

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Enrique Torres
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jack O. Banta
132nd District:
133rd District:
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District:
136th District: Josè Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137th District:
138th District: Melanie Jackson
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Christine Matthews-Connor
105 Linwood Avenue, 2nd Fl.
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Community policing, street pavement,
sanitation issues, etc.

Ms. Matthews-Connor came forward and said that she was speaking to the Council for the first time. She said that she wanted to know when her street would be repaired. She said that the streets were in poor condition and that there were more police needed on the street.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Fiscal Matters – Oversight.

Council Member Taylor-Moye called Mr. Lee. There was no response. She called a second time. There was no response.

Council Member Halstead joined the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Clyde Nicholson
54 Wallace Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Taxes.

Council Member Lyons joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Mr. Nicholson came forward to speak about the high cost of living in Bridgeport and said that he was praying that Bass Pro Shop project would be completed soon.

Council Members Brannelly, Swain, McBride-Lee, and Feliciano joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Mr. Nicholson then spoke about the fact he had been paying taxes for 40 years but his street was still not in good condition. He listed several things that were wrong with the City and asked why the Council was letting the Mayor get away with various actions. He announced to everyone that there was a group forming that would be addressing these concerns.

Joseph P. Ganim
80 Cartright Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Thirty Five (35) Year Tax Abatement –
Crescent Crossing.

Mr. Joseph P. Ganim, a former Mayor of the City, came forward to speak about the Crescent Crossing development. He said that the proposed resolution was one of the most generous tax abatements not only the City but also the country. The Bridgeport residents are some of the highest taxpayers in the country with some of the poorest residents in the State.

Council Member Salter joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Ganim said that granting the tax abatement would result in loss of tens of thousands of dollars in textbooks for the schools, police protections and various other services. Giving this away is wrong and the residents should remember that this is about taxes. The Council has a responsibility to think about the taxpayers. It's about serving the residents of Bridgeport and their taxes.

Tyisha Toms
96 Beachview Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

138 Clifford Street, Disposition of City-
Owned property.

Ms. Tyisha Toms came forward to speak about the property at 138 Clifford Street. She said that she was an attorney and a realtor in the City. She said that in some instances, there were

abandoned properties that had such high taxes that they became disincentives for developers. She said that many people did not know what would happen with the re-evaluation. She said that she was involved with marketing of 140 Clifford Street and had a difficult time marketing the property because it was across the street from 138 Clifford, which was a blighted property. She also pointed out that 138 had been owned by a company and they quit claimed the property back to the City. The property then deteriorated even further and then Ms. Toms said she contacted Council Member Lydia Martinez about cleaning up the property. When someone loses their house, the City loses the taxes on it. Often squatters move into the houses that are in foreclosure, destroy the property and it has to be torn down.

Nick Villacis
2470 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

AmeriCorps Summer Youth Program
MYO.

Nick Villacis came forward to speak about the Americorp Summer program. He said that he was a sophomore at a local college. He then spoke about the RYSAP program and how the program helps the teens learn job skills. He encouraged everyone to support the program for the youth in the City. He said that there were flyers and cards for those who wanted more information.

Council Member Taylor-Moye called Mr. Lee to come forward to address the Council Members.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Fiscal Matters – Oversight.

Address to City Council August 3, 2015 (Public session 06:50 PM)

Council members, thank you for your patience in calling my name a second time to speak. I just arrived in the City from a couple days away. My comments are brief.

Like many people who talk with you, I care about the City of Bridgeport. It has been my home for 28 years, the longest period I have resided anywhere. Many folks say they love the City and I understand that when I consider the many types of values Bridgeport represents for me, physical location in the State and region and natural beauty; certainly financial with my home investment; and cultural in the diversity of the people who call Bridgeport home and whom I continue to meet.

You know that I have talked more than once about Open, Accountable and Transparent governance and continue that mission tonight. In general when I use the word Open I suggest that we open all of the City financial records including the very lengthy and confusing report you receive monthly. It does not let you focus on what you approved and what happens during the year. It does not tell you anything about grants to the City, unfortunately and does not tell how many are employed City side while the Board of Education fiscal report does so.

I ask you to open your meetings and make citizens welcome. You are doing public service for them. Your rules, that can be changed, keep most meetings limited to speakers from the Council. Recently when you opened the meetings on “booting of vehicles” new info not heard from any source previously was made available by a former vendor. Very helpful.

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And while you are opening governance, perhaps you would keep the taxpayers involved and informed on the Capital budget annually. The Charter calls for it by using different language than that for the operating budget. Will you leave some trace of the details of what you are funding to the extent of over \$40 Million so that this background can be understood next year and beyond? Where is there solid info on where projects funded over the past five years stand today? Are they complete? Were any terminated? Where was surplus money directed? Where is this capital financial balance sheet reporting to the people and why not use electronic communications?

Essentially I am asking you to assure voters that the taxpayers are informed of all funds spent in a year. I believe that the operating budget is not aggressively reviewed during the year and the City presenters provide no “independent” insight or voice to decision making. The Capital budget once approved is not heard about again and no specific information is available to the public when they attend such a meeting. Unfortunately that is true of the minutes of many meetings where exhibits are logged in during a meeting but are not part of the electronic record. And why is there no attempt to provide info on Grants received by the City to provide necessary services?

Council Member Lydia Martinez joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

There is little transparency in City governance. You cannot see what you are getting easily. The people are asked to or expected to trust the elected while taxes increase and services are not clearly helping them, but how do we verify our trust when so many bits of City evidence are not posted conveniently? For instance, why are system indicators of department performance only updated once per year at budget time rather than monthly or quarterly on the City site? And where is the Net Taxable Grand List where people can see who are the 100% taxpayers in the City?

Where you have things of value, you protect them, you monitor them and you perform systematic and frequent reviews. You pay attention to all City business as you would expect a good watchdog to do. If the Council as elected representatives of the people is not performing this function, who will do this for us? Who are the public watchdogs? Time will tell.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015**

7:00 PM

**City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Finch then requested Pastor Sarah Lewis from Precious Promises Ministry to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Finch then requested Council Member Feliciano to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Susan Brannelly, Enrique Torres
131st District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: Robert Halstead, Patricia Swain
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Michelle Lyons
135th District: Richard Salter, Rev. Mary McBride-Lee
136th District: Josè Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Milta Feliciano, Lydia Martinez
138th District: Melanie Jackson, Michael Marella
139th District: Eneida Martinez

A quorum was present.

Mayoral Proclamation: Honoring the Bridgeport Caribe 12U Baseball Team for Winning the “2015” Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Championship.

City Council: Honoring the Bridgeport Caribe 12U Baseball Team for Winning the “2015” Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Championship.

Mayor Finch called the members of the Bridgeport Caribe 12U Baseball Team forward so the he could present them with the Mayoral Proclamation honoring their “2015” Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Championship and the Council Members could present them with the City Council Citation for the same achievement.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: June 1, 2015

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED THE JUNE 1, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

62-14 Public Hearing re: Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Wakeman Boys and Girls Club to enter into a Development Agreement and Long-Term Lease for the Redevelopment and Operation of Madison Avenue Boys and Girls Club located at 595 Madison Avenue.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA 62-14.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Dave Rogers who is with the Boys and Girls Club came forward to speak about the project. He said that there were three sites and the goals were to provide boys and girls with many different skills such as education and various other programs. He said that this was for providing services the North End children.

Council Member Eneida Martinez asked that the memorial for B.J. Brown be placed back on the site. Mr. Rogers said that he would look into this.

Mr. John Torre from Caribe Youth came forward to speak about how the Bridgeport Caribe program would be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club.

Ms. Stephanie Valez came forward to speak the North End Boys and Girls Club. She said that it was not just an after school program. There are many opportunities for the residents to do different things. She added that she had been able to qualify for a scholarship due to her participation at the Boys and Girls Club.

Council Member Salter then asked how the Madison Avenue site raised the funds. Mr. Rogers then replied that the funding was from private grants and other private businesses. Mr. Bill Coleman then came forward to speak about the re-use and the development of the site. He gave

an overview of the process. Council Member Salter asked if there were any other Bridgeport organizations that were interested in the site. Mr. Coleman listed two other organizations that had expressed interest. Council Member Salter thanked Mr. Coleman.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak on the Boys and Girls Club. No one came forward, He repeated the request. Hearing none, Mayor Finch closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 62-14 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

129-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH CRISTINA ARROYO, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

130-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION (JOB DESCRIPTIONS) FOR NAGE LOCAL R1-200 MINI COMPUTER OPERATORS (CLASS CODE 1208 AND 1238) TO DATA ANALYSTS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

131-14 COMMUNICATION FROM HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15.12 HOUSING CODE, AMEND SECTIONS: 15.12.250, 15.12.270, 15.12.280 AND 15.12.320, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

132-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JESUS RUIZ, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

134-14 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION TO THE 2016-2020 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN CONCERNING THE LIBRARY MASTER PLAN PROJECTS, REFERRED TO BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

135-14 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, REFERRED TO BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

136-14 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.28 URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE, AMEND SECTION 3.28.050 FIXING AND DEFERRAL OF ASSESSMENT ON REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AND THE REHABILITATION AREAS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

137-14 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ESPERINA BAPTISTE STUBBLEFIELD (U) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

138-14 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGO REYNOLDS GOTTERER (U) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

139-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH CBR SUBCONTRACTOR, LLC, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

140-14 COMMUNICATION FROM LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR AFTER SCHOOL GRANT, REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

133-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MCCARTHY AND AUSTIN RE: REQUEST THAT A "STOP SIGN" WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS BE INSTALLED ON TRUMAN STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAMPSON STREET, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

141-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8.56 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, AMEND SECTION 8.56.170 CITY DUMPING REGULATIONS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

142-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) TORRES, FELICIANO, SWAIN, E. MARTINEZ, LYONS, JACKSON, CASCO, HALSTEAD, CASTILLO, SALTER AND MCBRIDE-LEE RE: REQUEST THAT A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM BE INTRODUCED FOR THE SALE OF CITY TAX LIENS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

143-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) TORRES, FELICIANO, SWAIN, E. MARTINEZ, LYONS, JACKSON, CASCO, HALSTEAD, CASTILLO, SALTER AND MCBRIDE-LEE RE: REQUEST THAT A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM BE INTRODUCED CONCERNING WPCA LIENS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

144-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES RE: REQUEST THAT THE APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF BE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY WITH REGARD TO CITY REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BUDGETS AND OTHER FISCAL MATTERS (PART 1), REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

145-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES RE: REQUEST THAT THE APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF BE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY WITH REGARD TO CITY REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, BUDGETS AND OTHER FISCAL MATTERS BY MAKING INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE (PART 2), REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

146-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES RE: REQUEST THAT THE APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF BE DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S USE OF GRANT DOLLARS (PART 3), REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***99-14 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (Project #16321).**

***127-14 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Appointment of Robert Russo III (R) to the Fire Commission.**

***62-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Board of Park Commissioners Recommendation concerning Selection of Wakeman Boys and Girls Club RFI Response Proposal to operate the former Boys and Girls Club Located at 595 Madison Avenue.**

***98-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Agreement for Crescent Crossing II, A mixed-Income Affordable Housing Development Located at 252 Hallet Street.**

***107-14(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for September 8, 2015: Disposition and Redevelopment of City-Owned Property located at 138 Clifford Street.**

- *117-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: 2015 Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Lead for Bridgeport Lead Free Families Program (Project #16372).**
- *118-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for Best Practices in Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Grant Program (Project #16460).**
- *119-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Resilient Bridgeport Project to reduce flood risk for the most vulnerable Public Housing Stock in the City's South End/Black Rock Harbor Area.**
- *120-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Agreement: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the P.T. Barnum Rail Station Conceptual Design (15%).**
- *121-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: 2015 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize.**
- *122-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: FY 2015-2018 State Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant (Farmers' Market) (Project #16605).**
- *123-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Education for YSB Enhancement Grant (Project #16540).**
- *124-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Education for Youth Service Bureau Grant (Project #16532).**
- *125-14 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Robert L. Morton (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.**
- *126-14 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Charles McNeill (D) to the Harbor Commission.**

Mayor Finch then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council President McCarthy requested that Agenda Item 98-14 be removed from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Finch then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove any other item from the Consent Calendar. When there was no response, he asked a second time. Hearing no response, the remaining fourteen items on the Consent Calendar were put forward for consideration.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY THEN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***99-14 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' (OJP) AND BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (PROJECT #16321).**

***127-14 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT RUSSO III (R) TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**

***62-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING SELECTION OF WAKEMAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB RFI RESPONSE PROPOSAL TO OPERATE THE FORMER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LOCATED AT 595 MADISON AVENUE.**

***107-14(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2015: DISPOSITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 138 CLIFFORD STREET.**

***117-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2015 HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) LEAD FOR BRIDGEPORT LEAD FREE FAMILIES PROGRAM (PROJECT #16372).**

***118-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR BEST PRACTICES IN TOBACCO USE PREVENTION AND CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #16460).**

***119-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RESILIENT BRIDGEPORT PROJECT TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE PUBLIC HOUSING STOCK IN THE CITY'S SOUTH END/BLACK ROCK HARBOR AREA.**

***120-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT AGREEMENT: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE P.T. BARNUM RAIL STATION CONCEPTUAL DESIGN (15%).**

***121-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2015 ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION CULTURE OF HEALTH PRIZE.**

***122-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: FY 2015-2018 STATE PREVENTIVE HEALTH & HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (FARMERS' MARKET) (PROJECT #16605).**

***123-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR YSB ENHANCEMENT GRANT (PROJECT #16540).**

***124-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GRANT (PROJECT #16532).**

***125-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT L. MORTON (D) TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.**

***126-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLES MCNEILL (D) TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***98-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Agreement for Crescent Crossing II, A mixed-Income Affordable Housing Development Located at 252 Hallet Street.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 98-14.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Torres said that he appreciated the fact that Agenda Item 98-14 was tabled. He then read a statement from a member of the Homeless Coalition. He said that he was an advocate of making the Marina Village into co-ops. He added that several weeks ago there was a public hearing about the booting practices. He related a story that one woman had her daughter's vehicle that was worth many thousands had been towed and sold within a week.

Council Member Taylor-Moye then said that she lived in Marina Village. The buildings are old. Some have showers that work and others don't. There are rats, mice, and possums in the complex. Marina Village needs to be demolished rather than be made into a co-op. Everyone deserves quality housing.

Council Member Halstead said that he would like to discuss the matter of Marina Village. He spoke about home ownership and how it would help those who were able to purchase their own units.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that issue with the resident who lost her car because of taxes needs to be addressed. The resident had trouble paying the tax bill. She said that the people who pay taxes would end up paying for those who have tax breaks. She pointed out that she would like a tax break, also, because she has trouble paying her taxes, too.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

147-14 Communication from City Attorney re: (Ref. #83-14) Proposed First Amendment to the Energy Services Agreement with Bridgeport Microgrid, LLC for the City Hall Microgrid Project, referred to Contracts Committee.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 147-14 TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Council Member Taylor-Moye said in reference to Agenda Item 98-14 that the people who do not live in Marina Village should not discuss the issue because they are not aware of what is happening, both at the Village and all over the country. People are looking for things to improve Bridgeport just like everyone else in the country wants to improve their cities. The Council should be able to come to some kind of rational solution so that everyone has a good quality of life.

**** THE MOTION TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 147-14 TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy explained that the last Agenda Item would require most of the Council Members present to recuse themselves due to HUD definition of conflicts of interest. Mayor Finch asked if any Council Member wished to address the Council before the last item was brought to the floor.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested to suspend the rules for point of personal privilege. Mayor Finch said that a vote was not necessary for her to speak. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia announced that Fall Committee Meeting for the National League of Cities will be held in Bridgeport. Approximately 40 NLC Committee members will be visiting the City in late September. Mayor Finch said both Council President McCarthy and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia landed the conference for Bridgeport. Council President McCarthy thanked Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia for her hard work on this issue.

Council Member E. Martinez said that Bridgeport Police Captain Gearing was retiring and there would be a farewell gathering on August 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Council President McCarthy then reviewed the details for conflicts of interest and read out the names of the Council Members who were not able to vote on the matter due to conflict of interest: Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia, Council Member Lyons, Council Member Halstead, Council Member Taylor-Moye, Council Member Brannelly, Council Member McBride-Lee, Council Member Casco, Council Member Torres, Council Member Salter, Council Member L. Martinez, Council Member Feliciano, Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council Member E. Martinez.

The following Council Members recused themselves from the meeting at 7:50 p.m.: Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia, Council Member Lyons, Council Member Halstead, Council Member Brannelly, Council Member McBride-Lee, Council Member Casco, Council Member Torres, Council Member Salter, Council Member L. Martinez, Council Member Feliciano, Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council Member E. Martinez.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***128-14 Special Committee for CDBG Program Report re: Program Year 41 Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).**

Council President McCarthy asked Mr. Tyler Fairbairn to come forward.

Council President McCarthy said that the remaining Council Members were the few, the proud and the unconflicted. He thanked the members of the Special Committee for their hard work.

Council President McCarthy then explained that additional HOPWA funding had been identified and it should be distributed evenly by the staff between the seven HOPWA agencies that were receiving funding.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 128-14 WITH AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$23,859.75 TO BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY AMONG THE SEVEN HOPWA AGENCIES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 128-14 AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

S. L. Soltes
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