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City Announces Selection of Much Anticipated Parking Director

Middletown, Connecticut – After a five (5) month nationwide search, Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano has announced his selection of Thomas Hartley to become the City's new Director of Parking. After the October 23, 2010 closing deadline, 27 applications were received by the City's Personnel Department. Out of the 27; 9 candidates were deemed qualified and 8 participated in the Oral Testing panel. The Mayor along with Jennifer Alexander and Joseph Bibisi interviewed the top 4 candidates.

"Mr. Hartley will be a welcome addition to the City and the Business community" commented Giuliano. "His background is most impressive and we are lucky to have attracted such a highly qualified candidate." From 2008 to 2001 Mr. Hartley was the Director, Transportation Services/Resort Operations for Mohegan Sun. From 1988 to 2001 he was employed by Walt Disney World as the Business Unit Leader for Theme Park Operations. He has a B.S., in Business Management from the University of Phoenix; A Master of Hospitality Administration from the University of Nevada Los Vegas and an MBA in Finance from the University of Connecticut.

The Mayor also recognized the efforts of the Middletown Downtown Business District with financial support during the recruiting process. "The budget for the city this year in terms of advertising is very lean. When we initially started the recruitment process we were receiving very little in terms of interest. The DBD authorized the use of private funds to advertise within the International Parking Institute. This public/private cooperative was very successful and I am thankful that we have the type of Downtown Business Community that works collectively with City government," said Giuliano.

Mr. Hartley will need to complete all facets of the conditional offer of employment which includes a background investigation. Giuliano anticipates that he should be able to seek Council affirmation at the March 2, 2010 meeting. Mr. Hartley has indicated that he can begin work immediately for the City.