

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Torres, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Halstead, Swain, McCarthy, Lyons, McBride-Lee, *Salter, DeJesus, *Castillo, *Martinez, Feliciano, Paoletto, Holloway, *Martinez-Walker

**=arrived after roll call*

ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Marella.

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 pm.

The city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Ethan Book
144 Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

City Council Stipends.

Statement may be submitted to the city clerk's office - or go to [www. SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport](http://www.SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport) to view or listen to the detailed comments

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Status of termination case.

Mr. Young apologized to the city council for his outburst at the last public speaking session. He stated that he has been coming before the council for the last eight years to speak about his unjust termination after working for the city for twenty-seven years. He recalled that he had a doctor note that outlined his medical issues. He relayed that he contacted the city attorney's office regarding the unjust termination and he said he would forward the response to Council member Torres on Tuesday. He stressed that he was being treated like a slave because his allegation has been ignored for so long. He

mentioned that the council members were sworn to an oath to dedicate themselves to the public. He further mentioned that the court moved in favor of the city, noting that as a taxpayer; he had the right to request that his allegations be looked into regarding his termination during 2006. He repeated his comment about slavery to make the point that until slavery was abolished, there was no justice. He said he would like an investigation into the unjust termination and he expressed for someone to hear his cry! He stated that they should call it the way they see it, based on the evidence. He emphasized shame on the court system, noting that no one is above the law.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Bridgeport taxpayers as victims.

Budget Time in Bridgeport – Taxpayer as VICTIM of Faulty Process

Mayor's Proposed Operating Budget for City (Board of Education):

- City \$303 Million up from (\$297 Million – 2014)-BOE \$219 Million (same as 2014) MBR: \$223,112,000 (14); \$224, 805,000 (15) Mayor's budget moves \$9.8 Million of City side expense to BOE as IN KIND includes grants personnel in excess of City current budget and Supportive Contribution @ \$1.6 Million (current City budget around \$600,000 with no detail.
- Failure to fund schools at full MBR risks State funds and challenges State rules; makes a mockery of "less than one mill tax increase" necessary...
- Employees 'Filling positions' labeled in past along with Vacant, Unfilled and New; source of Ghost Positions information; 2015 changes Titled positions in Personnel Summary to FTE (?Full Time Equivalents?) What is current employment status of FTE? How many vacant slots? Including generous fringe benefits 53% of full time compensation (\$118M/\$220M) if job freeze was enacted, what is saving? Job Freeze
- Why is current employee status not reported in monthly financial reports to inform Council and public as to retirements, terminations, layoff and other management control actions? (See BOE)

Capital Budget Proposed (\$ Millions)

- Charter directs solicitation of ideas from public and hearing? Second night? No good notice? Where is City solicitation? No wonder that no attendance.
- Knowlton Park Cost and benefits? Public input?
- Failure to attend to City negative practices that will erode bond rating (See Moody's comments (8-19-13) Moody's Reduction of City Fund Balance; Reliance on cash flow borrowing (TANs); Failure to address Internal Service Fund deficit (up 40% in Finch years); failure to adhere to required pension funding schedule? less than 50% Plan A; significant tax base declines – what did revaluation tell us?

Grants Information

- Lighthouse/After School program has had full budget presented for City funding for years. Grants for the \$1,761,000 program are sought as goals. Why are grant revenues shown as NOT APPLICABLE? Where are such grant recorded and expended? Is this a source of slush

that is not counted in monthly financial reports? Where is disclosure to City Council (and public) on grant revenues? (See BOE disclosure regarding Grants programs, positions funded, etc.)

Legislative Department 2013, 2014, REFORM

- Stipends – Ordinance review incomplete? Who reviews paperwork? Why is purpose of debit card expense not required? (Stop & Shop, Walgreen, Cablevision, etc.??) What is taxation situation, if any? Why are junket expenses, arranged as a group, not coded to Stipend Report? Is it to prevent reimbursement in excess of limit?
- Other Services..... A/k/a illegal and secret charitable contributions to not for profit local groups previous to primaries and election periods 2013. Why not shown in original June draft report? Why no discussion or vote in B&A committee or elsewhere? Who participated in signing off or authorizing? What documentation was referenced?

Comptroller's Revenue ; Line Item 41538 Miscellaneous cash income reported after close of business June 2013. \$510,000....Where did it come from? Can it repeat itself? Any one curious? Well look at page30 of your budget materials when you have a chance. Revenue line items are not in order so hard to find 41538, but it is there and the title changed to COPIES, Copies of what? \$50 bills, maybe 10,000 of them....Will someone ask what this is from? Does no one care? It is up to you and if you do not care to read, review, and reflect then we have no watchdogs. And if the City situation is so bad then you will be seen at much at fault as an Amtrak train engineer or a South Korean ferry crew. It will not be pretty.

For those of you who complain that I am too tough on you, think of what I have suggested in the past? You are overtasked with no assistance – you voted to eliminate your legislative aide two year ago; you are underinformed because the reports are not read, reviewed and discussed with your public; and you think you are making progress because the City talks about it. But you cannot demonstrate prioritizing and funding, can you? Time will tell.

John Marshall Lee

The following persons signed up to speak before the city council prior to the public speaking session - go to [www. SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport](http://www.SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport) to view or listen to the detailed comments that the speakers below addressed to the City Council on April 21, 2014

Clyde Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson stated that he was there to get an understanding about the situation at Harding High School. He mentioned that there was a rally regarding the relocation of the school. He noted that all the houses in the community are the same age and he questioned if that is the case, why not tear down all the houses in Bridgeport. He suggested that something else was going on. He questioned why those involved in the project feel that Harding High School has to be moved with no consideration to what the people want, noting that we don't need dictatorship from government.

He went on to mention an issue with the City of Hartford that overruled city matters related to the Board of Education. He said that the citizens of Bridgeport are being dumped on, noting that he is aware of schools with contamination on the property; he questioned if anyone has tested the soil at some of these schools. He compared the piles of contaminated soil to the Mount Trashmore situation, which he said is nothing compared to the contaminated soil piles. He questioned who the city council was elected to represent, the people or the Mayor.

Conrad DeJesus

Mr. DeJesus relayed a spiritual message about God, Satan and fallen angels in relation to releasing the "Power of God" as it pertains to the forces of evil, good and righteousness.

Linda Francis waived her comments to speak during the City Council public hearing.

The public speaking session ended at 7:05 pm.

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Torres, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Halstead, Swain, McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, McBride-Lee, Salter, DeJesus, Castillo, Martinez, Feliciano, Marella, Paoletto, Martinez-Walker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council member Vizzo-Paniccia

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Prayer - Council member McBride-Lee offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - George Estrada led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call - the City Clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

City Council Citation: In Recognition of the University of Bridgeport Women's Gymnastics Team for being the 2014 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate Team National Champions for 6th Year in a Row.

Mayor Finch, Council President McCarthy and the following council members came forward to present the citation: Council members: Paoletto, Martinez, DeJesus, Taylor-Moye, Banta, Lyons.

Council President McCarthy expressed that they always like to recognize good and acknowledge good things happening in Bridgeport. He highlighted that it was déjà vu for the 6th year in a row championship for the University of Bridgeport Women's Gymnastics Team for being the 2014 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate Team National

Champions – *the team members and coaches came forward to accept the citation.* Council President McCarthy expressed that the team is a source of pride for the city council and the City of Bridgeport. He pointed out that they aren't the regional or state champions, but the **best team in the United States** – *to applause!* He read the name of each team member present to come forward and receive the citation – *he read the proclamation that highlighted recognition of the 2014 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate Team National Champions for 6th Year in a Row. The proclamation outlined continued success from the entire city council and the City of Bridgeport.*

The team's coach expressed that it was a great honor, noting that they were fortunate to come before the city council for the last six years to receive the citation. He further expressed it was an honor for the city, the school and the team members. He thanked everyone that has been instrumental in the team's success – *a group picture was taken.*

27-13 Public Hearing re: Proposed Resolution Concerning the Disposition and Redevelopment of City-Owned Property to Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Elementary School.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the item:

- Leon Woods, 430 Carroll Avenue stated that he is a parent of a student that attends the school. He said he was there in support of the land purchase to build and expand the gymnasium and cafeteria. He commented that it's a good project that will allow the school to move forward.
- Laquita Holmes, 431 Park Street stated that she was in support of the project. She expressed that she loves Bridgeport and she was excited about things happening in the city. She noted that she was there to speak on behalf of other families in support.
- Nicole Paul, 155 Bruce Street stated that she has a child that attends the school and she is in support of the project. She noted that there is a parking issue and the expansion will allow a larger drop off area. She further noted that the cafeteria is really small, so the expansion will allow more students to eat together. She also noted that an assembly area is needed to hold activities. Overall, she urged support of the project.
- Fanny Willis stated that she was in support of the project. She expressed that she has seen the amazing impact that the school has had in the community. She urged support of the project to allow the school to expand for the betterment of the students. Overall, she expressed that she was excited about expansion of the school.
- Liz Francis, 424 East Main Street stated that she was in support of the project. She commented that the cafeteria needed expanding to allow all the students to eat together. She further commented that there were numerous reasons why the

expansion will benefit the students, such as; the necessity to enhance academics, student interaction etc.

- Clarissa Carter stated that she was lucky and honored to support the school. She relayed that she has seen the school transform from the beginning to what it is now. She noted that the school serves kindergarten through grade 3 and next year they will serve at full capacity. The expansion will enhance the academic program and the gymnasium will allow a larger space for the students to play. She mentioned that Achievement First does great work and she hoped the project would be supported so that they can continue to serve the children and see much more success.
- A parent of a student that attends the school, who resides at 105 Ezra Street stated that it was crucial to have the expansion and it's vital to expand the academic program at the school. He urged support and he asked the council to take the children's education into consideration.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak against the item:

- Ernest Wiggins stated that he wasn't opposed or against the project, however; he noted that the field where youth play sports sponsored by the American Legion wasn't notified about the project. Mayor Finch responded that the field isn't park property, so that was the reason they weren't notified. He urged Mr. Wiggins to keep up the good work he does with the youth football.
- Maria Rivera, 85 Woodrow Road stated that she was opposed to charter schools, but she wasn't opposed to providing a safe environment for children to learn. She referred to a copy of the committee minutes that took up this item and highlighted the following issues:
 - the address of the property wasn't listed on the notice of the public hearing;
 - the property is located adjacent to Luis Marin School that serves the community throughout the summer;
 - concern about the contaminated land and how it will affect the children;
 - appraisal value and the original offer of \$1.00 and the subsequent offer that was made;
 - the issue of the land not being capped during remediation;
 - the lots aren't vacant and they are currently used for activities

She urged the council to send the item back to committee for reconsideration and for the purpose of addressing the matter of any potential risk to the children, neighbors and staff.

- Clyde Nicholson stated that he visited the site and he saw the zoning signs posted. While he was there, he said he observed kids in the neighborhood riding bikes and playing on the field. He said he thought about the contaminated land and he questioned who is responsible for testing the soil. He further questioned how they

can continuously allow kids to be “dumped on”. He further stressed that contaminated land is real serious to one’s health and if the field is going to be used, the contamination should be cleaned up. He stressed that it’s another matter of dumping on Bridgeport again. He added that if they seriously cared about the kids, the council members should stand up for the community against the project and find a safe neighborhood and somewhere else for the project.

- Cecil Young recalled Council member Holloway’s previous comment that Harding High School has been the most contaminated site for years. He emphasized that he would think that the matter of contaminated soil would be addressed. He referred to the Longfellow School situation and the problem they had in the past with contamination. He strongly suggested that they do something about the soil and clean it up. He continued to make comments that had a racial overtone regarding other matters. He eventually returned to the topic of the soil and he urged that it be tested and the results made known so the children aren’t exposed.
- A parent of a Bridgeport public school student stated that they had an issue with the construction that will begin this summer. She mentioned the contaminated materials on site and she recalled that when she was the president of Columbus School parent association, PCP’s were found on the site that contaminated the entire building and involved major remediation. She recalled that the project went on for four years due to the contamination problems associated with the site and the school was subsequently relocated. Overall, she said it’s a matter of potential risk to the children, noting that they deserve to be completely safe. She ended to say that the field is currently used for recreation.
- Conrad DeJesus stated that he was opposed to the sale of the land...he expressed that you and I created the land.

The public hearing ended at 7:40 pm.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: March 18, 2014 (Special Meeting)

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

69-13 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Concerning the Disposition of City-Owned Property Located at 38 Luther Street and Request to Order a Public Hearing Relative to the Same, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 70-13** Communication from WPCA re: Proposed Water Pollution Control Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**
- 71-13** Communication from WPCA re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Amend Chapter 13.04 Utilities, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar.

Council member Torres made a request to remove the following items:

- *48-13** Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Authorize Certain Capital Improvement Projects.
- *49-13** Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Five-Year Capital Plan (CP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2019.

The city clerk read the remaining consent calendar items into the record:

- *44-13** Contracts Committee Report re: Assignment of Tax Liens for Fiscal Year 2014.
- *50-13** Contracts Committee Report re: Contract of Sale with the Boys and Girls Club of Bridgeport, Inc.
- *58-13(PHO)** Contracts Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for May 5, 2014: re Hangar Lease with the Connecticut Aerospace Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., for the Location of the Connecticut Air & Space Center at Sikorsky Memorial Airport.
- *64-13** Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with The Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company for a Group Retiree Insurance Plan for Medicare-Eligible Retirees of the City and Board of Education Employees (Term of Agreement - January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016).

- *67-13 Contracts Committee Report re: Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fire Fighters Local 834 for the Period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018.
- *53-13 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Social Services for Social Services Block Grant Program (SSBG).
- *54-13 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development for a Municipal Brownfield Assessment and Inventory Grant Program.
- *55-13(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for May 5, 2014: re Disposition and Redevelopment of City-Owned Property Located at 143 Fifth Street.
- *56-13(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for May 5, 2014: re Disposition and Redevelopment of City-Owned Properties to Habitat for Humanity.
- *60-13 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the FY2013-2014 Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Award (CBA).
- *48-13 Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Authorize Certain Capital Improvement Projects. - *removed*
- *49-13 Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Five-Year Capital Plan (CP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2019. - *removed*

** **COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR) *with the exceptions of items *48-13 and *49-13***

** **COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch returned to the items that were removed from the consent calendar:

- *48-13 Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Authorize Certain Capital Improvement Projects.

** **COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**
 ** **COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

Council member Torres stated that he attended every Budget & Appropriations Committee meeting that has been held to date, except for one meeting. He said that he felt the picture seen so far is that they will be forced to have a tax increase. He went on to say that he felt it will result in huge expenditures for the city that they can't afford, noting that it will equate to blank checks to the City of Bridgeport. He mentioned the \$3 million expenditure related to bonding. He commented that normally, it will be a joke if they went to the bank to ask for a loan for that amount. He relayed that when someone asks for \$3 million; there should be detailed information as to why it's needed. Overall, he said the matter related to giving the Mayor and his staff blank checks to do what they want. He further mentioned another \$3.2 million expenditure and when on to comment about the east side Pequonnock River property that was acquired from a private entity and they are now up to a cost of \$9 million to expand and improve the property, however; he said no consideration was given to minority contractors. He stressed that it seemed the contracts are going to what he termed the usual suspects. He asked that they be considerate to the people of Bridgeport who already pay the highest taxes in the country and. He stated that he wanted to suggest an amendment be made to the contract.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES MOVED TO AMEND *48-13 Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Authorize Certain Capital Improvement Projects.**

**Mayor Finch requested that Council member Torres draft the amendment wording and submit it to the city clerk's office.*

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HALSTEAD SECONDED**

Council President McCarthy made it clear that the Budget & Appropriations Committee worked on the details for this item for two weeks and they were satisfied with the outcome. He emphasized that he was fully against the amendment, because it will set the city back tremendously in relation to the bonding matter. He clarified that it will equate to not building and doing construction for two years. He recalled that during the time that there was a Financial Review Board, there wasn't any bonding whatsoever and it greatly affected the infrastructure. He gave an example of purchases for fire apparatus that were put on hold, noting the importance of maintaining updated fire equipment. He stated that the matter shouldn't be about someone grandstanding to make a statement that they are looking to save the taxpayers money. He stressed that the matter does relate to the city borrowing money over the course of two years, noting that it's his guesstimate that it will result in a low interest rate. He further relayed the benefits of good fiscal management for the city.

Council member Taylor-Moye stated that she was present for the Budget & Appropriations Committee when they went through the matter pertaining to the \$3 million expenditure. She stated that she was against the amendment. She recalled that the city has done a lot of development to date and nothing will be different for the project proposed at 375 Main Street. She stressed that they have to stop looking in the past and consider looking forward to the future to develop decent housing. She emphasized that replacement housing is sorely needed in the city and she questioned what is it that is stopping some people from enjoying the same quality of life as others and have the opportunity to raise

their children in Bridgeport. Overall, she expressed that it takes many entities to help a city sustain itself. She urged denial of the amendment.

Council member Brannelly stated that as co-chair of the Budget & Appropriations Committee, it is certain and clear that they went through the capital plan and it was a process that was 100% supported by her. She stressed that there were many things that they came to know and had to grasp. She mentioned the equipment that is needed that the city doesn't currently have and she was adamant that the process isn't frivolous, it's a very responsible urban plan to ensure that we have what we need; such as fire and police equipment. She stated the interest rate that was brought forth is usually unheard of and the city needs to maintain a certain level related to maintenance and economics. She further stressed that if they think that taking down decrepit, molded and infested units is not a good idea; then they have the wrong idea. She relayed a personal comment to Council member Torres to say that she felt that his daughter shouldn't be living in one of the units by herself. Overall, she said she felt the project needs to move forward.

She continued to emphasize key points as to why the item should be approved based on the following reasons: economic development; projects that are proposed and much needed; the need to invest in the city to encourage business. She stressed the importance of listening to the people who do the day-to-day work, noting that they need to invest in neighborhoods.

Council member Torres stated that he wanted to submit an amendment to remove the amount of \$32,827,000.00 from bonding. He relayed that a portion of the expenditure will be for roadwork. He read the amounts that were listed that have been budgeted for varied projects and improvements. He relayed his account of a personal loss for a building located on the east side. He made mention to a project that could have been good for the city, but was ignored. He stressed that economic development will come when the land is cheap and the taxes are low. He said he didn't feel that investing in a higher priced development that won't benefit the city will help the city.

Council member Halstead explained that he seconded the motion due to the comments related to economic development. He mentioned Knowlton Park, noting that fixing the park won't attract investors, because it's also necessary to improve the surrounding parks.

Council member Taylor-Moye made some additional comments, noting that the first phase of the project will be for demolition; replacement housing is needed and it's necessary to rebuild new, not just cover up the problems cosmetically.

Council member Lyons mentioned that she did some research about bonding. She stated that it's common in most cities and it's important to maintain the infrastructure. She relayed that the budget sounded like it was becoming a personal issue and it should be about bonding. She stressed that the city has become dilapidated; taxes are going up and she emphasized that they are there to help improve the city and they have the responsibility to take care of the roads, parks etc. She said she felt that they needed to stop the picking and choosing and look at the overall picture of what's best for the City of Bridgeport.

Council member Martinez-Walker stated that we all need to remember that they were elected to make a difference in the community in the City of Bridgeport and not to sit on the council every other Monday to battle over what needs to be done. She commented that develop is necessary and rebuilding is needed to attract people to the city.

Council member Halstead commented that a lot of work needs to be done in the parks, homes and other areas in the city.

Council member McBride-Lee stated that although the council members may have different opinions, she acknowledged Council President McCarthy for his guidance in allowing everyone to express their opinion. She said it's important to remain true to those that voted them to the city council. She expressed that everyone wants to see Bridgeport built up and improved and not see dilapidated, boarded up buildings. She said she felt they need to be professional about their discussions and keep in mind the people of the city.

Council member Swain stated that she sits on the Budget & Appropriations Committee and although she didn't agree with Council member Torres amendment, she commented that it was a good thing that he at least started the discussion.

Council President McCarthy clarified that a yes vote = in support of the amendment *and a no vote= not in support of the amendment.*

**** MOTION PASSED WITH A SHOW OF HANDS OF FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND FOURTEEN VOTES IN OPPOSITION**

**Note} Council member Holloway left the meeting prior to the above vote and was not counted when the vote was carried.*

***49-13** Budget & Appropriations Committee Report re: Five-Year Capital Plan (CP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2019. - *removed*

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

Council member Torres stated that this item pertained to what they are planning to spend in the future and he didn't agree with doing that.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES)**

Mayor Finch briefly commented that it was a good job done, noting the long hours and decisions that were made for the best of the city. He relayed that every city bonds to help their residents.

Other business:

Council member Paoletto reminded everyone to make it convenient for the Assistant City Clerk and please sign their reports immediately following the meeting.

New business:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

**It was noted that the item required a two-thirds vote to add it to the agenda*

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO RENAME THE STREET TO ST. JOHN PAUL LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AN HONORARY FASHION TO RECOGNIZE THE POLISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM #73-13)**

Council member Halstead requested a point of personal privilege that when a city owned property is included in an agenda item, it should be properly advertised with the address.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BPT CITY COUNCIL FOR SEWERAGE SERVICE TO A PROPOSED DORMITORY TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY SHU (SACRED HEART UNIVERISTY) ON ITS PARK AVE., CAMPUS, FAIRFIELD**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM #72-13)**

Moment of Silence:

Council President McCarthy asked for a moment of silence for former city council member Donna Curran's son who passed away. It was noted that a fruit basket was sent on behalf of the entire city council.

Mayor Finch briefly commented on the all the new projects that were discussed and covered during the meeting tonight, noting that it was a great job done!

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services