hardworking families across New Haven this year will be a difficult year. The City has raised taxes three years in a row and is implementing a 2006 state-mandated property revaluation that shifts the property tax burden from commercial to residential property some 5.2% in each year of the revaluation. There are limits to what families can bear in regards to property taxes and this budget reflects that fact. Because residents have already done their fair share to balance the budget, I am presenting a budget that freezes the grand list and the mill rate. As a result, the FY 2009-2010 Budget ensures residents' tax bills will remain unchanged from the previous year.

In order to help our senior citizens stay in their homes, the city will continue to freeze property taxes for every eligible senior household earning less than \$53,000. For senior households earning more than \$53,000 the City will continue to defer payment of any increase until the time they sell their home.

Economic Development

Just as we have gotten through other economic downturns, we will get through this one. There is plenty to be optimistic about. New Haven continues to grow. Despite the national economic down turn, the City is currently experiencing the biggest building boom in its history. The Smilow Cancer Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Park Street Building, 2 Howe Street, Science Park and 360 State Street are all under construction and bringing jobs to the City.

The New Haven Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will partner with the City to continue this momentum and pave the way to position the City as an economic driver of job creation, commerce, transportation and growth. The work of the EDC to attract and retain business, and grow New Haven's economy will continue in the upcoming year. Working collaboratively with the City the business community, the EDC will work to remove impediments to growth and develop opportunities for both locally owned small businesses and large corporations.

This year we will see the long awaited launch of a new community bank in New Haven, a lending institution targeting low- and moderate-income residents and small businesses. Part of the mission of the new bank will be to assist families and neighborhoods to improve their economic standing and provide assistance for more affordable and better housing stock, and to assist small locally owned businesses. The bank will offer financial literacy counseling in order to teach residents about responsible investment.

Capital Budget

The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget includes \$50.66 million to be financed through the issuance of City General Obligation Bonds. These funds will be used on projects ranging from the development of the Route 34 corridor, to sidewalk and road construction across the city, to traffic calming initiatives, to making our schools and government buildings more energy efficient. Because of the City's prudent execution of its monthly financial and action plans to correct any budget imbalances and to maintain appropriate reserve levels the City has, even in these tough economic times, been able to maintain its bond rating.

School Construction

In order to manage the City's finances in a struggling economy, the City will scale back its school construction program. Construction of two schools, Mauro Magnet and Dwight has been canceled. Construction of the New Davis Street School has been delayed 6 months to July 2009. The new Hill Central School and new East Rock Community have been delayed until July 2010. The new Engineering and Science University Magnet School has will be delayed two years until April 2011.

Additionally, construction of the following projects will be delayed by one year to July 2012:

- New Haven Academy Magnet
- HSC Magnet (Additions and Renovations)
- Helen Grant Head Start Center
- Gateway Academy/New Horizons
- Microsociety Magnet

Welcoming, Forward Thinking City

The FY 2009-2010 Budget will continue our goal of making New Haven the most welcoming forward thinking city in the United States. We will work hard to engage all members of the community. One such avenue to do so is through continued support and expansion of the Elm City Resident Card. To date, more than 7,000 cards have been issued. This program will continue to encourage new residents of the city to fully engage in the opportunities and responsibilities of our community. Our goal this year is to increase use of the card across the city and through the card increase individuals' access to financial services.

To support violence reduction in the City, we will pursue various methods of integrating recently released offenders back into the community. Approximately 25 individuals per week return from Connecticut prisons to the New Haven community. At present rates, almost 10 out of these 25 may be expected to recidivate if nothing is done to intervene. Last month the Board of Alderman passed the 'Ban the Box' ordinance. This ordinance seeks to offer the chance of employment to break cycles of help ease recidivism.

Revenue Initiatives

State Revenue

The FY 2009-2010 Budget contains several initiatives aimed at generating revenue for the City. First, the City last year submitted an amendment to the State Pilot for Colleges and Hospitals list. The City, in cooperation with facilities managers were granted access to both the physical plants, as well as access to designs of recently completed renovation work on the campus. This has enabled the City to revise its assessed valuation submission to the State Office of Policy and Management by nearly \$500 million. This change results in an estimated addition \$1.4 million in funding for New Haven in the Governors proposed budget for FY 2009-2010.

Additionally, there are a number of proposals before the state legislature for additional funding for localities in education. Once such piece of proposed legislation would address an approximately \$28 million reduction to the funding of Certain Statutory Formula Grants. Restored funding would result in \$3.5 million in increased revenue. We will work with our state legislators to ensure that New Haven receives its fair share of funds.

Stimulus

We are expecting \$991,000 of federal funding in our plan for balance in FY 2010. This funding comes from a variety of sources in the Federal Economic Recovery Act such as COPS, homeless programs, education assistance and a host of other initiatives.

Other Revenue

In this budget, we will also look to strengthen the Office of the City Tax Assessor. By increasing the capabilities of the department the City will be able to more fully meet its statutory obligation of developing an annual Grand List of Taxable and

Exempt property. This initiative will produce as much as \$1.6 million in increased revenues and a more complete picture of the New Haven tax-base.

Further strengthening the City's long term financial sustainability, the City and Yale University have reached agreement to increase the university's yearly financial reimbursement for fire services by \$2.5 million from \$5 million to \$7.5 million. I commend Yale University President Richard C. Levin for his commitment to the New Haven community.

The City will continue to explore a lease of certain facilities of the New Haven Parking Authority, and has created an advisory panel to review the feasibility of such a plan. The parking authority operates more than 9,000 parking spaces around the city, including the Air Rights, Crown Street, Chapel Square, Temple Street, Temple/George, Granite Square and Union Station garages. In the meantime, the parking authority will also participate in the voluntary payment in lieu of taxes program.

Long Term

In order to assure the City's long-term financial health and stability we must immediately begin planning for future budgets. The FY 2009-2010 budget includes the funding of a five year budget plan to be conducted by the Finance, Revenue, and Audit Commission. Its mission will be to identify savings in three core areas of healthcare, pensions, and agency reorganization, with the intention of instituting and realizing these savings beginning with the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget.

Conclusion

The evidence is clear, these are tough times for our nation and our state and they will get tougher. The national foreclosure crisis has uprooted many homeowners. New Haven will face many challenges this year. However, because of sound fiscal planning and a clear set of budgetary priorities, the City is meeting those challenges. Although the City is experiencing the effects of national economic downturn there is reason to be optimistic. Our local economy is anchored by medical and educational institutions, and although overall tax revenue is down our collection rate remains around 98% and economic development construction activity remains strong.

To be sure, this budget reflects cuts to City services. Through our hard work to identify cost-saving measures, we have been able to keep our controllable expenses virtually flat between FY 2009 and FY 2010. New Haven's taxpayers have done their part and taxes will not rise.

However the FY 2009-2010 will result in the loss of some valued services. Last November the leadership of the City's 14 Labor Unions were asked to contribute \$10.5 million toward the closure of a then estimated \$25 million budget gap. Two of the units agreed and for their help I am grateful. However, 12 did not. As a result of their failure to reach an agreement residents will see service reductions across City government. City employees will be laid off. Three senior centers will be closed. Class sizes will rise in our schools and senior teachers will return to the classroom. The Parks Department's ability to maintain and clean City parks and recreational facilities will be reduced. Fewer buildings will be inspected for code violations. Nearly every aspect of City services will be

impacted. I regret these choices made by our bargaining units. However, the alternative, raising property taxes is not acceptable.

The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget presents some tough choices. But as we have in the past, we have addressed these challenges head on. It is a budget that affirms our values, achieves our goals, and moves the City forward. From Newhallville to the East Shore, from Dixwell to Downtown and from East Rock to Westville it is my firm belief that there is no better place to raise a child than New Haven. No other community embraces more of its citizens more than New Haven.

Presented to the Board of Aldermen is a fair and honest budget that lives up to the responsibilities entrusted to us by the people of New Haven. It is the right budget for this year. It does not rely on the federal or state governments to bailout the City but assumes only what is fair and reasonable. It does not increase the burden on taxpayers and seeks the right balance between fiscal discipline and moving the City forward.

I look forward to working together with the Board of Aldermen toward the adoption of this budget.

I wish to acknowledge the City's budget staff, our department directors, and the entire city workforce who serve the community with such passion and dedication. And finally, I must acknowledge the City's greatest strength - the quality of our people and families. It is all of you who truly make New Haven the greatest place to live, work and play.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.
Mayor

From the Mayor submitting a 2009 ordinance amendment to Section 17-20 of the Code of Ordinances regarding permit, license and user fees.
(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

March 2, 2009

Alderman Carl Goldfield
President
New Haven Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Goldfield,

I am writing to request the Board of Aldermen approve proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances to a.) adjust certain fees to reflect cost of living increases since the Board last reviewed these charges in August 2008 and b.) add new fees and increases to certain fees by more than the cost of living adjustments where department heads have determined such charges are appropriate.

The Board of Aldermen last reviewed the charges for fees in August 2008. The

Office of Management and Budget has reviewed the current fee structure and the attached ordinance amendment reflects the additional cost to the city related to reviewing, renewing and approving permits, licenses and related user fees. In some cases department heads are also proposing an additional increase to reflect the rising costs of fuel and energy and the increasing employee costs and many of these increase are to fees that were not raised in 2008.

As you know, cost of doing business is rising rapidly while state revenues decline. This fee schedule seeks to recoup some of the costs associated with these services that are rendered above and beyond that required by the average citizen. These charges reflect the costs associated with the services or exclusive use granted. Approval of this ordinance amendment prior to July 1, 2009 will help us accomplish our budget objectives.

Your favorable consideration of this item is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark Pietrosimone
Controller

From the Mayor submitting the required budgetary and financial reports for the month of January 2009 in compliance with Section #62 of the Charter.
(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

February 28, 2009

The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Honorable Board:

In compliance with Section #62 of the Charter of the City of New Haven, please find attached the required budgetary and financial reports for the month of January, 2009.

As required by City Charter, the report shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, where it shall be available for public inspection. Copies will also be made available to members of the Financial Review and Audit Commission.

Very truly yours,

Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.

HUMAN SERVICES:

From the Community Services Administrator submitting a resolution authorizing

the application to and acceptance of \$10,000 from the Connecticut Department of Social Services to purchase ten computers for the Department of Elderly Services to be used at its six senior centers.
(RESOLUTION ADOPTED)

March 2, 2009

Honorable Carl Goldfield
President, Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Contract to purchase computers for the Department of Elderly Services

Dear Honorable Carl Goldfield,

In accordance with the resolution of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants (and contracts) on behalf of the City of New Haven, (passed on October 17, 1994), I am respectfully writing to advise the Honorable Board of an opportunity for funding in the form of a contract in the amount of \$ 10,000 to the City of New Haven Community Services Administration from the Department of Social Services, State of Connecticut, to purchase 10 computers that will be utilized at our senior centers by Directors and Outreach Workers. These computers will improve the communication between the centers and my office at 165 Church Street. These resources are specifically earmarked for these activities.

Program Administration is provided by the Community Services Administration and the Department of Elderly Services.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Kica Matos
Community Services Administrator

PUBLIC SAFETY:

From the Chief Administrative Officer submitting a resolution requesting approval for public access restrictions to the Pitkin Tunnel to improve public safety.

(REFERRED CONCURRENTLY TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND
TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING)

February 11, 2009

Carl Goldfield
President, Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Goldfield:

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the City of New Haven has worked with the US Marshals Service to enhance security of the Pitkin Tunnel, which runs under several federal, local government and private buildings. The Board of Aldermen has passed a series of approvals to allow various security upgrades and procedures. Vehicle barriers and a re-positioned entry-gate were previously approved to be installed, and enclosed, please find a resolution that would authorize the intended operating procedures now that these latest physical improvements have been completed.

The physical improvements that were previously authorized replace the State Street entrance gate with a gate further down the Tunnel - past the entrance to the 360 State Street Tower currently under construction - add a vehicle barrier to that new gate, and install an additional vehicle barrier mid-tunnel. The section of the Tunnel between the new State Street gate and the mid-tunnel vehicle barrier runs under the most sensitive areas, and will be closed to unauthorized vehicles from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. This will allow thru traffic during the main commuting times, but the area that is closed will not impact any of the loading areas or garage entrances in the Pitkin Tunnel except for one small garage.

I urge approval of these measures to enhance the security of several critical buildings.

Very truly yours,

Robert Smuts
Chief Administrative Officer

READ, PRINT, AND FILE

The following were read for the first time, ordered printed in the Journal and filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

From the Executive Director, City Plan Department, submitting the following reports: No. 1425-09, re: consolidated housing and community development annual action plan, FY09-10; No. 1425-21, re: neighborhood stabilization program local action plan; No. 1425-22, re: 691 Congress Avenue (Three Sisters Condominium).

February 19, 2009

Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Board:

In accordance with our customary procedure, the attached reports on matters referred by your Honorable Board, adopted at the City Plan Commission's meeting of February 18, 2009, are forwarded for your consideration:

RE: CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010 including proposed activities to be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) community (Mayor DeStefano).

REPORT: 1425-09

ADVICE: Approval

RE: NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM LOCAL ACTION PLAN for Implementation of HUD's Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 in the City of New Haven, Authorization to execute all Documents Necessary to Implement Plan (Livable City Initiative).

REPORT: 1425-21

ADVICE: Approval

RE: 619 CONGRESS AVENUE, Authorization for Execution of all documents necessary to sell the Condominium Units at Three Sisters Condominium (Livable City Initiative)

REPORT: 1425-22

ADVICE: Approval

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn M. Gilvarg AIA
Executive Director

FIRST READINGS

aLDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ANN M. CAVALIERE TO THE NEW HAVEN AGING COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's appointment of Ann M. Cavaliere to the New Haven Aging Commission for a term to expire on September 1, 2010 be and hereby is approved.

aLDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SU-LIN CARBONELLI TO THE NEW HAVEN CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's appointment of Su-Lin Carbonelli to the New Haven Cultural Affairs Commission for a term to expire on June 1, 2012 be and hereby is approved.

aLDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS GETLEIN TO THE NEW HAVEN COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Chris Getlein to the New Haven Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on February 11, 2012 be and hereby is approved.

aLDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ELAINE QUINN TO THE NEW HAVEN COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Elaine Quinn to the New Haven Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on February 11, 2012 be and hereby is approved.

aLDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOELLE FISHMAN TO THE NEW HAVEN PEACE COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Joelle Fishman to the New Haven Peace Commission for a term to expire on February 1, 2012 be and hereby is approved.

CITY SERVICES and ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. FAVORABLE. RESOLUTION FROM TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC and PARKING AUTHORIZING A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 23, 1998 AND THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT DATED JULY 6, 1999 BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN THAT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR A COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM AND HARDWARE UPGRADES AT 84 INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., be and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled:

"Second Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement Dated January 23, 1998 between the State of Connecticut and the City of New Haven for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for a Computerized Traffic Signal System and Hardware Upgrades at Various Locations within the City of New Haven" and a certification indicating the council adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under the Connecticut General Statutes.

CITY SERVICES and ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. FAVORABLE Order from Alderpersons Plattus, Calder, Lemar, Sturgis-Pascale and Brison adopting a policy concerning the city's transition to usage of healthful cleaning products and practices.

WHEREAS: Cleaning and sanitizing products are necessary for creating and maintaining clean, healthy and sanitary conditions in municipal facilities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS: exposure to harmful chemicals contained in cleaning products may result in potential negative impacts to human health; and

WHEREAS: harmful chemicals, byproducts and waste contained in certain cleaning products may be released into the environment during the routine cleaning of municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS: choosing less harmful cleaning products for use in municipal facilities and workplaces, and taking steps to reduce exposure to office and custodial workers, will minimize potential negative impacts on human health, will improve environmental quality and will reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS: the adoption of less harmful, environmentally friendly cleaning products as approved by appropriate certification agencies has primarily led to reductions, or at the very most, negligible increases in expenditures on cleaning products, including a 5 percent decrease in the City of Santa Monica, California; and

WHEREAS: the procurement and proper use and application of cleaning products that perform well and that have positive environmental attributes, such as biodegradability, low toxicity, low volatile organic compound content, reduced packaging, and low life cycle energy use, will reduce the negative environmental impacts of routine cleaning while also ensuring clean and sanitary municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS: the city's Department of Public Works has committed to procuring and using more healthful cleaning products and practices over the coming year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Aldermen that all municipal departments in the City of New Haven shall procure and use, whenever practicable, cleaning products having properties that minimize potential negative impacts to human health and the environment as approved by appropriate certification agencies such as Green Seal and Ecologo, consistent with maintaining clean and sanitary facilities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all municipal departments shall include in new contracts for the procurement of cleaning products or cleaning services, an appropriate requirement consistent with this Order.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this transition shall be accomplished as soon as possible and in a manner that avoids the waste of existing inventories, accommodates establishment of supply chains for new products, enables the training of personnel in appropriate work practices, and allows the phase-out of products and practices inconsistent with this Order.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the city's Chief Administrative Officer, no later than 6 months from the adoption of this Order, shall provide the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a written report assessing the effectiveness of this policy.

CITY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. FAVORABLE. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN GRANTING PERMISSION TO SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A SIGN ON THE CORNER OF LAWRENCE STREET AND WHITNEY AVENUE INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THE CHURCH AT 100 LAWRENCE STREET.

WHEREAS: Pastor Kennedy Hampton, Sr., on behalf of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, has petitioned the New Haven Board of Aldermen for permission for a sign at the corner of Lawrence Street and Whitney Avenue, directing people to the Church, located at 100 Lawrence Street; and

WHEREAS: Pastor Hampton and Eloise Richardson, representing the Church, attended the February 19, 2009 meeting of the City Services & Environmental Policy Committee to speak for the proposal and presented a certificate of public liability insurance, naming the City of New Haven additional insured, as required; and

WHEREAS: The City Plan Commission, in Report 1424-11, recommended Approval with Conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that permission is granted to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for a sign on public property at Lawrence Street and Whitney Avenue in conformance with the conditions and recommendations contained in City Plan Commission Report 1424-11, which Report is incorporated herein by reference. Said sign and all appurtenances thereto shall be constructed, located and installed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, Building Inspector, Director of Public Works, Director of Traffic & Parking and the Fire Marshall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that in consideration of this permission, said permission shall be subject to revocation at any time and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, their successors and assigns, shall hold the City of New Haven harmless from any and all claims, losses, costs and damages of any nature whatsoever arising out of or resulting from the design, construction, installation, maintenance and/or use of said sign. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church shall furnish the City of New Haven with a public liability insurance policy acceptable to the Corporation Counsel of the City of New Haven. Such policy shall be placed in the possession of the City Clerk before any permit for the sign is granted. The policy shall be maintained in force by Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, their successors and assigns, as long as said sign is maintained at Lawrence Street and Whitney Avenue.

Joint Community Development/Human Services. Favorable. Order from the Mayor approving the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for FY 2009-2010 including proposed activities to be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) community programs.

(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

WHEREAS, HUD requires the submission of a planning document incorporating housing and non-housing community development strategies in a consolidated plan to be prepared in accordance with the process prescribed in 24CFR Part 91; and

WHEREAS, the City has an approved Five Year Consolidated Plan covering 2005 through 2009, which includes a description of the community participation process, a needs analysis, objectives and priorities for the five year strategy period,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has submitted to the Board of Aldermen Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget recommendations; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, (P.L. 93-383); the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (P.L. 101-625); The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-400); The Aids Housing Opportunity Act (AHOA) and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (PL 102-550, approved October 28, 1992); hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs" the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to provide financial assistance to cities for undertaking and carrying out community development activities on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of an Act concerning Community Development, Public Act No. 75-443, Connecticut Municipalities are authorized to undertake community development programs in accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Public Act No. 75-443; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal regulations requiring Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs (24CFR 91), the Mayor has caused to be prepared and has submitted to this Board an Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance to undertake and carry out community development activities; and

WHEREAS, the said Annual Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds contains activities to be funded by funds reprogrammed and/or program income from prior years' Community Development Block Grant activities; and

WHEREAS, prior to submission to HUD of such proposed Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds the Mayor and other public officials have heard citizen views on housing and community development needs; and

WHEREAS, there also has been presented to the Board and approved, a Citizen Participation Plan and information and data regarding the activities the City will undertake and carry out during the coming year with the financial assistance received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under its Housing and Community Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, as part of the submission of the Annual Consolidated Action Plan, must sign specific certifications and that such certifications include a statement regarding Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared its initial Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in 1996, it prepared an update in 2002/2003 to reflect the release of new census data and activities undertaken to further fair housing since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds has been on file at the office of the City/Town Clerk, 200 Orange Street, for at least thirty-five days for the purpose of public inspection; and copies of the Consolidated Plan Statement of Activities and Use of Funds have been made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, in January, February, March and April 2009, this Board acting through the Joint Committee on Community Development and Human Resources held public hearings pursuant to notices published in accordance with Public Act No. 75-443 at which times the views of the public with respect to the strategies, objectives and community development activities proposed in the Consolidated Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds were communicated to this Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board has received written comments on the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan Statement of Activities and Use of Funds from the New Haven City Plan Commission, the New Haven Housing Authority, the LCI Loan Advisory Committee, the New Haven Development Commission or, has allowed such agencies thirty (30) days to review such plans; and

WHEREAS, this Board has also received or has provided the opportunity for written communications from various City officials and members of the general public regarding the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Board take appropriate official action respecting the City's Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds which forms part of the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for financial assistance under its Housing and Community Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified by HUD that the dollar amount of the City's entitlement may be reduced by Congress early in 2009 after the budget process has already commenced requiring the City to make adjustments to its Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds. Such adjustments shall require percentage reductions to all activities and programs affected by such grant reductions.

WHEREAS, this Board is cognizant of the conditions imposed upon the Mayor and the City with respect to undertaking and carrying out community development activities under the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Programs, and Public Act No. 75-443.

WHEREAS, due to possible delays by the federal government regarding grant funding applications, retroactive agreements may be required in order to cover

services for the entire current grant year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven as follows:

1. It is hereby found and determined that:

(a) The Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds has been developed so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit low or moderate income families and persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight or that the activities contemplated in the plan in whole or in part are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency which cannot otherwise be met.

(b) There has been (i) adequate information provided to citizens concerning the amount of funds available for activities proposed under the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan and the range of activities which may be undertaken and other important program requirements, (ii) adequate opportunity for citizens to participate in the development of the plan, and (iii) adequate public hearings by this Board to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs.

(c) The Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan Program will be conducted and administered in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1968, P.L. 88-52 and P.L. 90-284, as from time to time amended, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, P.L. 100-430, section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Sections 31-26, 33-34, 53-35, 53-35a of the General Statutes.

(d) The Mayor has consented to make the certifications required under subsection (b) of Section 104 of said Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; Subtitle D of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; Section 415 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000; and Section 854 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act.

(e) In implementing the 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan Program the City shall comply with the provisions of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, P.L. 91-646, as from time to time amended.

(f) All laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractor on construction of rehabilitation work, except as provided under Section 110 of said Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction within the locality, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, as from time to time amended; 40 U.S.C., Sections 276a to 276a-5, inclusive, or by the labor commissioner under Section 31-53 of the federal statutes, and all such persons shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C., Section 327 to 332, inclusive and Section 31-60 of the general statutes, or where no such federal financial assistance is to be provided, then

compliance with Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes, or where no such federal financial assistance is to be provided, then compliance with Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes shall be required.

(g) In implementing the 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan Program the City shall comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135. Section 3, as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons.

(h) In implementing the 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan Program the City shall comply with notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint as required by 24 CFR 570.608.

(i) In implementing the 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan Program the City shall comply with provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

2. That the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds as approved by this Board, complies with the requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL 93-383); the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (P.L. 101-25); the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-400); AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (AOHA) and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-550); hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs" Public Act No. 75-443 and other applicable provisions of the law and regulations subject to the securing of further local approvals, such as urban renewal plan amendments, which may be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds having been incorporated in this Order by reference, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to undertake and carry out the community development activities described in said plan; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to take whatever steps necessary to secure the approval of the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds and the City's application for financial assistance to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and make such other applications as are necessary to secure community development funds required by this City, including advances, discretionary and transition funds as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Programs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into contractual agreements and/or amendments irrespective of fiscal year expenditure restrictions and other ordinance restrictions in order to insure performance of approved community development activities; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that express approval for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with a start date that relates back to the commencement of the current grant year regardless of when approval is obtained is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to certify or give assurances, on behalf of the City, to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as to the matters determined and found by this Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event financial assistance is made available by the State of Connecticut under the provisions of Public Act No. 74-443 or related legislation to support the community development activities contemplated under the Annual 2009-2010 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds approved by this Board, that the Mayor is authorized to take whatever steps as are necessary to secure such financial assistance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that CDBG public service contracts which have not been executed by December 1, 2009 will be reprogrammed in program year 2009-2010. These reprogramming funds will be allocated only to organizations that submitted applications for CDBG public service funding in 2009-2010. The reprogramming allocations will be recommended by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the Consolidated Plan application requires, prior to the authorization for and/or release of funding, all agencies and organizations receiving Consolidated Plan funds through the City must be current on all municipal taxes; provide proof of fiscal accountability including the filing of all federal tax forms 990 or 990EZ and the completion of the annual audits as required; and clear of all significant audit findings. These requirements must be met no later than the start of the program year, July 1. If an agency is unable to fulfill these requirements, funding shall be reprogrammed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that in all instances where New Haven residents need to be relocated due to an emergency, such as fire, gas leak, or a condemned building, the City shall find adequate funds to pay for the relocation in the City Activities portion of the CDBG budget not to exceed \$100,000 without Aldermanic approval.

Consolidated Plan Activity	FY 09/10	Committee Proposed	Description
CDBG			
ACQUISITION			
Acquisition	127,636	City Activity.	To acquire property for the purpose of providing commercial and homeownership opportunities, and park or recreational uses in an effort to stabilize neighborhoods. Individuals wishing to purchase property from the City will be eligible for City loan funds if the applicant meets the criteria of the regulations governing the source of funding. The projected number of new construction owner occupied units is 35 and rental units is 41. The projected number of owner occupied rehab units are 28 and rental rehab units are 25.
Habitat for Humanity	35,000	Location: 37 Union St.	To acquire property for the purpose of rehabilitating blighted single family homes and new construction for low-income homeownership primarily in the Hill and Newhallville areas. Average cost of a Habitat house is \$90,000 and provides funding with zero percent interest, twenty-five year mortgage. Each family invests 400 hours of sweat

equity in building their own home and other Habitat homes. The following two properties have been identified for single family housing: 125 Spring Street (substantial rehab) and 81 Morris (substantial rehab). All structures are currently privately owned. Additional funding approved: \$50,000 Private Fund Raising; Pending funding: \$100,000 Special Events and \$350,000 Private Fund Raising; Funding to be requested: \$50,000 Federal Home Loan Bank, \$100,000 Corporations and \$100,000 Foundations.

DEMOLITION

Demolition 180,000 City Activity. Demolition and site clearance including the removal of environmental hazards for development, revitalization, emergency demolition of abandoned buildings, or unsafe, unsanitary or fire damaged structures in order to eliminate blight.

DISPOSITION

Disposition 414,614 City Activity. Disposition of properties acquired for community development and urban renewal activities. Annual projections for the property disposition program are for the projected rehabilitation of 42 substandard housing units (16 owner occupied and 26 rental units) and 76 new housing units (35 owner occupied and 41 rental occupied). Sliver lots are also disposed of to adjacent homeowners for off street parking and/or green space in an effort to reduce blight in low income areas.

Property Management Public 246,294 City Activity. Maintenance and upkeep of CD owned properties, removal of debris on abandoned vacant lots, rodent and pest control, and boarding up and securing of vacant buildings which have been acquired by the City as part of the City's Consolidated Plan. Maintenance cost on average is estimated at \$850 per property. This program is a collaborative effort between LCI and OBIE.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

108 Economic Development Loan Program 75,000 City Activity. To cover expenses for principal and interest payments for the debt obligation as determined by the repayment schedule of the 10