

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on June 15, 2015, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

WHEREAS, Ellis Walter Ruley was born in Norwich, Connecticut on December 3, 1882 and lived in the City his entire life; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Walter Ruley was a self-taught artist and day laborer who painted in a unique style with a strong, bold sense of design and color, choosing subjects and scenes native to Norwich like the work entitled the "Town Tramway to the Waterfalls, Pools, and Rental Canoes of Mohegan Park"; and

WHEREAS, during Ellis Walter Ruley's life, his artistic talent went virtually unrecognized, and he died under questionable circumstances on the property at 28 Hammond Avenue on January 16, 1959, with most of his artworks destroyed in a fire at the Hammond Avenue home shortly after his death; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Walter Ruley's body of art now enjoys national prominence, and has been displayed in collections such as the Amistad Foundation's African-American Collection at the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Jacob Lawrence Exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, the Louis Dreyfus Collection at the Harlem Children's Zone, and the Slater Museum of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich is and continues to strive to be a leader in the State of Connecticut in recognizing and improving cultural diversity and the lives of its African-American residents and people of color; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that the City of Norwich proposes that certain property known as 28 Hammond Avenue, located at Map 111, Block 1, Lot 23, and more specifically identified in the attached property description "Exhibit A," be dedicated as a public park and sanctuary in honor of Ellis Walter Ruley, an extraordinary African-American artist and native son who lived and flourished here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH recognizes a committee has been established currently consisting of three persons, Ms. Sheila Hayes, Ms. Lottie Scott, and Mr. Frank Manfredi, known as the "Ellis Walter Ruley Committee," each of whom have voluntarily taken on the responsibility of raising funds to be expended for initial funding of the project, ongoing property maintenance, and developing informational narratives for on-site viewing for the express purpose of making 28 Hammond Avenue a place for tourists, residents and aspiring artists to visit and learn about Ellis Walter Ruley.

EXHIBIT A

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon standing located in the Town of Norwich, (which was formerly a part of the Town of Preston) on Hammond Avenue, so-called, bounded and described as follows: on the North by land now or formerly of James Dawson; East by land formerly of Elijah Dewey; South by lands now or formerly of Ransom Sholes, George A. Harris and Asahel Tannar and West by land now or formerly of James Dawson and known as the Walcott Fowler place, containing three acres more or less. Being premises described in a deed from Frederic S. Crowell, Admr. To Ellis Walter Ruley dated August 30, 1933, recorded in Norwich Land Records, Volume 200, Page 411.

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut this 16th day of June 2015.

ATTEST:

Betsy M. Barrett

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City Clerk

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on June 15, 2015, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

WHEREAS, the R.E. Van Norstrand Neighborhood Assistance Act, Chapter 228a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S. 12-630aa-12-638) offers certain benefits to municipalities desiring to obtain the same and is administered by the State Department of Revenue Services (Commission of Revenue Services); and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Assistance Act provides a tax credit for business firms which sponsor local programs; and

WHEREAS, such programs must be proposed and conducted by private non-profit agencies or municipalities and be approved by the local legislative body;

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been duly noticed and held on applications submitted to the City Manager's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that it approves the following program proposals under the Neighborhood Assistance Act:

1. Montessori Discovery School, Inc.-Energy Improvements
2. ECHO-Elizabeth St. Apts. Heating System Replacement
3. CRIS-Audio Programming for People with Disabilities
4. ECHO-Hillside Apts. Window & Glass Door Replacement
5. Norwich Historical Society-Energy efficient upgrades to Dr. Daniel Lathrop Schoolhouse
6. Norwich Historical Society/City of Norwich-Energy efficient upgrades to the East District Schoolhouse
7. Society of the Founders of Norwich DBA: Leffingwell House Museum-Post & Beam Weatherization

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WHEREAS, the City of Norwich has a quantity of aging housing stock in which lead-based paint continues to be a hazard, especially to children residing in such housing; and

WHEREAS, children, particular those under the age of six, can face multiple health risks and suffer permanent damage from elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS, Uncas Health District, the Norwich Property Rehab Program and official data compiled by government agencies confirm that there are children in Norwich who have been and/or currently are diagnosed as having elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS, the Norwich Office of Community Development is preparing a grant to be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) seeking funding in a sum not to exceed \$3.33 million from the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program in order to assist in the remediation of lead-based paint and other sources of lead in such housing stock to reduce the occurrence of elevated blood lead levels in children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that Acting City Manager John Bilda be and hereby is authorized to apply for a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program for the purposes described herein in the amount not to exceed \$3.33 million.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on June 15, 2015, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

WHEREAS, Douglas Morello and the City of Norwich, are parties to litigation pending in the superior court for the judicial district of New London assigned docket no. KNL-CV-11-6010871S in which Douglas Morello has alleged violations on the part of the City of Norwich of the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act, Connecticut General Statute §46a-51 et seq., which allegations the City of Norwich denies; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, [hereinafter referred to as “Travelers”] has defended and will indemnify the City of Norwich with respect to this litigation and has reached a settlement on behalf of the City of Norwich with Douglas Morello; and

WHEREAS, this settlement requires certain periodic payments to be arranged by the Travelers as more particularly detailed in documents entitled a Settlement Agreement and General Release and a Non-Qualified Assignment and Release of Periodic Payment Obligations; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Morello and the City of Norwich are to enter into said Settlement Agreement and General Release describing the terms and conditions of the settlement, including a withdrawal of the action, a release and discharge of the City of Norwich and its past, present and future officers, officials, insurers, agents and employees, and a recognition that the obligations of the City of Norwich for any payments called for under the Settlement Agreement and General Release shall be deemed satisfied pursuant to the terms of a Non-Qualified Assignment and Release of Periodic Payment Obligation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH that Acting City Manager John Bilda be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into, execute, deliver and receive such documents as are necessary to effectuate the settlement described herein including but not limited to the Settlement Agreement and General Release and Non-Qualified Assignment and Release of Periodic Payment Obligations, so long as such documents are satisfactory to him and the corporation counsel.

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut this 16th day of June 2015.

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