

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 28, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE:** Manuel Ayala, Co-chair; Susan Brannelly, Jack Banta,  
Denese Taylor-Moye, Andre Baker

**OTHERS:** Council Member Angel dePara, Council Member Steve Stafstrom,  
Atty. Mark Anastasi, Andrea Townsend, Attorney Chris Meyer,  
Erin McDonough, Mayor's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2013**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2013.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2013.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2013**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2013.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**68-12 Appointment of Andrea Townsend (D) to the Ethics Commission**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia distributed copies of the paperwork. She then requested Ms. Townsend to come forward. Ms. Townsend then came forward, greeted the Committee and gave a brief overview of her work history.

Council Member Brannelly asked if anyone had spoken to Ms. Townsend about what the duties were in the Ethics Committee. Ms. Townsend said that they had given her a brief overview. Ms. McDonald from the Mayor's Office came forward and gave a brief run down of the various responsibilities that the Ethic Commission has.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she would like a copy of the job duties of the Commissions and a break out of the various commissions, which she would send to the rest of the Committee members. Atty. Anastasi made a note of this.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she had known Ms. Townsend for a number of years and felt that she would be a good addition to the Commission.

Council Member Baker asked why she had not answered some of the questions on the form. Ms. Townsend said that she was a high school graduate, and had no prior convictions. She does not have any family members working for the City. She has worked as a volunteer answering phones during the election.

Council Member Baker asked if Ms. Townsend would have any problems with reporting any possible violations. She replied that she would not.

Council Member dePara thanked Ms. Townsend for choosing to volunteer her time. He then asked how she became involved in the process. Ms. Townsend said that about a year earlier, she had attended a meeting and afterward spoke with some of the staff about potential openings on the various Commissions.

Council Member dePara asked if there was anything that the Council could improve their community outreach efforts to make the residents aware of the Commission positions that were open. Council Member said that was there anything that the Council could do to speed up the process. She said that background check took a long time. Atty. Anastasi said that the CAO's Office had change the process so the background check was not going to be done statewide, but locally.

Council Member Baker asked if there was anything that might prevent her from attending the meetings. Ms. Townsend said that there wasn't anything she knew about.

Council Member Stafstrom asked why Ms. Townsend chose the Ethics Commission. Ms. Townsend said that when she looked at the list of open positions, the Ethics Commission jumped out. That was something where she felt she could help.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 68-12 APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA TOWNSEND (D) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION.**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 68-12 APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA TOWNSEND (D) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Proposed Workman's compensation Stipulation with Wilmer Carde.**

**Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Theresa Timpanelli.**

**Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Vilamarie Reyes V. City of Bridgeport.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUES.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee, Atty. Anastasi, and Atty. Meyer entered into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

*Council Member Baker left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.*

The Committee returned to public session at 7:40 p.m.

**Proposed Workman's compensation Stipulation with Wilmer Carde**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE THE PROPOSED WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH WILMER CARDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Theresa Timpanelli**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH THERESA TIMPANELLI.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Vilamarie Reyes V. City of Bridgeport**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH VILAMARIE REYES V. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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