

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013

7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

The NAGE Union Contract.

**CITY of BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Olson, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Bonney, dePara, Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: M. McCarthy, Blunt, Silva, Vizzo-Paniccia

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:35 pm.

The city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members were absent for the following reason:

Council member Silva was ill; Council member Vizzo-Paniccia was ill and Council member Blunt was ill.

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Mr. Young stated that he brought a video to show that the snow blowers didn't do a good job on his street on December 10.

He went on to speak about his wife's asthma pump, noting that although she has medical coverage now; he has still been dealing with his termination issues for seven years. He recalled once again how he was supposed to return to work on March 16 of the year he

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was terminated, but he didn't and he was subsequently terminated unjustly and denied his benefits. He emphasized that his medical needs and his wife's have been disregarded. He further mentioned that he felt the city council should investigate what he deemed an unjust termination.

The following persons signed up to speak before the city council prior to the session:

Clyde Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson spoke about being confronted by someone last week about why he is so hard on the Mayor and why he didn't like him. He said he was questioned what he would do better. He clarified that he doesn't dislike Bill Finch; however, he dislikes Mayor Finch. He made the following suggestions and steps that the city council should take to improve what's going on in the city:

- Get involved in the schools
- Pay the Superintendent of Schools based on performance
- Bridgeport should be a gun-free zone and people should be licensed to purchase a gun
- There should be a penalty imposed of fifty years hard time for anyone that kills another person
- Homelessness should be addressed by renovating vacant buildings to be used for housing
- All the schools should be equipped with metal detectors and a security monitored camera

He proposed that each council member should become a full-time paid employee of the city.

He mentioned that he thought it was a wasted expense to operate another city hall building.

Amos Brown

Mr. Brown spoke about city government and the way it's being run. He stated that the state receives millions of dollars, but he questioned where the programs are that are supposed to be funded by the dollars received. He emphasized that the dollars haven't been seen and he thought the State of Connecticut should investigate itself to find out where the money is going. He further questioned why so many youth are dying through gun violence. He estimated that there are (325) guns on the street illegally that are related to unsolved crimes. He stressed that it was time for America to wake up and govern all the people!

John Marshall Lee

(below is Mr. Lee's statement that he presented to the city council)

Comments to City Council Meeting January 7, 2013 (John Marshall Lee)

- **Some of us have monitored the Budget and Appropriations Committee when they choose to meet. They are the only oversight in the City on the way taxpayer money is spent by the administration. They review the proposed budget in the springtime. Then they vote on it for final approval before it goes to the Mayor, essentially and usually intact. Then we assume that they serve as watchdogs of operating budgets, capital budgets and overall City finances for the rest of the year. They would like to be considered watchdogs. We find that they are untrained, rely on the City for any and all info (never using the annual budget they give themselves under OTHER EXPENSES of about \$90-100,000 to develop other info or professional comment) and in so doing have no focus on trends, the reduction of expenses, understanding of variances, etc.**
- **The City operating budget is over a half billion dollars today, with the education budget usually about half of that amount roughly depending on grants in a given year. The City Charter directs the Mayor to deliver a report 12 months of the year by the fourth Friday of the following month to include revenues, expenses and variances. This is accomplished by the Finch administration less than 50% of the time in the last few years. This is a partial excuse for why the B&A group do a poor job of monitoring. But B&A does not complain officially at their meetings, so they remain blind and toothless to a great extent.**
- **In the Charter review process last year a close reading reminded us that there is a required meeting on the operating budget each year, but it does not provide any feedback to the public who shows up at that meeting in terms of response to questions, Council members exhibiting a comprehensive knowledge of their task at hand, or any pursuit of trends in lessening the burden on taxpayers annually (or the pension, other post employment benefits, debts or other responsibilities placed on taxpayers. Why no? - That is what a credentialed, responsive, knowledgeable, and non-conflicted group with minority party representation would do, by the way in the form of a Finance Board.**
- **A reading of the Charter and Ordinances also showed language calling for community outreach and another meeting annually regarding the capital plans and budgeting for the City. This has not been lived up to for a number of years.**
- **What does the annual external auditor think about the state of City internal controls when they send their Management Letter along with the audit**

report?? The City may have lost one or more of these letters and have been unwilling to provide their response to Blum Shapiro.

- The Comprehensive Annual Financial Review is provided to the Mayor's Office around the New Year. It was not available as of January 5, so it can be anticipated certainly in the next week or so. (Previous CAFR documents, including the single audits of State and Federal funds have been archived on the City web site. However, with the inauguration of a new web site, many documents previously archived and available including Council and Committee minutes and CAFR documents, as well as budget approvals in previous year are not available or not easily found. Why not?**
- Finally, as of today, the City monthly financial report last delivered to the Council and community at large is for September, 2012. It was dated December 6. By now October and November data should have been provided. More importantly even the September report containing significant variances has not comments about said variances. Curiously critics of the budgeting process have pointed out the number of department positions each year that are vacant and remain vacant all year. We have called them "ghost positions" because those salary dollars (Line Item 51000) when budgeted for a vacant position, are spent elsewhere and no one can see the effect. When B&A approved the budget early in May to September is a short time. What happened to have the City decrease this funding? Was anyone terminated? What about budgeting for health care and pension benefits for those "ghost positions" that were not changed in September? No explanation from the Mayor! No meetings of B&A in December! Two scheduled meetings! Two cancellations!**

Does anyone on the City Council care to respond? Does anyone on the City Council care? What do you think taxpayers think as they hear or read these facts? Time will tell.

The public speaking session closed at 7:00 pm.

Council President McCarthy called for a caucus prior to the city council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The caucus ended at 7:15 pm.

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ABSENT: Council members: M. McCarthy, Blunt, Silva

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Prayer - Council member Olson offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - Council member Curwen led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call - the city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

City Council Citation: In Recognition of Classical Studies Academy for its outstanding growth and high achievement in reading, math, writing and science.

Superintendent of Schools Vallas and members of the academy came forward. Mayor Finch, Council President McCarthy and Council members: Lyons, Brantley, Bonney, dePara and Olson came forward to present the citation.

Council President McCarthy stated that many times they see great results in the Bridgeport schools, noting that Classical Studies Academy is one of his favorite schools in the city and they have broken the record for test scores.

Council member Lyons read the citation. She expressed that the success of the school wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the teachers and students. She said they have all

worked hard over the past year to make it possible to go on to achieve a higher level of excellence that has all been team work. She said it was great to acknowledge the students as #1 in Bridgeport and she was proud to be a part of the work that is done there.

Principal Giles thanked everyone for the recognition. She expressed that although the recognition they received isn't the same as it would be athletes; what makes them go on is knowing that they have touched the mind of a student. She thanked her staff, the student and parent body, all of whom care about the success of the students. Overall, she said it was a strong foundation and the high expectations result in the high achievement of the students. She urged everyone to come and visit the school.

Mayor Finch expressed that the school is like a family and through his administration; he has seen the teacher staff dedicated to the students and they have done a great job. He stated that he believed in the public school system. He mentioned that Bridgeport has received recognition due to the hard work done at Classical Studies Academy.

Council member Brantley thanked Principal Giles. And she mentioned how Delta Sigma Theta has been involved in the success of the school.

Superintendent Vallas stated that the school is a classic example of what can be accomplished if they believe in the students. He further stated that they are looking to exceed the standard in all Bridgeport schools. He congratulated the school on their achievement.

Council member Olson mentioned that the parents are dedicated and work at the school for forty hours per year. He expressed that this dedication might be a good guideline to follow for all schools.

Mayor Finch presented the citation to Superintendent Vallas and Classical Studies Academy.

City Council Citation: In Recognition of Jerry's Shakespeare Pizza No. 2 for its contributions to the Bridgeport Community.

Mayor Finch expressed that there was another institution in Bridgeport being recognized. The owners of Jerry's Shakespeare Pizza No. 2 came forward to accept the citation.

Council President McCarthy stated that many people in Bridgeport commit themselves to the city and they thrive to do good things for the residents; as well as helping city's tax role.

Council member Lyons stated that Jerry's Shakespeare Pizza No. 2 has been a place of refuge for her and her family on Friday night. She said it's a great family atmosphere and there is always pleasant friendly service. She encouraged everyone to visit.

The owner of Jerry's Shakespeare Pizza No. 2 thanked the City of Bridgeport for the honor. She shared a brief history of her life and her family and how the business was started during 1999 when they bought the pizza place. She expressed that she loved the

neighborhood, the customers and residents that patronized the restaurant. She thanked Mayor Finch, Council member Lyons and Council President McCarthy for their friendship and patronage through the years. She expressed in Italian...Ciao Bella, Graci!

Mayor Finch relayed his congratulations and he stated that he hoped the restaurant continues to service Bridgeport for the years to come.

Announcements:

Council President McCarthy stated that the following council members were absent due to illness: Council members Silva, Blunt and Vizzo-Paniccia.

03-12 Public Hearing re: Partial Tax Abatement for Affordable Rental Housing at 810 Boston Avenue.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor or against the item.

Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

04-12 Public Hearing re: Partial Tax Abatement for Mixed Use Development at 930 Main Street and 114 State Street (The Former Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building).

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor or against the item.

Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 3, 2012

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Holloway requested a Point of Personal Privilege: he recalled a statement that he recently heard that Bridgeport is the fourth dirtiest city in the United States. He said he took offense to the statement. He noted that although this may have been the case in the past, he recalled that he and other council members hammered out a plan to address the issue in the past. They had trucks go throughout the communities and conduct a clean up that was very successful. He went on to address what happened noting various reasons, but he said that the clean up project is still intact and should be utilized again. The program that was implemented back in 1995 was "*Trash for Cash*" and he emphasized that it should be activated again to address the problem.

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- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

19-12 Resolution presented by Council Member Lyons re: Request that Stop Lines and Crosswalks be painted in designated locations in the 134th District.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar.

Council members Baker and dePara requested to removed items *03-12 and *04-12.

The city clerk read the remaining items into the record.

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSD UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch returned to item:

***03-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Partial Tax Abatement for Affordable Rental Housing at 810 Boston Avenue.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**

Bill Coleman came forward to address questions from Council member dePara.

Council member dePara asked why this was the best deal. Mr. Coleman stated that the property borders two streets. He said the analysis was based on economic development due to the fact that it's a dismal building with houses next to it. So they conducted the cost to demolish the building taking other considerations into account.

Mr. Coleman reviewed the numbers and he stated that it would be strictly affordable housing with a focus on the veteran population. He relayed that no one was willing to invest in the building and they received \$2 million from the re-investment housing fund. He explained how they arrived at the analysis according to bank guidelines that outlined qualitative and quantitative factors – *the spreadsheet that outlined the information was distributed.*

Council member dePara stated that the fact that the housing will be for veterans was supported by him.

Council member Baker asked who the owner of the property was. Mr. Coleman stated that it was a joint venture with Alpha Community Services who is a non-profit organization and Ted Lazarus. However, he clarified that their rental properties pay taxes.

Council member Baker asked about the parking situation. The response was that there is plentiful street parking.

Council member Baker asked the number of disable units there would be. The response was that there will be 24-units all subsidized and all handicap accessible. Mr. Coleman added that lower East Main Street had dedicated handicap spaces.

Council member Baker stated the he wasn't opposed to affordable housing; however, he said he had a concern about the parking. He questioned if there were any plans to acquire parking space in the future. The response was that handicap parking hasn't ever posed a problem at their other housing sites.

Council member Olson asked for clarification if Alpha Community Services was a non-profit organization and if they have rental properties; is taxes paid on those properties. Mr. Coleman verified that was correct.

Council member Lyons asked if the housing would be used for veterans. The response was yes, that is the main goal.

Council President McCarthy stated that it was a good project taking an abandoned building, getting rid of the blight and putting it back on the tax role. He stated that it starts

the process of building up the area with good solid partners running it. He said he strongly supported the project.

Council member Martinez expressed that she was excited that the project was happening on the east side, which is her district. She said she always wanted the area to be fixed up and become a viable part of the community and she was glad it would be geared towards veterans.

Council member Paoletto echoed Council member Martinez's comments that the entire project was good. He recalled that the property has been derelict for years and he was in 100% support of the project.

Mayor Finch stated that there were hundreds of properties in the city that require attention, but the staff was limited to address the complicated deals that are required. He urged the council members to get involved if they can and he said he appreciated all the feedback.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch returned to item:

***04-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Partial Tax Abatement for Mixed Use Development at 930 Main Street and 114 State Street (The Former Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building). - *removed*

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member dePara asked for details of the deal. Mr. Coleman said the project represented the historic Mechanics & Farmer building. It's a \$6 million project and the analysis was put together as it was outlined *and distributed*. He stated that there were eight different funding sources –*as outlined in the information on page 2*.

Mr. Coleman explained that some façade work would be required. He continued to review the information sheet that outlined the following:

- o Tax schedule
- o Cash flow – *referenced on the last page*

Overall, he said the city will receive more funds than they have in past years. He reiterated that the building has been vacant for over twelve years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Moment of silence:

Council member Bonney asked for a moment of silence for Cynthia King Jenkins, a member of the district that recently passed away.

Mayor Finch expressed that she was a wonderful, good loving woman that loved her church and her family.

New business:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO REFER THE MATTER OF THE STATE LOBBYING AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM # 20-12)**

Other business:

Council President stated that ribbons were distributed in honor of the Sandy Hook School students that passed away. He expressed that it was a small gesture to recognize the tragedy that occurred. He encouraged everyone to think of the children when they wear the ribbon!

Council member Curwen stated that he has served on the city council representing the 138th District for seventeen years. He further noted that he was the longest reigning Co-chair of the Budget & Appropriations Committee. He shared that he got involved in politics to be a part of and see the city's rebirth and although there have been many distractions; there have been both sad and good times. He stated that politics is a difficult job and having to balance decisions for constituents was challenging at times. He said he wanted to publicly thank the voters of the upper east side, Mayor Finch, Council President McCarthy and the city clerk; Fleeta Hudson. He further expressed that he wanted to

acknowledge his colleagues truly as work horses that are worthy of serving the city. He further expressed that unfortunately, the position compelled him to inform them that he will be retiring from politics due to a family illness.

He emotionally thanked everyone for their tireless work to the city and he asked that they all continue to put forward the hard work for the sake of the city.

Council President McCarthy expressed that Council member Curwen has been a hard worker involved in the budget process for many years. He expressed that he has left a mark on Bridgeport and the 138th District and the city council. He further expressed that he was proud to have served with him and proud to call him a friend. He commented that he is a fabulous father and someone who puts his family first and above all, he should be commended for those virtues.

Mayor Finch stated that it has been a pleasure and honor to have served with Council member Curwen in many capacities. He said he has seen the trust that his constituents has had in him and he was confident that all the skills that he used to help the city in the past, will serve him in his dedication to his family. He expressed that although it's bittersweet; it has been an honor to share this part of his life with him!

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearings will be held before the City Council of Bridgeport at a regular meeting to be held on Monday evening, January 7, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, relative to **Item #03-12**

Resolution authorizing Partial Tax Abatement for Affordable Rental Housing at 810 Boston Avenue.

Item #04-12

Resolution authorizing Partial Tax Abatement for Mixed Use Development at 930 Main Street and 114 State Street (The Former Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building).

Attest:

Fleeta C. Hudson
City Clerk

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Mayor Bill Finch
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D. Kooris, Director, OPED
B. Coleman, Director of Neighborhood Development



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THOMAS R. SHERWOOD
Director

Comm. #17-12 Ref'd to Budget & Appropriations Committee on 01/07/2013.

December 31, 2012

Mr. Robert Curwen, Mr. Angel DePara, Co-Chairmen
Budget and Appropriations Committee
Members of the Bridgeport City Council:

Attached, please find a request to initiate a budget modification to the Fiscal Year 2012-13 General Fund Budget. After the City Council concluded the City's budget process, the State legislature adopted final funding for cities and towns. In order to comply with the Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR), it is necessary to increase the appropriation for the Board of Education. Funding was placed in a BOE dedicated account for this purpose and for the position of Deputy CAO for Education/Youth. The MBR notice for the State Department of Education states whereby \$3,649,575 must be appropriated to the BOE to remain in compliance and not be penalized in FY 2013-14 on a two for one basis. I am recommending the budget modification to be as attached. OPM recognizes the need for this modification.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Sherwood
Director OPM

cc: Mayor Bill Finch
Adam Wood, Chief of Staff
Andrew Nunn, CAO
Joshua Thompson, Deputy CAO
Paul Vallas, Superintendent
Anne Kelly-Lenz, Finance Director

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CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
Office of Policy & Management
JUSTIFICATION DOCUMENT
BUDGET MODIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Bridgeport finds that the unencumbered balance of the "transferred from" appropriation(s) listed below equals or exceeds the estimated expenditures of the City required for such purpose during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The Council finding that the remaining amount after transfer is sufficient for all expenditures of the City for the purpose thereof during the budget year is justified by the following determination of facts and actions taken:

To be in compliance with State MBR requirement and move Council adopted education increased funds to the BOE's direct appropriation. Additional transfer to Lighthouse to place position of Deputy CAO for Education and Youth into City department for management and accounting purposes.

Account Number	Account	Current Budget	Amount of Modification	Budget as Modified
01950000 59500	FROM	\$8,374,227	(\$8,374,227)	
01801000 51000	TO	\$15,306,138	\$8,374,227	\$23,680,365
01950000 51000	FROM	\$102,000	(\$102,000)	
01950000 52360	FROM	\$1,479	(\$1,479)	
01950000 52385	FROM	\$3,162	(\$3,162)	
01950000 52504	FROM	\$5,983	(\$5,983)	
01950000 52917	FROM	\$17,376	(\$17,376)	
01579000 51000	TO	\$278,660	\$102,000	\$380,660
01579000 52360	TO	\$3,864	\$1,479	\$5,343
01579000 52504	TO	\$33,083	\$9,145	\$42,228
01579000 52917	TO	\$49,455	\$17,376	\$66,831
Total		\$24,175,427		\$24,175,427
REVENUES:				

A. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council finds that such transfer of funds will not reduce city revenues or revenue estimates for the current or future fiscal year.

COMMENTS:

Please make the above budget transfer revision to reflect a more accurate distribution of funds.

Sherwood, Thomas

From: Chambers, Kevin <Kevin.Chambers@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 11:08 AM
To: Sherwood, Thomas
Cc: Mahoney, Brian
Subject: Bridgport MBR

Hi Tom, I left you a message but am following up with an email. Our CFO Brian Mahoney was inquiring about Bridgeport's MBR status. We are still waiting for the city to allocate the Bridgeport BOE the \$3,649,575 in order to meet their MBR. Could you let me know where that stands or what your timeline is? Thanks.

Kevin Chambers
Education Consultant
State Department of Education
Bureau of Grants Management
860-713-6455

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 BUREAU OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT

MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT (MBR)
 DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM BUDGET REDUCTION

SOURCES: ED012 2012-13,

DATE PRINTED: September 10, 2012

DISTRICT CODE	DISTRICT NAME	2011-12 BUDGETED APPROPRIATION ASSESSMENT	2011-12 NET APPROPRIATION ASSESSMENT	2011-12 APPROPRIATION ASSESSMENT	(4) MAXIMUM RESIDENT STUDENT EFFICIENCY DEDUCTION (Col 3 x .005)	(5) PRELIMINARY RESIDENT STUDENT DEDUCTION*	(6) PRELIMINARY EFFICIENCY DEDUCTION	(7) MAXIMUM RESIDENT STUDENT DEDUCTION (LESSER OF Col 4 or Col 5)	(8) MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY DEDUCTION (Lesser of Col 4 or Col 6)	(9) DISTRICT NOT MAINTAINING A HIGH SCHOOL DEDUCTION#	(10) MAXIMUM MBR DEDUCTION (Maximum of Col 7 or Col 8 or Col 9)
1	ANDOVER	4,080,915	3,634,222	7,715,137	38,576	77,700	0	38,576	0	0	38,576
2	ANSONIA	26,392,491	0	26,392,491	131,962	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	ASHFORD	6,845,002	3,463,582	10,308,584	51,543	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	AVON	46,592,872	0	46,592,872	232,964	104,970	0	104,970	0	0	104,970
5	BARKHAMSTED	3,711,001	4,256,484	7,967,485	39,837	23,430	0	23,430	0	0	23,430
7	BERLIN	37,949,785	0	37,949,785	189,749	412,080	0	189,749	0	0	189,749
8	BETHANY	6,276,791	7,300,318	13,577,109	67,886	122,760	0	67,886	0	0	67,886
9	BETHEL	37,991,050	0	37,991,050	189,955	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	BLOOMFIELD	38,555,104	0	38,555,104	192,776	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	BOLTON	12,494,714	0	12,494,714	62,474	12,990	0	12,990	0	0	12,990
13	BOZRAH	5,249,636	0	5,249,636	26,248	24,480	0	24,480	64,200	64,200	64,200
14	BRANFORD	49,170,365	0	49,170,365	245,852	329,280	0	245,852	0	0	245,852
15	BRIDGEPORT	215,843,895	0	215,843,895	1,079,219	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	BRISTOL	102,685,957	0	102,685,957	513,430	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	BROOKFIELD	36,150,000	0	36,150,000	180,750	86,940	0	86,940	0	0	86,940
19	BROOKLYN	15,842,884	0	15,842,884	79,214	67,320	0	67,320	0	0	67,320
21	CANAAN	1,713,584	1,361,078	3,074,662	15,373	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	CANTERBURY	10,838,673	0	10,838,673	54,193	3,030	0	3,030	0	0	3,030
23	CANTON	22,618,067	0	22,618,067	113,090	115,860	0	113,090	0	0	113,090
24	CHAPLIN	3,114,665	2,228,401	5,343,066	26,715	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	CHESTER	61,352,875	0	61,352,875	306,764	25,920	0	25,920	0	0	25,920
26	CHESTER	4,164,069	4,161,349	8,325,418	41,627	78,900	0	41,627	0	0	41,627
27	CLINTON	30,183,463	0	30,183,463	150,917	77,700	0	77,700	0	0	77,700
28	COLCHESTER	36,821,590	0	36,821,590	184,108	247,770	0	184,108	0	0	184,108
29	COLEBROOK	1,798,142	1,908,444	3,706,586	18,533	94,080	0	18,533	0	0	18,533
30	COLUMBIA	11,332,667	0	11,332,667	56,663	66,840	0	56,663	0	0	56,663
31	CORNWALL	2,512,462	1,364,014	3,876,476	19,382	28,500	0	19,382	270,463	270,463	270,463
32	COVENTRY	24,914,342	0	24,914,342	124,572	99,030	0	99,030	0	0	99,030
33	DANBURY	25,450,000	0	25,450,000	127,250	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	DANBURY	114,895,291	0	114,895,291	574,476	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	DARLEN	76,315,153	0	76,315,153	381,576	27,480	0	27,480	0	0	27,480
36	DEEP RIVER	5,192,900	4,390,525	9,583,425	47,917	16,200	0	16,200	0	0	16,200
37	DEERFIELD	15,479,840	0	15,479,840	77,399	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	EASTFORD	3,603,634	0	3,603,634	18,018	33,990	0	18,018	45,900	45,900	45,900
40	EAST GRANBY	13,594,000	0	13,594,000	67,970	129,780	0	67,970	0	0	67,970
41	EAST HADDAM	18,343,633	0	18,343,633	91,718	205,560	0	91,718	0	0	91,718

* Resident student worksheet.
 # Districts not operating a high school worksheet.

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 BUREAU OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT

MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT (MBR)
 DETERMINATION OF OVERAGE/SHORTAGE FOR ALLIANCE DISTRICTS

SOURCES: ED012 2012-13,

DATE PRINTED: September 14, 2012

DISTRICT CODE	DISTRICT NAME	2011-12 BUDGETED APPROPRIATION	2011-12 NET APPROPRIATION ASSESSMENT	2011-12 APPROPRIATION/ASSESSMENT	2012-13 BUDGETED APPROPRIATION	2012-13 NET APPROPRIATION ASSESSMENT	2012-13 APPROPRIATION/ASSESSMENT	MAXIMUM MBR DEDUCTION (CF11A, Col 10)	LOCAL FUNDING INCREASE	2012-13 TOTAL MBR OVERAGE/SHORTAGE (Col 3 + Col 7 + Col 8)	2012-13 TOTAL MBR OVERAGE/SHORTAGE (Col 4 - Col 1)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1	ANDOVER	4,080,915	3,634,222	7,715,137	4,180,307	3,631,182	7,811,489	38,576	0	7,676,561	134,928
2	ANSONIA	26,392,491	0	26,392,491	27,000,000	0	27,000,000	0	0	26,392,491	607,509
3	ASHFORD	6,845,002	3,463,582	10,308,584	7,088,249	3,487,341	10,575,590	0	0	10,308,584	267,006
4	AVON	46,592,872	0	46,592,872	48,463,430	0	48,463,430	104,970	0	46,487,902	1,975,528
5	BARKHAMSTED	3,711,001	4,256,484	7,967,485	3,857,754	4,389,998	8,247,752	23,430	0	7,944,055	303,697
7	BERLIN	37,949,785	0	37,949,785	39,088,279	0	39,088,279	189,749	0	37,760,036	1,328,243
8	BETHANY	6,276,791	7,300,318	13,577,109	6,368,791	7,485,360	13,854,151	67,886	0	13,509,223	344,928
9	BETHEL	37,991,050	0	37,991,050	39,660,925	0	39,660,925	0	0	37,991,050	1,669,875
11	BLOOMFIELD	38,555,104	0	38,555,104	38,555,104	0	38,555,104	0	0	38,555,104	0
12	BOLTON	12,494,714	0	12,494,714	12,830,263	0	12,830,263	12,990	0	12,481,724	348,539
13	BOZRAH	5,249,636	0	5,249,636	5,371,989	0	5,371,989	64,200	0	5,185,436	186,553
14	BRANFORD	49,170,365	0	49,170,365	50,297,604	0	50,297,604	245,852	0	48,924,513	1,373,091
15	BRIDGEPORT	215,843,895	0	215,843,895	215,843,895	0	215,843,895	0	3,649,575	219,493,470	-3,649,575
17	BRISTOL	102,685,957	0	102,685,957	102,685,960	0	102,685,960	0	0	102,685,957	3
18	BROOKFIELD	36,150,000	0	36,150,000	37,036,000	0	37,036,000	86,940	0	36,063,060	972,940
19	BROOKLYN	15,842,884	0	15,842,884	16,236,130	0	16,236,130	67,320	0	15,775,564	460,566
21	CANAAN	1,713,584	1,361,078	3,074,662	1,783,026	1,313,767	3,096,793	0	0	3,074,662	22,131
22	CANTERBURY	10,838,673	0	10,838,673	11,066,328	0	11,066,328	3,030	0	10,835,643	230,685
23	CANTON	22,618,067	0	22,618,067	23,440,402	0	23,440,402	113,090	0	22,504,977	935,425
24	CHAPLIN	3,114,665	2,228,401	5,343,066	3,136,998	2,472,569	5,609,567	0	0	5,343,066	266,501
25	CHESHIRE	61,352,875	0	61,352,875	62,502,875	0	62,502,875	25,920	0	61,326,955	1,175,920
26	CHESTER	4,164,069	4,161,349	8,325,418	4,223,900	4,177,003	8,400,903	41,627	0	8,283,791	117,112
27	CLINTON	30,183,463	0	30,183,463	30,461,728	0	30,461,728	77,700	0	30,105,763	355,965
28	COLCHESTER	36,821,590	0	36,821,590	37,524,160	0	37,524,160	184,108	0	36,637,482	886,678
29	COLEBROOK	1,798,142	1,908,444	3,706,586	1,952,342	1,738,395	3,690,737	18,533	0	3,688,053	2,684
30	COLUMBIA	11,332,667	0	11,332,667	11,240,000	0	11,240,000	270,463	0	11,062,204	177,796
31	CORNWALL	2,512,462	1,364,014	3,876,476	2,511,642	1,517,570	4,029,212	19,382	0	3,857,094	172,118
32	COVENTRY	24,914,342	0	24,914,342	24,965,931	0	24,965,931	99,030	0	24,815,312	150,619
33	CROMWELL	25,450,000	0	25,450,000	25,942,064	0	25,942,064	0	0	25,450,000	492,064
34	DANBURY	114,895,291	0	114,895,291	115,795,291	0	115,795,291	0	0	114,895,291	900,000
35	DARBY	76,315,153	0	76,315,153	79,940,182	0	79,940,182	27,480	0	76,287,673	3,652,509
36	DEEP RIVER	5,192,900	4,390,525	9,583,425	5,400,787	4,350,980	9,751,767	16,200	0	9,567,225	184,542
37	DERBY	15,479,840	0	15,479,840	15,858,944	0	15,858,944	45,900	0	15,479,840	379,104
39	EASTFORD	3,603,634	0	3,603,634	3,658,794	0	3,658,794	0	0	3,557,734	101,060
40	EAST GRANBY	13,594,000	0	13,594,000	14,040,000	0	14,040,000	67,970	0	13,526,030	513,970
41	EAST HADDAM	18,343,633	0	18,343,633	18,474,584	0	18,474,584	91,718	0	18,251,915	222,669
42	EAST HAMPTON	26,676,503	0	26,676,503	26,710,840	0	26,710,840	22,500	0	26,654,003	56,837
43	EAST HARTFORD	82,498,910	0	82,498,910	85,766,419	0	85,766,419	0	0	82,498,910	3,267,509

FUND	ORG	DESC	OBJECT	CY Budget	SPENT	AVAILABLE
01	01950000	FULL TIME EARNED PAY	51000	102,000.00	38,446.69	63,553.31
01	01950000	MEDICARE	52360	1,479.00	535.05	943.95
01	01950000	SOCIAL SECURITY	52385	3,162.00	0.00	3,162.00
01	01950000	MERF PENSION EMPLOYER CONT	52504	5,983.00	4,509.82	1,473.18
01	01950000	HEALTH INSURANCE CITY SHARE	52917	17,376.00	4,878.88	12,497.12
01	01950000	SUPPORTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS	59500	8,374,227.00	0.00	8,374,227.00
				• 8,504,227.00	48,370.44	8,455,856.56



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BILL FINCH
Mayor

COMM. #18-12 Referred to ECD&E Committee on 1/7/2013

ALEXANDRA B. McGOLDRICK
Acting Director
Office of Central Grants

December 27, 2012

To: Fleeta Hudson
From: Renu Gupta
Re: **"Little Asia" Improvement Project- 2013 Preservation of Place Grant**

The Central Grants Department seeks authorization for Mayor Finch to enter into contract with the Connecticut Main Street organization for a Little Asia" Improvement Project- 2013 Preservation of Place Grant and to sign all related documents, contracts and resolutions.

Connecticut Main Street organization has awarded funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the City of Bridgeport to improve the area designated as "Little Asia".

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel free to call me at 576-7732 with any questions.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR ALL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS**

PROJECT TITLE : Little Asia” Improvement Project- 2013 Preservation of Place Grant

RENEWAL NEW X

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Central Grants

CONTACT NAME: Renu Gupta

PHONE NUMBER: 576-7732

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) has awarded \$10,000 to the City of Bridgeport for Streetscape and Gateway Signage Planning and Architectural Drawing and Specification in the “Little Asia” Neighborhood Improvement Project. Traffic calming patterns, redesign of parking, travel and bike lanes, and defensive design elements like enhanced lighting and outdoor dining will be incorporated to reduce crime and make the area more community friendly. The design will emphasize the historic and cultural aspects of the block and design of a “Little Asia” neighborhood gateway arch.

CONTRACT DATES:

January 11, 2013 – September 30, 2013

PROJECT GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

Streetscape and Gateway Signage Planning and Architectural Drawing and Specification

IF APPLICABLE

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:
State:
City:
Other; \$10,000

FUNDS REQUESTED

Salaries/Benefits:
Supplies/Printing
Other \$10,000 (see below)
Subcontracts: X Yes No
If yes, supply listing and dollar amount
(please attach)

Other: Architectural company: \$10,000

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) is authorized to extend financial assistance its members in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the 2013 Preservation of Place Grant Program and,

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used for Streetscape and Gateway Signage Planning and Architectural Drawing and Specification in the “Little Asia” Neighborhood Improvement Project

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, submit an application to the Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of Architectural Drawing and Specification for Streetscape and Gateway Signage Planning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City’s grant application and contract to the Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) for funds for the purpose of Streetscape and Gateway Signage Planning and Architectural Drawing and Specification in the “Little Asia” Neighborhood Improvement Project
- 2 That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC), to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts, amendments, extensions and other documents as maybe necessary under this program.

RESOLUTION

By Councilmember(s): Michelle Lyons

District: 134th

Introduced at a meeting
of the City Council, held:

January 7, 2013

Referred to: Board of Police Commissioners

Attest: _____
City Clerk

WHEREAS, speeding and traffic has contributed to accidents and increase of danger to school children; and

WHEREAS, control measures must be implemented to reduce these risks; Now, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that stop lines and crosswalks be painted in the following designated locations in the 134th district.

(SEE ATTCHED)

Referrals Made:

RESOLUTION FILED
JAN 10 2013
CITY CLERK
MICHILLE LYONS
POLICE COMMISSIONER

Cécile Lôbo

278 Vincelette Street

Bridgeport, CT 06606

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fdlune@hotmail.com

September 6, 2012

Dear City Councilwoman Lyons:

My name is Cécile Lôbo and I live at 278 Vincelette Street in Bridgeport. I have two children who attend Bridgeport public schools and who travel by school bus. They both have to walk to the bus stop and they use sidewalks to do so, however, there are no crosswalks on our busy street and it is really unsafe for them and the numerous other children of our neighborhood to cross the street to get to the bus stops. I am extremely worried about pedestrian safety on our street and I would like to see crosswalks painted at various intersections of our street and stop sign lines repainted as most of them have faded.

It is urgent that action be taken as soon as possible because school is open and the safety of at least thirty children is affected by these road improvements. I am hopeful you will agree with me on the importance of this matter. Days are becoming shorter and pretty soon it will be dark in the morning at the time children have to walk to bus stops. Posting signs to make drivers aware of children in the area would be greatly appreciated as well as a couple of signs reminding drivers that it is a state law to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, once they are drawn.

I am including pictures of the intersections on Vincelette St. where I believe crosswalks should be installed and stop sign lines need to be repainted and a map showing where bus stops are located on our street.

I thank you for your help and look forward to hearing back from you within the next couple of weeks.

Yours truly,

Cécile Lôbo



Bus stop at intersection of Vincelette Street with Lourmel Street



Intersection of Vincelette Street with Woodside Avenue

Stop sign line needs repainting and a crosswalk in front of it as well as crossing Woodside is very necessary.



Intersection of Vincelette Street with Herald Ave. and Sunrise Terrace.

Stop sign lines need repainting and a crosswalk on each street is necessary.



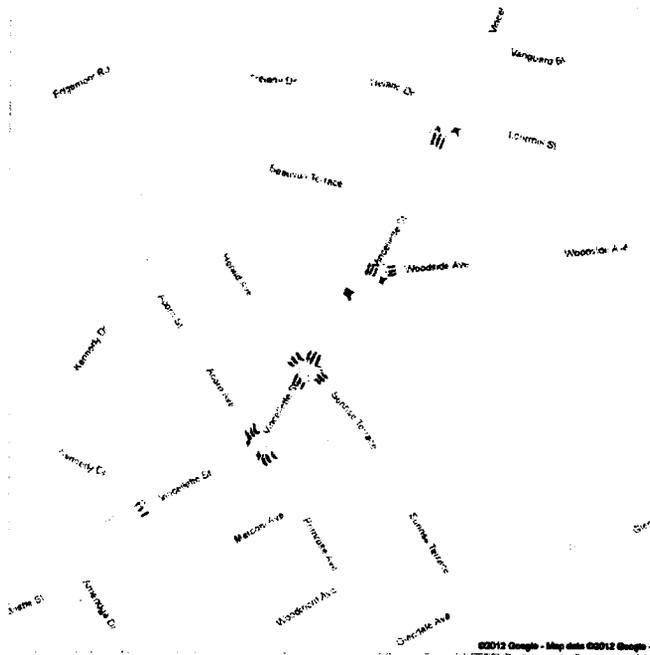
Bus stop at intersection of Vincelette Street with Primrose Avenue.

This is a very busy bus stop for various schools around the city.



Intersection of Vincelette Street with Kennedy Drive and Ameridge Condos.

Stop sign line needs to be repainted.



≡ future crosswalks?

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COMM. #20-12 Referred to Contracts Committee on
1/7/2013 (OFF THE FLOOR)

City Council
of the City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport CT 06604

Re: Proposed State Lobbying Services Agreement (copy attached)

Dear Honorable Councilpersons:

Upon the consent of Council President Thomas McCarthy, kindly add the above-referenced matter to the City Council Agenda for tonight's meeting FOR REFERRAL TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE ONLY. Two separate motions will be necessary as follows:

1. **MOTION TO ADD MATTER TO AGENDA** – 2/3 Majority of those present and voting required per CT FOIA; and
2. **MOTION TO REFER MATTER TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE** – Simple Majority vote of those present and voting required.

NOTE: The Contracts Committee next meets tomorrow evening, January 8th at 6:00 PM. As this is a regular monthly committee meeting, I will be requesting at that meeting that the committee add this matter to the agenda for action upon the required 2/3 vote.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Mark T. Anastasi, City Attorney

Cc: Mayor Bill Finch
Fleeta C. Hudson, City Clerk
Frances Ortiz, Asst. City Clerk
Thomas C. McCarthy, Council President
Andrew Nunn, CAO
Adam Wood, Chief of Staff

Ruben Felipe, Deputy Chief of Staff
Tyrone McClain, Dir. of Leg. Affairs
Susan Brannelly, Contracts Co-Chair
Carlos Silva, Contracts Co-Chair
Kevin N. Reynolds, Esq.
Ms. Sisco

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STATE LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT

By this Agreement entered into on or about January 2013 between Reynolds Strategy Group, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant") and the City of Bridgeport (hereinafter referred to as "CITY"), the Parties agree as follows:

Scope of Work

Consultant will provide the following services:

1. Work with CITY officials on a needs assessment to identify priority interests and other areas of concern vis-à-vis the State of Connecticut (State). Review recent grant requests, funding status of projects and hold an in-depth discussion of potential funding opportunities. Develop a set of specific CITY objectives for State legislative sessions, including any reauthorizing legislation and any specific funding mechanisms for current projects.
2. Provide consultation to the CITY on potential funding available from, and contacts with the State government; particularly but not limited to, the Departments of Economic and Community Development (DECD), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and Office of Policy and Management (OPM), as well as the Governor's Office and the various State Commissioners, as needed.
3. Develop with the CITY a set of specific State funding targets for projects, and monitor the activities to secure these targets.
4. Advise the CITY on how most effectively to work with the Connecticut Legislature and the staffs of the appropriate legislative committees to secure State appropriations and grants for projects of special interest to the CITY.
5. Assist in briefing the staffs of the State legislative Appropriations Committees and Bond Commission on the merits of appropriations for any funding requests for the CITY.
6. Assist in preparing and scheduling testimony, correspondence and written briefing materials by local officials in support of CITY legislation and requests initiated by the CITY or otherwise likely to impact the CITY's legal, financial, and/or operational interests.
7. Work with officials of the CITY and (upon the CITY's request) of non-profit agencies that apply for funds from the State government in order to have a coordinated listing of all requests and a managed plan to be successful in bringing additional funding to projects that will benefit the CITY.
8. Provide any additional consultation to the CITY on an as-needed basis. The Consultant shall advise, counsel, and represent the CITY in pursuing and opposing legislative initiatives and grant applications and awards at the State level in Hartford, CT and regional offices. The Consultant shall assist the CITY in preparing its State legislative, executive, and administrative agendas and shall strategize with the CITY on an ongoing basis as requested. The Consultant

shall identify topics and areas of need to State legislators serving the CITY, pertinent legislative leaders and committee chairs, and CITY Administrative officials.

The Consultant shall perform ministerial and discretionary functions, such as: prepare letters and verbal and written testimony; arrange and schedule appointments; monitor legislative, executive, and administrative activity; and communicate effectively with the CITY and its elected and appointed officials and their staff, as well as those interest groups identified by the CITY as sharing specific interests with the City, all in furtherance of the CITY's governmental agenda as determined by the City Administration.

Term of Contract

The term of the contract will be for the period commencing January, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2013.

The contract may be extended twice for two (2) consecutive one (1) fiscal year terms commencing July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014, respectively by agreement of the Consultant and the CITY acting by and through its Mayor, provided funding has been appropriated for said purpose.

Cost of Services

The fee for the initial term will be \$55,000 total, payable in five (5) installments of \$11,000 each, due at the conclusion of each month from February, 2013 through June, 2013.

The fee for each of the two (2) extension terms, if exercised, will be negotiated by the Mayor and the Consultant, but will not exceed the amount to be budgeted for that purpose by the CITY Council, and will be due quarterly in arrears, on or about, September 30th, December 31st, March 31st, and June 30th annually.

In addition, there will be a charge for pre-approved direct expenses for travel, lodging, and meals during the initial term and the extension term.

Miscellaneous Provisions

A. *Confidentiality.* The Consultant will keep confidential all strategies and policies. Policies will not be presented to anyone in the private sector, government officials or the news media without the CITY'S prior approval.

B. *Conflicts.* The Consultant will not pursue objectives of other clients that conflict with the CITY objectives. Potential conflicts that arise will be immediately disclosed to the CITY and proper conflict avoidance measures undertaken.

C. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the STATE, both as to interpretation and performance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, by their respective and duly authorized officers have hereunto set their names.

REYNOLDS STRATEGY GROUP, LLC.

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

By _____

By _____

Its Chief Exec. Officer, Duly Authorized

Bill Finch
Its Mayor, Duly Authorized

***03-12 Consent Calendar**

Partial Tax Abatement for Affordable Rental Housing at
810 Boston Avenue.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: January 7, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Fleeta C. Hudson

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on ECD and Environment begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***03-12 Consent Calendar**

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council Authorizing a Partial Tax Abatement For Affordable Rental Housing at 810 Boston Avenue

WHEREAS, Alpha Community Services ("ACS"), a branch of the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA, is a non-profit developer of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, ACS proposes to develop 24 units of affordable and supportive housing at 810 Boston Avenue; and

WHEREAS, 810 Boston Avenue is a very visible building which has been vacant for over five years; and

WHEREAS, ACS has secured financing from the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund to construct this \$2.3 million project; and

WHEREAS, the financial structure of this affordable housing development requires a reduction in City taxes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.28.050 (4) of the Bridgeport Municipal Code enables the City to provide tax abatements for property located in an Urban Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, 810 Boston Avenue is in the City's Urban Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest to encourage the development of affordable housing for its citizenry and to facilitate the renovation of a vacant building along a major city avenue; Now, therefore be it



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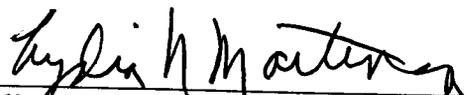
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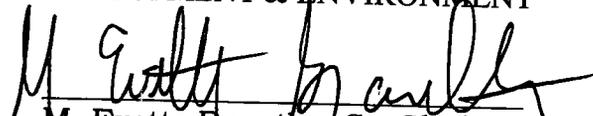
RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development is authorized to negotiate and execute a tax abatement agreement that will fix the real estate taxes at 810 Boston Avenue for the first ten years after the issuance of a Certification of Occupancy as follows:

Year 1-6: \$ 8,000 annually
Year 7-10 \$ 25,000 annually

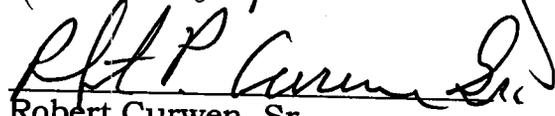
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development, the Tax Assessor, and the Tax Collector, are each authorized to negotiate and execute such agreements and take such other necessary or desirable actions in furtherance of the Project and consistent with this resolution as they may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

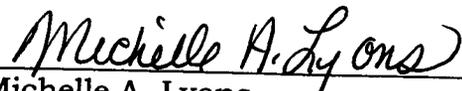
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT


Lydia N. Martinez Co-Chair


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Warren Blunt


Robert Curwen, Sr.


Michelle A. Lyons

Martin McCarthy


Jack O. Banta

***04-12 Consent Calendar**

Partial Tax Abatement for Mixed Use Development at
930 Main Street and 114 State Street (The Former
Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building).

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: January 7, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: *Fleeta S. Hudson*
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on ECD and Environment begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***04-12 Consent Calendar**

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council Authorizing a Partial Tax Abatement for Mixed Use Development At 930 Main Street and 114 State Street (The Former Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building)

WHEREAS, Forstone Mechanics LLC (the "Developer") is the owner of 930 Main Street and 114 State Street, a complex commonly known as the Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building; and

WHEREAS, this building was formerly owned by the City of Bridgeport, and was vacant and producing no tax revenue for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Developer proposes to invest \$18 million in the historic renovation of this 60,000 square foot complex so as to create a mixed-use facility (the "Project") to house 30 residential units as well as the offices of the Fletcher Thompson Architectural Firm; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has secured financing from various sources, including the State Department of Economic and Community Development, Federal and State Historic Tax Credit Equity, as well as private bank loan and private equity to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the financial structure of the Project requires a reduction in City Taxes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.20 of the Bridgeport Municipal Code ("Tax Incentive Development Program") enables the City to provide real estate tax abatements to encourage the redevelopment of property within the City; and



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WHEREAS, the Project meets the eligibility criteria of the City's Tax Incentive Development Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest to encourage the redevelopment of this historic building so as to create new housing and so as to attract new employment downtown; Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development is authorized to negotiate and execute a tax abatement agreement that will fix the real estate taxes at 930 Main Street and 114 State Street for the first ten years after the issuance of a Certification of Occupancy as follows:

Year 1:	\$ 85,614
Year 2:	\$ 88,182
Year 3:	\$ 90,828
Year 4:	\$ 93,553
Year 5:	\$ 96,359
Year 6:	\$ 99,250
Year 7:	\$102,228
Year 8:	\$105,294
Year 9:	\$108,453
Year 10:	<u>\$111,707</u>
	\$981,469

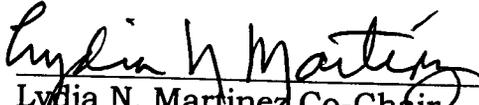
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development, the Tax Assessor, and the Tax Collector, are each authorized to negotiate and execute such other agreements and take such other necessary or desirable actions in furtherance of the Project and consistent with this resolution as they may deem to be in the best interests of the City.

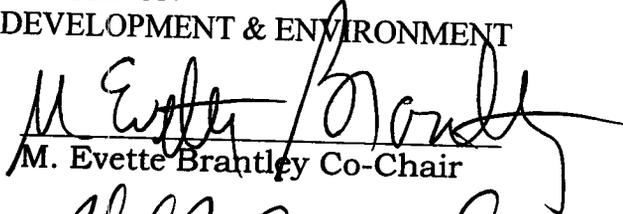


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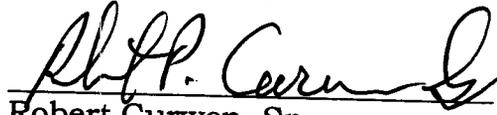
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***157-11 Consent Calendar**

Settlement of Pending Litigation with Teresa Lisi.

**Report
of
Committee
on
Miscellaneous Matters**

Submitted: January 7, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: *Fletcher Hudson*
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Matters begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***157-11 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, a lawsuit in the following name was filed against the City of Bridgeport and/or its employees and investigation disclosed the likelihood on the part of the City for which, in the event of suit and trial, the City might be held liable, and

WHEREAS, negotiations with the Plaintiff's attorney has made it possible to settle this suit for the figure set forth below, and the City Attorney, therefore, recommends the following settlement be accepted, Now, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Comptroller be, and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to draw his order on the City Treasurer payable as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ATTORNEY</u>	<u>NATURE of CLAIM</u>	<u>SETTLEMENT</u>
Teresa Lisi	Dennis Laccavole, Esquire	Slip & Fall	\$23,750.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount set forth as above are paid to the Plaintiff's attorney in full payment, settlement, release and discharge of all rights and cause of action described in the suit instituted by the above mentioned Plaintiff against the City and known as docket numbers in the courts set forth; provided, however, that the City's draft shall not be delivered to the Plaintiff's attorneys until the City Attorney has been furnished with a full release and discharge in writing in each case, approved by the City Attorney or Deputy City Attorney.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

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***02-12 Consent Calendar**

Appointment of Robin Shepard (D) to the Zoning Board
of Appeals Commission.

**Report
of
Committee
on
Miscellaneous Matters**

Submitted: January 7, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Fleeta C. Hudson

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **Miscellaneous Matters** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***02-12 Consent Calendar**

RESOLVED, That the following named individual be, and hereby is, Appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission in the City of Bridgeport and that said appointment, be and hereby is, approved, ratified and confirmed.

NAME

TERM EXPIRES

Robin Shepard (D)
145 Cloverhill Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

December 31, 2015

*This will replace the seat held by Kimberly Norman-Rosedam.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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