

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns
131st District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: M. Evette Brantley, John Olson
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter
136th District: Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138th District: Nessah Smith, Anthony Paoletto
139th District:

A quorum was present.

Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Martinez was not present due to recent surgery.

He then reviewed the procedure for the public speakers and reminded everyone they were allotted five minutes each.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Selma Eaton
440 Grant Street, #101
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Housing Issues.

Council President McCarthy called Ms. Eaton forward. There was no response. He called Ms. Eaton two more times. There was no response.

Maria Pereira
85 Nutmeg Road
Bridgeport, CT 06610

School Building Committee Appointment.

Council President McCarthy called Ms. Pereira forward. There was no response. He called Ms. Pereira two more times. There was no response.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Financial Issues.

Twelve and a half years ago, in 2002 The Bridgeport Port Authority last approved a set of by laws. For reasons unknown at the moment the purpose of the Port Authority and its by-laws have not been well understood by the public, nor have they been lived up to in reality by stakeholders in the City.

Basically there are three members of the public appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. Unfortunately, there has been one vacancy on the Commission for more than 6 years even though the City web site continued to list three active community members, and two of them indicate 'terms expired'. This happens too many times in the City and vacancies make quorums difficult to assemble.

For about 6 years, the BPA has had an acting Exec Director in the presence of the former Chief Administrative Officer. Previous to CAO Nunn adding this responsibility to his City burden, the Port Authority had retained a CPA to prepare financial statements that were available at each meeting. Outside audits showing operating expenses and revenues as well as assets and liabilities were routine at the time. There appear to have been no such records, reviews or audits on which any Commission member could rely during the past six years. There has been adequate revenue to compensate at least two employees and for an interest payment annually of nearly \$100,000 on a \$900,000 mortgage note signed in 2005 against BPA properties that includes at least 42 acres on the east side of the harbor and the ferry terminal on the west side. But does the quasi public authority require a specific audit at this moment to reboot its process or come up to speed to meet State statutes?

The Port Authority has the responsibility of developing the port region. In terms of revenue production or economic development what revenue is generated or what is planned for the entire acreage? The record is certainly not clear at the moment as to whether appropriate voting on existing agreements has been held by "disinterested parties" for instance. Is there additional debt or obligations other than the \$900,000 obligation that carried a 10.75 interest rate per annum for 10 years? Why was this note not refinanced to a lower rate by the BPA? That is a \$96,750 expense paid to a Westport real estate financing firm since 2005 that has used Willinger, Willinger and Bucci for legal services on occasion.

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In November 2015 a series of emails went between City Hall including City Attorney and Titan Capital, the lender, as well as Thomas Sherwood of OPM. Sherwood approved a transfer of \$955,000 from Code 59999 (an accounting entry into which Capital funds are moved temporarily until they are assigned to a specific and detailed project) as there were “not enough funds in line 59500”. This is contemporary with a purchase order-backed check to Construction Management Services identified as “repayment of mortgage note” \$900,000 and \$9,250 as payment note for Port Authority. Why was CMS in this activity?

Did the \$955,000 from OPED capital account originally come from bonds covered by legal instruments outlining responsibilities and limitations on the City? It seems so. Was such transfer legal or sensible? What power did the OPM director believe he was exercising in organizing this last minute financial transaction? What are the current limits on City transfers of any kind without City Council approval? How many times has the executive department sought such approval in the past 2 years? Because the City Attorney Office was part of the communications tree at the time of the debt payment, were any flags raised about the suitability of this transaction or the manner in which it was executed?

This inquiry has raised an article on Only in Bridgeport and again today from Brian Lockhart of the CT Post. Are you confused by the story? Are you disturbed by how easy it seems for the executive branch to leave you out of decision making and info? How will you use your authority to respond?

And while you are at it, will you allow the City to spend \$2 Million of capital from bonding for police cars that will be fully depreciated in five years yet still cost the City interest and principal payments for all 20 years? All of you are voters on the matter. Is that the way to purchase automobiles? Would you recommend it to family and friends? Time will tell.

Sharon Lewis, CT Coalition
for Environmental Justice
925 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Retirement of the Bridgeport Harbor Coal
Plant.

Ms. Lewis came forward and said she was the Executive Director of the CT Coalition for Environmental Justice. The Center has offices in Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven. She said that she was in favor of the Community Agreement.

Ms. Lewis went on to say that the Citizen’s Action Committee process was always an open process. The environmental groups that were part of the work had a responsibility to inform the constituents and the general public about what was happening. There were public hearing and public meetings. She said that it was apparently that there were those who did not do their jobs because everyone was supposed to be informed about this project.

She said that she would like to address some of the earlier statements, such as the references to the 24 thousand dollars fund and the 7 million dollars. It’s very confusing to hear people give out incorrect information. Ms. Lewis said that President Obama had recently made some statements regarding closing down coal power plants. While everyone agrees that power plants

must close, her concern is that people understand that asthma is more than a disease. It often contributes to the economic devastation of families. It is the Number 1 cause of school absenteeism. She went on to explain that if a child had an asthma episode and could not go to school, one of the parents would have to stay home with the child, or take the child to the emergency room and that would impact their job. The parent is often forced to choose between their job and their child.

Ms. Lewis said that much hard work has been done to provide a plan that would be the best for the Bridgeport residents. The plan now calls for the project to be completed by 2021 rather than 2025, which is four less years of economic devastation.

Another thing was that the Coalition crafted a clause of the agreement that is the first in the nation that will assist the residents in obtaining jobs and having a monitor to make sure that the Bridgeport residents are assisted.

Ms. Lewis pointed out that energy plants are going to exist. People spoke about using alternatives. However, Connecticut is not geared for solar energy. According to Solar City, 75% of Connecticut does not qualify for solar power based on the various requirements such as having an owner occupied home with a south facing roof that is strong enough to support the solar panels and is clear of trees.

Beth Lazar

Against Coal and Gas Plants in Bridgeport.

1241 Main Street, Apt. 728
Bridgeport, CT 06604

I'm against coal and natural gas plants because they contribute to global warming, are dirty, dangerous and even deadly. I'm against the Community Environmental Benefits Agreement with PSEG plans to operate the Bridgeport Coal Plant until 2021. They plan to build a natural gas plant now with an opening in 2019 and running indefinitely. This means for a period of two years, (2019-2021) PSEG will have both a coal and a gas plant running in Bridgeport.

There has been a lot of public discussion about the dangers of coal -- how it causes asthma related premature and hospitalization along with global warming due to coal and fine particulate emissions. Natural is just as dangerous to people's health and our climate.

Leaks of methane, the principal component of natural gas is far more potent at heating the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Leaking gas is also bad for human health. Recently in a town near Los Angeles, California, there was a major gas leak. The whole town had to evacuate. If that happened in Bridgeport, to where would Bridgeport evacuate?

Closer to home, in Middletown, CT a few years ago, five people were killed and at least 12 were injured in a gas explosion at the new, under construction gas power plant. People within a 10 mile radius reported their houses shaking.

Natural gas is obtained through a process called fracking. They drill a deep well and inject millions of gallons of toxic fluid – a mix of water, sand and harsh chemicals at high pressure to

fracture rock to extract the natural gas that lies deep underneath. Fracking pollutes the water we drink and the air we breathe.

New York State has a moratorium on fracking. There is a global movement against the use of fossil fuels such as coal and gas in order to stop global warming. PSEG creates electricity using solar power in New Jersey, why not here in Bridgeport instead of coal and gas?

Say no to fossil fuels. Shut down the coal plant now. Block the building of a natural gas plant. Two million dollars is pennies for PSEG and nowhere near the worth of the health and safety of Bridgeport residents.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Request regarding investigation of unjust termination.

Mr. Young came forward to speak about his request for an investigation of unjust termination. He said that he was sad that he had to come back to the Council again about his unjust termination. Now he has to defend himself. Mr. Young said that there had been people who had sacrificed their lives so that the residents of Bridgeport would be able to sit here in the auditorium like this. Mr. Young said that he had been assured that he was not fighting a losing battle. He then said "Shame on all of you for not doing the right thing." He said that he was speaking the truth to power and no one could shut him down. He said that he was terminated in black and white on March 16, 2006. The Council needs to do the right thing.

Rev. Carl McCluster
Shiloh Baptist Church
477 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT

PSEG Agreement

Pastor Carl McCluster came forward and thanked Council Member Brantley for her patience in the previous meeting. He said that he had been first made aware of this a few years ago when he went to the library to hear a presentation. After that, he called PSEG and they called him back and invited him to tour the plant. He said that PSEG had meetings with the Council and members of the community along with the NRZ. This resulted in the formation of the Environmental Task Force that included Bridgeport citizens. For two and a half years, the group had public meetings on this topic. There were over 30 open meetings in the last year and a half. He said that the members of the community, including himself, were invited to participate and join. But now he is hearing something different.

Pastor McCluster said that it was very annoying that people would not come to the meeting and then be upset with the outcomes. Now that there is the possibility of money being paid out, people are upset.

The meeting was interrupted by a protester who claimed Rev. McCluster was lying. Council President McCarthy stated that the Council respects all viewpoints. When the protester continued to shout that he was being disrespected and was not being paid, Council President McCarthy asked that the protester be removed by Police Chief Gaudett. Council President McCarthy

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repeated that the only way that the public speaking session worked was by extending respect to others.

Rev. McCluster spoke about how former Mayor Bloomberg got a significant payment for closing coal plants. He said that the plant will close in 2020. There are people who claim that the coal plant is causing asthma and pollution, but the figures that are being used are from all the coal plants combined. I-95 is the source of more pollution than the coal plant. Natural gas may not be the best possible alternative, but it is far better than coal. Global warming is not being caused by this plant. PSEG is not required to give the City anything because they are in full compliance with the State of CT DEEP. Both the Mayor and the attorney for PSEG agree that this is a good thing for Bridgeport.

Ms. Jaysa Miller

Poplar Street
Bridgeport, CT

Ms. Miller came forward and spoke about the danger of asthma and how her friend has to deal with asthma. Going to gym class is a problem. Asthma is a problem for the children in Bridgeport. PSEG is part of this problem. She asked the Council Members to put themselves in her shoes before they vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy then adjourned the Public Speaking Portion of the Council Meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim then requested Council Member McBride-Lee to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim then requested City Clerk Martinez to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Martinez was not present due to recent surgery.

Presentation by Tammy Papa in regards to the Junior Council Person Program.

Ms. Papa came forward and addressed the Council Members about the Junior Council Person Program and how it has impacted the students.

City Council Citations: Honoring the Members of the Bridgeport Chargers for Winning the 2015 AYC D18 “National Cheer Championship”.

City Council Citations: Honoring the Members of the Bridgeport Chargers for Winning the 2015 AYC D18 “National Step Championship”.

Council President McCarthy then called the coaching staff for the Bridgeport Charger Cheer leaders, who won national recognition forward along with the members of the Bridgeport Chargers team. Council President McCarthy presented everyone involved with certificates.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 30, 2015 (Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 30, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 30, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

49-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH RAMON SIERRA, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

50-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MICHAEL REARDEN, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

51-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 119 JOHNSON STREET AND 77 JOHNSON STREET BY SALE TO ABUTTER AND REQUEST TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE SAME, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

52-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT TITLE AND TO RESELL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1149 AND 1163 MAIN STREET, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

53-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED STATE LOBBYIST SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REYNOLDS STRATEGY GROUP, LLC, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***01-15 (A) Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15.12 Housing Code, amend Sections: 15.12.270 and 15.12.280.**

***11-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8.56 Garbage Collection and Disposal, amend Section 8.56.170 City Dumping Regulations.**

***43-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 2 Administration and Personnel, amend to add New Chapter 2.124 regarding the Creation of a Bridgeport Environmental Task Force.**

***08-15 (A) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report (PHO) re: Public Hearing Ordered for February 16, 2016: re: Disposition of City-Owned Property Located at 130 Clifford Street by Auction, Sale to Abutter or by Sale to Community Based Housing Development Corporations.**

***17-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: National Endowment for the Arts for an Art Works Grant Program (Project #16454).**

***25-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Per Capita Grant Program (Project #16220).**

***26-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (Project #16221).**

***27-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Financial Assistance Grant (Project #16236).**

***46-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Community Environmental Benefits Agreement with PSEG Power Connecticut, LLC.**

***35-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Workers Compensation Partial Stipulation with Daniel Domkowski.**

***44-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Taxes Relating to 889 Barnum Avenue and other matters, including but not limited to a Certain Pending U.S. Bankruptcy Case: Remgrit Realty, Inc. Debtor, Ch. 11, Case No. 14-51542.**

***45-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of a New Non-Competitive Job Classification for a Legal Assistant to the City Attorney.**

***48-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Legal Claim with Thomas C. McCarthy.**

Mayor Ganim then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Lyons requested that Agenda Items be discussed in Executive Session: 43-15; 35-15; 44-15 and 48-15. City Clerk Martinez read the items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION:**

***43-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 2.124 REGARDING THE CREATION OF A BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

***35-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS COMPENSATION PARTIAL STIPULATION WITH DANIEL DOMKOWSKI.**

***44-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF TAXES RELATING TO 889 BARNUM AVENUE AND OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CERTAIN PENDING U.S. BANKRUPTCY CASE: REMGRIT REALTY, INC. DEBTOR, CH. 11, CASE NO. 14-51542.**

***48-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIM WITH THOMAS C. MCCARTHY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Council Members and Atty. J. Epstein, Atty. S. Mednick, City Counsel R. C. Meyers and Atty. Anastasi then entered into Executive Session to discuss the legal issues involving the following matters: 43-15, 35-15, 44-15, 48-15 at 7:15 p.m. They returned to public session at 8:27 p.m.

Council President McCarthy requested that Agenda Item 43-15 be removed.

Council Member Lyons stated that she would be voting no on the consent calendar because she disagreed with one of the items.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***01-15 (A) ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15.12 HOUSING CODE, AMEND SECTIONS: 15.12.270 AND 15.12.280.**

***11-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8.56 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, AMEND SECTION 8.56.170 CITY DUMPING REGULATIONS.**

***08-15 (A) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (PHO) RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2016: RE: DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 130 CLIFFORD STREET BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.**

***17-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR AN ART WORKS GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #16454).**

***25-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #16220).**

***26-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT (PROJECT #16221).**

***27-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR A PUBLIC**

HEALTH LEAD POISONING PREVENTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (PROJECT #16236).

***46-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH PSEG POWER CONNECTICUT, LLC.**

***35-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS COMPENSATION PARTIAL STIPULATION WITH DANIEL DOMKOWSKI.**

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***45-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF A NEW NON-COMPETITIVE JOB CLASSIFICATION FOR A LEGAL ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.**

***48-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIM WITH THOMAS C. MCCARTHY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED 15 IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO AND SMITH) ONE OPPOSED (LYONS) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (MCCARTHY AND MCBRIDE-LEE).**

***43-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 2 Administration and Personnel, amend to add New Chapter 2.124 regarding the Creation of a Bridgeport Environmental Task Force.**

Council President McCarthy said that there were some details that had been worked out with Co-chair Casco. He reviewed the details with the Council Members and stated that all the changes had been indicated on a copy of the item that had been distributed to the Council Members. (See attached.)

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM *43-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 2.124 REGARDING THE CREATION OF A BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE BY SUBSTITUTION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH 17 IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, HERRON, MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA, SALTER, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO AND SMITH) ONE OPPOSED (LYONS).**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM *43-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 2.124 REGARDING THE CREATION OF A BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH 17 IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, HERRON, MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA, SALTER, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO AND SMITH) ONE OPPOSED (LYONS).**

Council Member McBride-Lee complimented the Mayor on his leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked whether those who abstained needed to state a reason for the abstention. She said that if the rule applied to one, it should apply to all and wished to know why an exception was being made in this case. A brief discussion followed. Mayor Ganim said that the vote had been taken and that a motion to adjourn had been made and seconded.

**** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services