

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jack O. Banta
132nd District: John Olson
133rd District: Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons
135th District: Richard Salter, Mary McBride-Lee
136th District:
137th District:
138th District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith
139th District: James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye stated that Council President McCarthy and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia were not able to attend due to personal reasons.

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

NAME

SUBJECT

Michael Moore
938 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Bridgeport Downtown Special Services
District and scope of work/initiatives.

Mr. Michael Moore came forward to greet the Council Members. He said that he was present to update the Council Members about the Downtown Special Services District [DSSD] and inform them about the scope of work and vision of the DSSD. This organization started in the fall of 1987 and the residents pay 3 mills more in addition to the normal tax rate.

The group focuses on Environmental issues via Ambassadors and also focuses on issues like power washing the graffiti. They work on public safety issues and installing cameras downtown. The DSSD also works on promoting economic development downtown. This includes public spaces downtown, such as the Farmers Markets and the adoption of various park spaces.

There is a focus on Marketing and attracting new businesses to downtown. Mr. Moore gave a brief overview of this and thanked the Council for their time. He said that it was important for the Council to know what is going on in the DSSD.

Robert E. Halstead
55 Sterling Place
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Palace and Majestic Theaters.

Mr. Halstead came forward to address the members of the Council. He read the following statement into the record.

I am speaking to you tonight out of extreme concern for the Palace and Majestic Theaters Downtown.

The theaters were built in 1922 and were designed by architect Thomas Lamb, the King of theaters who designed hundreds of theaters worldwide from Calcutta to Kansas City with hundreds of other theaters across the nation including the Palace in Waterbury, Kings Theater in Brooklyn the Capital in Port Chester, the Beacon Theater in Manhattan and the Paradise Theater in the Bronx.

Except for those who have fallen to the wrecking ball, Thomas Lamb's distinctive terra cotta theaters have proved remarkable durable. The artwork inside the theaters in Bridgeport is exceptional and give one the experience of walking into a different world such as one would experience in a Venetian Garden with its murals, its faux marble, domed ceilings, grand foyers with magnificent staircases and chandeliers. The Palace has 3200 seats and the Majestic has 2200 seats. Attached to the theaters are seven commercial spaces and a 109 room Savoy Hotel with its five stories and two elevators. The hotel has not bearing walls and can be opened up for adaptive reuse.

The theaters are part of Bridgeport's core and help give it an identity. Their history began with Vaudeville and stage and featured the likes of Jimmy Cagney, Shirley Temple and Mae West. After vaudeville and with the entry of talky films, they showed motion pictures and were continuously packed out. The movie theaters were the vision of Sylvester Poli, an Italian immigrant, who was the king of movie houses in the early twentieth century. The theaters were continually packed out.

The theaters became vacant in the mid 1970's, became a church for a while and then became vacant. They have been vacant for about 40 years. The theaters are poised for adaptive reuse -- mixed use for housing and commercial and entertainment. The theaters are structurally sound and should be the center for Bridgeport's economic downtown rebirth. There are sources of government funding and tax credits that can be used to rebuild these structures as has been done at City Trust and Read's Artspace.

The city has owned these structures for approximately 20 years. With State money, they had a new roof installed in the late 1990s, had asbestos removed and had some clean up done.

The theaters are now at risk of arson, theft and vandalism. The Cabaret Theater has used the Majestic for storage of its props since about 1995. This poses a threat of arson, if a match were lit, the theater would burn beyond repair. The theaters are not secured. Vagrants are entering. Recently, two city owned vacant buildings in Downtown North were set afire, so it is very possible the same thing can happen here. I am submitting minutes from the City Council Meeting of May 11, 2015, where the Council approved \$30,000 to install fire and intrusion alarms, install fencing to the rear foyer, temporary lighting and significant cleaning and relocating of the Cabaret's props. As a Council Member at the time, I was the one who sponsored this legislation.

None of this money has been spent, the theaters remain at risk and the efforts to work with the City meet with frustration and inaction.

(The following excerpts are sections from the Special City Council Meeting of Monday May 11, 2015 that Mr. Halstead highlighted.)

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ORG#	ORGANIZATION	APPR. UNIT	DESCRIPTION	2016 MAYOR PROPOSED	2016 BAC APPROVED	CHANGE
01035000	PURCHASING	04OP 01035	PURCHASING OPER EXP	5,910	10,910	5,000
01055000	OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK	04OP 01055	CITY CLERK OPER EXP	23,552	28,552	5,000
01450000	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	04OP 01450	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPER EXP	87,250	117,250	30,000
01450000	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	05SS 01450	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPEC SVC	390,892	494,822	103,930
01610000	OTHER FINANCING USES	06FU 01610	OTHER FINANCING OTHER FIN USES	2,021,217	2,221,217	200,000
01801000	BOARD OF EDUCATION	01PS 01801	CLASSROOM PERSONNEL SVCS	25,698,708	25,895,916	197,208
01860000	BOARD OF EDUCATION	01PS 01860	SCHOOL NURSES PERSONNEL SVCS	1,589,446	2,397,707	808,261
Total Appropriation Increases				29,816,975	31,166,374	1,349,399

01450 04OP01450 - The legislative intent is to increase the Mayor's proposed budget value for the Office of Economic Development to provide funds dedicated to security, maintenance and preservation of the Poli-Majestic Theatre building.

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Council Member Halstead then thanked the Council for allocating the funding for the Poli-Majestic Theatre.

Council Member Brannelly commented about Council Member Halstead's request for the local theaters and how this was needed.

Truman Small, Jr.
2660 North Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Taxes and trash.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called Mr. Small's name three times with no response.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Open, accountable and transparent
municipal practices.

September marks the 9th month of Joe Ganim's "second chance" Mayordom. Nine months in human terms might suggest a healthy delivery, but with Mayoral terms we need a change of perspective.

Who is Joe Ganim and how is he doing as our leader? What is his plan and where are his priorities? First, there is a Joe Ganim we remember from the campaign. Among other things he called for:

- open government,
- improving public schools,
- reducing property taxes and
- growing the economy and public safety.

How did those work out for taxpayers, voters and parents of school age youth?

Second there is the Joe Ganim of July 5th who sat and listened to the discontent of hundreds of taxpayers when Tom McCarthy did not suspend Council rules to extend time for speakers and adjourned after a limited City Council meeting. Ganim stayed and listened that evening. But where is a commentary on the distressed balance sheet and deficit handed to him? Where are his comments on genuine City direction based from his listening?

Third there is the Joe Ganim of his official Biography on the Bridgeport site. It tells us that when he stepped into office the first time, there was a five year budget projection showing a \$250 Million looming deficit. Where is a five year budget projection for 2021? What does it look like now, Mayor?

In your first hundred days you initiated a process for transition. Lots of good people spent time brainstorming and laying out paths to our future. You listened to good ideas. Why not return to the Transition Report and identify which you will advance and be accountable for? How many in this room including the Council have read it through and know its potential?

For that matter where is an honest budget currently, especially of the Police Department? It has about 350 personnel not 478 as the budget said were “filled”. One hundred million dollars to be spent based on a phony budget?

Why not post the actual employee total for the City currently and keep it up to date on the City site? The Transition Report states that the Mayor “vowed to govern in an accountable and open manner to foster a better government to represent best interests of citizens.” How does that fit with phony budgeting? Perhaps this is time for a re-do that better indicates actual retirees, new officers, and use of overtime?

Returning to the Mayor’s bio, we read: “After serving as Mayor, Joe Ganim worked as a successful private sector consultant for five years.....” and so on. This statement fails to provide some critical history. No mention of Federal inquiry, indictments, trial on multiple counts, seven years of prison time, loss of law license and failure to secure it once again. Joe, find a dozen voters in the last election who don’t know most of the story. It’s not a secret. Why was it left out of your official “bio”, especially your special visit to an east side church where some type of repentance or forgiveness ‘ceremony’ was said to happen? The “second chance” reference says that it was for the City and for the Mayor. You asked for trust. Citizens look for truth. We need to verify.

The transition report suggested regular meetings with citizens out in the Districts of the Council. Have any of you scheduled such get togethers? It’s an idea for the City, not necessarily dependent on the Mayor. An open conversation at a local school or church allows you to listen to constituents and to share your perspective as a representative. What do you have to lose? Failure to listen and to act towards priorities will sink us deeper in poor governance and fiscal mud. Genuine conversations fight hopelessness.

The Mayor’s bio finishes with his education, family and residence. It says the Mayor lives in Bridgeport, as termed in the Charter, but where exactly? Many people observe him with family in Easton. Others have suggested that he may be residing in the Mobile Command Center, really? And locations like Cartright Street or a condo in Black Rock, where you have been reported delivering towels and fixing WiFi while on your day job are mentioned, but? Will the Mayor share where the IRS, the DMV and USPS have his residence listed?

Biographies and budgets should not be bogus. Mayor in your run for office you said: Open, Accountable, Transparent and Honest. I agree these are good governance values. Happy to talk and listen together any time. Time will tell.

Jorge Cruz
251 Black Rock Avenue, Apt. 2-R
Bridgeport, CT 06605

The abuse of power by a city sheriff and
Connecticut Against Violence (CAV).

Mr. Cruz came forward and addressed the Council Members regarding the ongoing opiate crisis. He said that he had tried to meet with State Representative Chris Rosario and State Representative Ezequiel Santiago with no response. Mr. Cruz said that he had met with Council Member Feliciano, Council Member Herron, Council Member Paoletto, Council Member Casco and Council Member Castillo about this crisis.

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Council Member Aidee Nieves joined the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mr. Cruz then went on to speak about his issues with Mr. Steve Nelson, a Bridgeport City Sheriff and the group Connecticut Against Violence.

Stephen M. Nelson
24A Stoneridge Road
Bridgeport, CT 06606

135th District issues and concerns.

Mr. Nelson came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that he was present as a citizen, a parent, a grandparent and a City Sheriff. Mr. Nelson said that he was a school resource officer for many years. He said that people were not sleeping well because of the crime in the City. He said that when the Mayor was elected, it was with the understanding that the Mayor would be reviewing the various neighborhoods. He invited the Council Members to come up to Trumbull Gardens to see the conditions. The residents should not be held hostages in their neighborhood. He said that he does not have a City phone or a City office. The money cannot be used just for law enforcement, it has to be used for programs for the kids.

Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Nelson said that there are doors that do not lock and windows that are not in the frames properly. There are three schools in the area and they were promised a community center but that never happened.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye said that Mr. Nelson was the last speaker that had signed up in advance. She then called Ms. Crystal Mack forward to address the Council Members.

Crystal Mack

Ms. Crystal Mack came forward and said that she was appalled with the situation. She said that people do not know the Constitution and should be ashamed. She said that the people want their neighborhood back. She spoke about the fact that the children have no place to go and have no education. She said that there was mold in the schools along with rats and other creatures. She said that they could not take away her constitutional rights.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye adjourned the Public Speaking Portion of the Council Meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 7:22 p.m.

PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

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133rd District: Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter
136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Jose Casco
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138th District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

A meeting of landowners abutting portions of East Washington Avenue to be discontinued per Item #121-03 pursuant to the requirements of Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, who may be heard on the matter.

Mayor Ganim called the meeting of the landowners abutting portions of East Washington Avenue regarding the discontinuation of the portion of the street per Item #121-03 pursuant to the requirements of Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes to order at 7:26 p.m. He asked if there was anyone present to speak on the matter. One of the abutters came forward and said that they were in favor of the street abandonment.

Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Council at this time regarding the matter. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim closed the meeting of the landowners abutting portions of East Washington Avenue regarding the discontinuation of the portion of the street per Item #121-03 pursuant to the requirements of Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes at 7:27 p.m.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: June 20, 2016 and July 5, 2016

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016 AND JULY 5, 2016.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016 AND JULY 5, 2016 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

Council Member Lyons said that she wished to comment on the following agenda items:

176-15 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Smith and Paoletto re: Proposed request that the installation of a “Speed Hump” of sufficient height to reduce speeding be placed near the front of 160-162 Horace Street, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

178-15 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Smith and Paoletto re: Proposed request that the installation of “Speed Humps” of sufficient height to reduce speeding and signage reading “Slow – Children at Play” be placed near 160 Lynne Place, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

179-15 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Banta and Taylor-Moye re: Proposed request to designate the intersection of Lafayette Street and Gregory Street as being an “All Way Stop” with appropriate signage, street markings and the installation of “Speed Humps” on Lafayette Street of sufficient height to reduce speeding, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

She said that the City should invest more on speed humps, but she would like to have the Public Facilities Department run a test to see if the humps interfere with snow plowing.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

181-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 2017-YSB ENHANCEMENT GRANT (PROJECT #17540), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

183-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AECOM, TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION, TIGHE & BOND, FREEMAN COMPANIES AND LEGGETTE, BRASHEARS & GRAHAM, INC FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

184-15 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TANS) – TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY – FY2017, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

185-15 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO REFUND CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

186-15 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

187-15 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ADOPTED FY2017-2021 CAPITAL PLAN, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

PETITIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

182-15 PETITION FROM STAN CICHY, GINSBURG DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES (GDC), BRIDGEPORT PHASE I MANAGER, LLC RE: PROPOSED REQUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CANOPY AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOCATED AT 955 MAIN STREET (CITY TRUST BUILDING), PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

175-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT WRITTEN NOTICE BE SENT TO ALL ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO A PUBLIC HEARING BY APPLICANTS CONCERNING THE ZONING BOARD, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

176-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) SMITH AND PAOLETTO RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A “SPEED HUMP” OF SUFFICIENT HEIGHT TO REDUCE SPEEDING BE PLACED NEAR THE FRONT OF 160-162 HORACE STREET, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

177-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) SMITH AND PAOLETTO RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE BE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE OF 130 AND 180 BROADBRIDGE ROAD READING “DEAD END – NO TURN AROUND”, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

178-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) SMITH AND PAOLETTO RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE INSTALLATION OF “SPEED HUMPS” OF SUFFICIENT HEIGHT TO REDUCE SPEEDING AND SIGNAGE READING “SLOW – CHILDREN AT PLAY” BE PLACED NEAR 160 LYNNE PLACE, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

179-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BANTA AND TAYLOR-MOYE RE: PROPOSED REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE INTERSECTION OF LAFAYETTE STREET AND GREGORY STREET AS BEING AN “ALL WAY STOP” WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE, STREET MARKINGS AND THE INSTALLATION OF “SPEED HUMPS” ON LAFAYETTE STREET OF SUFFICIENT HEIGHT TO REDUCE SPEEDING, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye stated that Council President McCarthy and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia were not able to attend due to personal reasons.

Mayor Ganim then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. No one wished to remove any items from the Consent Calendar.

City Clerk Martinez read the following items into the record:

***64-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Disposition of City-Owned Property located at 48 Trowel Street.**

***148-15(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for September 19, 2016: Disposition of Eight (8) City-Owned Properties by Auction, Sale to Abutter or by Sale to Community Based Housing Development Corporations.**

***173-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development (“DECD”) for the Preservation and Restoration of the Historic Barnum Museum located at 820 Main Street.**

***174-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development (“DECD”) Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) Grant for the Preservation and Restoration of the Historic Barnum Museum located at 820 Main Street.**

***39-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Pearl Brooks (U) to the Commission of Persons with Disabilities.**

***83-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Michael Piccirillo (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

***156-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Land Rover Milford.**

***157-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Industry Consulting Group, Inc.**

***158-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Engineered Electric CO DBA Fermont.**

***159-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – 1313 Connecticut Avenue LLC DBA Westrock Development.**

***164-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Paul L. Errico (U) to the Commission on Harbor Management.**

***166-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Noel Kayo (D) to the Ethics Commission.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

***64-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 48 TROWEL STREET.**

***148-15(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2016: DISPOSITION OF EIGHT (8) CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.**

***173-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (“DECD”) FOR THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC BARNUM MUSEUM LOCATED AT 820 MAIN STREET.**

***174-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (“DECD”) HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (“SHPO”) GRANT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC BARNUM MUSEUM LOCATED AT 820 MAIN STREET.**

***39-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF PEARL BROOKS (U) TO THE COMMISSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

***83-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PICCIRILLO (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

***156-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – LAND ROVER MILFORD.**

***157-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – INDUSTRY CONSULTING GROUP, INC.**

***158-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – ENGINEERED ELECTRIC CO DBA FERMONT.**

***159-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – 1313 CONNECTICUT AVENUE LLC DBA WESTROCK DEVELOPMENT.**

***164-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF PAUL L. ERRICO (U) TO THE COMMISSION ON HARBOR MANAGEMENT.**

***166-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF NOEL KAYO (D) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

180-15 Special Committee Report re: (Ref. #121-03) Street Discontinuance - Portions of East Washington Avenue (“Street”): Adopted on June 7, 2004.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

Council Member Holloway stated that there were only two abutters, the Technology Center and Metro North, along that portion of the road.

Council Member Feliciano said that she wanted more information on the item.

Mr. Kevin Reed, the Bridgeport Trade and Technology Center Building Manager, came forward and said that he had been the manager for the Center for 16 years. The Center has maintained and repaired the street for that time. He said that he was in favor of the abandonment and would like to see the new train station be constructed.

Council Member Nieves asked why they needed to go all the way through. Mr. Reed said that Pembroke would continue to be maintained. Council Member Holloway pointed out that there was no existing pass through because of the railroad tracks and the school. Discussion followed about the details of the location.

Mayor Ganim asked if this was a time sensitive issue. Mr. Ken Flatto, the Finance Director came forward and explained that there were a number of issues depending on this approval. The railroad will be moving some catenary lines and there is also a contract pending. Mayor Ganim said that if the Council would like to approve the item, he would not sign the documents until Council Member Feliciano received the additional information she was looking for.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Council Member Holloway requested a roll call vote.

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, AND MARTINEZ); FOUR (4) OPPOSED (BURNS, OLSON, SALTER, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (BANTA).**

Council Member Holloway requested Council Member Banta state the reason for his abstention. Council Member Banta stated that he works for Metro-North.

Council Member Holloway left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Council Member Martinez requested a point of personal privilege. She then thanked the City of Bridgeport for some recent actions that had been taken.

She also commented about some recent issues with the Housing Authority. She wished to know why the Council was expected to support the Housing Authority but the Federal Government can order changes to the Board of Education, who are failing the children. The Council Members should be fighting for the City's children.

Council Member Martinez said that since the Mayor has been in office, the East End has not had a Farmer's Market in 2016. She said that the lack of support for the East End was totally disgusting. She said that she would continue to fight for a Farmer's Market on the East End of Bridgeport because the East Side has a Farmer's Market and it is disrespectful to the East End not to have one. She said that if they would not give the East End a Farmer's Market, the City should at least give the East End residents a piece of land to grow their own food.

She then spoke briefly about the recent crimes in Bridgeport and the lack of policing in the community to reduce the crime in the City of Bridgeport.

Council Member Brantley then requested a point of personal privilege. She asked if there was a way to have a report done for the Council on all the programs that were part of the Summer Initiative. It would be important to hear about what happened to the funding that was allocated for those programs. She then listed a number of items that she would like to have included in the report. Mayor Ganim said that the members of the group could coordinate that. He added that there were a number of people who would like to speak on those programs.

Council Member Brantley said that she also agreed that it would be important to have some fresh vegetables over on the East End of Bridgeport because there is not much offered in the little stores there. The people need access to fresh vegetables.

She went on to speak about a recent shooting and said this affect everyone in some way or another. This is a City problem, not the Feds or the State governments'. The City needs to reach out. Mayor Ganim said that that the meeting had been called by the Governor. Council Member Brantley replied that no matter how many police are on the street, they can't stop what is happening. She said that while she commend Police Chief A.J. Perez and the Bridgeport Police for their efforts, the youth need programs.

Council Member Lyons then requested a point of personal privilege. She said that there had recently been some issues in the North End. She also mentioned a recent program that she had been able to attend. Council Member Lyons said that she had requested the gentleman who ran the program to come and address the Council about it.

Council Member Lyons wished Council Member Brantley "Happy Birthday", as did all those who were present.

Council Member McBride-Lee requested a point of personal privilege. She spoke about the recent violent incidents at Trumbull Gardens. She said that the roof was falling down. This needs to be addressed.

Council Member Olson requested a point of personal privilege. He said that he agreed with Council Member McBride-Lee and said that the City had only flat funded the Board of Education, and this was wrong.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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