

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 13, 2011
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia; Co-chair, Taylor-Moye M. Ayala, Silva (arrived at 6:20 pm) Council President T. McCarthy (sat in to make a quorum)

NON-COMMITTEE: Council member: Baker

CITY STAFF: A. Kelly-Lenz, Tax Collector; Tyrone McClain, Mayor's Office

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia announced that the agenda would be taken out of order as follows:

12-10 Appointment of Giselle Delvalle (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council member Ayala asked the appointee if she has served on any other city committee. Ms. Delvalle responded no.

Council member Taylor-Moye stated that the appointee worked in Norwalk and had one child attending a Bridgeport school. She questioned if she expected to be overwhelmed by serving on the board. Ms. Delvalle said she wouldn't have a problem attending meetings and she was comfortable with being a part of what's going on in the city.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

*Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia briefly explained the process to Ms. Delvalle and she noted that she would receive a packet of information regarding serving on the board prior to attending her first meeting.

13-10 Appointment of Roger Wilmot Weldon (R) to the Historic District Commission #1.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Weldon what his interest was in serving on the commission.

Mr. Weldon stated that he was a life long resident of Bridgeport. He said he had respect for the historic buildings and he would like to make an effort to preserve them. He gave a personal account of how he helped restore a portion of his mother's home. He further noted that although the preservation of buildings was important, he also understood that some development has to happen.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Weldon if he had any suggestions for the owner of a property, of what should or shouldn't be done before they go before the commission. Mr. Weldon said there should be consistent notification to the applicant to make them aware of the historic status of a building prior to them appearing before the commission. He noted that the commission needs to ensure that the improvements don't impede the look of the building. He felt that the Historic District Commission or the owner of the property should notify the potential buyer of any historical status.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked Mr. Weldon if he was a life long Bridgeporter. Mr. Weldon said yes.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

*Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia commented that the item will go before the full city council on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 for a vote.

14-10 Appointment of Edwin Scott Powley (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Powley why he was interested in serving on the P&Z Commission. Mr. Powley stated that he was a financial planner for thirty years and now retired. He mentioned that he has served on different boards in the city in the past. He stated that he was the Parks Commissioner for four years from 1990 through 1994. He commented that he prided himself on being concise and aware of what the laws are. He felt he could do a lot in keeping with growing the city and making sure that a potential application fits in where it's going.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Powley if he was versed on the new master plan. Mr. Powley said he planned to thoroughly review the master plan if he was appointed. He expressed that it will be important to learn all the different zones and what's allowed in those zones.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked Mr. Powley if he has served on any other committees within the last year. Mr. Powley said no.

Council member McCarthy stated that he read Mr. Powley had been arrested in the past and the charges were dropped. Mr. Powley explained that he worked for the state marshal. There was an occasion when he had to cover for another marshal who was sick that day. There was a problem serving a guy who drilled a lock on the door and he was told by another marshal to let him do it. Subsequently, he stepped inside the premises where he quickly looked inside and then left. Meanwhile, another state marshal came upon the scene and accused him of breaking and entering. The police were called, he was arrested and he pleaded to simple trespassing. Mr. Powley clarified that he worked part time as a state marshal and the incident happened two years ago.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

163-09 Reappointment of Melville T. Riley (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Riley why he wanted to be reappointed to the commission. Mr. Riley said they just completed the new master plan and the new regulations, but they weren't done yet. He said there although they've had an excellent beginning, there was still a lot of work to do on the regulations. He felt that there was unfinished work to be completed.

Council member McCarthy mentioned that Dennis Buckley of the zoning office stated that Mr. Riley has a perfect attendance record serving on the commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

160-09 Refund of Excess Payments.

regarding how much they would pay the city per year. The Tax Assessor assessed the same property and put it on a separate tax bill. The tax kept being paid, but they found that it was already paid under the PILOT agreement.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia requested Ms. Lenz to send her the backup information related to the payments. She asked that she submit the information prior to the city council meeting on Tuesday.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2010

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

130-09 Proposed Workers' Compensation Full and Final Stipulation with Michael Bauco .

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia updated that City Attorney Anastasi requested that this item be tabled.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

88-09 Resolution concerning the Private Sale of City Owned Property Below Market Value.

Council member McCarthy updated that one of the makers of this resolution was Council member Baker – *who was present*.

Council member Baker said that City Attorney Anastasi was suppose to submit a legal opinion regarding the matter. Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she received the information

from Attorney Anastasi tonight. She gave Council member Baker the information to review.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia recalled that the matter has been resolved through the Tax Assessor's and the Tax Collector.

Council member McCarthy read the language to substitute as amended wording recommended per City Attorney Anastasi as follows:

This Committee (Miscellaneous Matters) may elect to consider adoption of the following or a similar NEW City Council Rule. Rule No_____. " Whenever City Council permission is sought for authority to dispose of surplus municipal real property, the submission to the City Council shall include either: (1) an AIA (American Institute of Architects) Appraisal of FMV (fair market value) or (2) a report from the City Tax Assessor setting forth the then current assessed value for taxation purposes.

No approval of such proposed sale shall occur absent such required valuation data, except upon a 2/3 vote of the entire City Council."

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO SUBSTITUE THE NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE CURRENT LANGUAGE AS THE NEW CITY COUNCIL RULE AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ATTORNEY ANASTASI**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

****The amended language will be submitted in writing to the city clerk's office by Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia.***

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REFLECTING THE NEW LANGUAGE AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

162-09 Reappointment of Robert Morton (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Morton why he wanted to be reappointed to the commission. Mr. Morton stated that he was a business owner on the east end of Bridgeport and he was a life long resident. He expressed that the P&Z Commission is

an important part of the city and they need progressive people to serve on the commission.

Council member McCarthy recommended that Mr. Morton be reappointed. He expressed that he was a great guy from a good family.

Council member Silva agreed with Council member McCarthy. He said that Mr. Morton was a great man and he came from a family that looks out for the people in Bridgeport.

17-10 Resolution amending City Council Rules – Rule XIII References to Committees to include a statement in the subject indicating any direct or in-kind expenditure of City Funds.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia updated that City Attorney Anastasi recommended that this item be tabled for the purpose of requesting that OPM attend the next scheduled meeting to address the item.

Council member McCarthy stated the he was in favor of tabling the item. However, he said he would like to add an executive summary to the city council rules to clarify any impacts there might be. He said he would craft the language and have it available at the next meeting.

Council member Baker suggested that the budget line item be submitted, so the council members will have the chance to identify where the funds are coming from.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services