

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 18, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Eneida Martinez, Co-chair; Josè Casco, Council President Thomas McCarthy, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair (6:15 p.m.)

OTHERS: Crystal Mack

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member E. Martinez called the public hearing to order at 6:14 p.m. A quorum was not present. She read the legal notice aloud.

66-14 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinance, amend to add new Chapter 10.32 Regulating the Operation or Use of Dirt Bikes, All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles, Motor-driven cycles, or Mini-cycles.

Council Member E. Martinez asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the proposed amendment.

Ms. Crystal Mack of Old Town Road came forward and said that she had children and grandchildren in Bridgeport. There is no place for children to play, so they get in trouble and end up in jail.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

Ms. Mack said that Bridgeport children are not being treated as human beings and went on to list a number of issues, such as PCBs, cancer, and rats in the schools. She accused the Council Members of not caring about the children because there are no nurses in the schools and stated that 5 students had died during the year. Ms. Mack also said that the school funding was being stolen and repeated that Bridgeport children need a safe place to play.

Ms. Mack said that the situation was deplorable and minorities were losing their homes because they were being laid off from the Fire Department. The entire East End is contaminated and playgrounds are being built there. She then said that the Council Members should be ashamed of themselves.

Council Member E. Martinez explained that the hearing was in regard to the use of dirt bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles and mini-cycles.

Ms. Mack then stated that the Police officers were harassing the kids and arresting them. She concluded her remarks by repeating that the money was being stolen.

Council Member E. Martinez then asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak in favor of the amendment. No one came forward. She then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak against the amendment. No one came forward. She repeated the request. Hearing none, Council Member E. Martinez closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 66-14.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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