

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Stafstrom, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Olson Brantley, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Ayala, Martinez, Marella, Paoletto, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, Holloway

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:37 pm.

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

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

Please go to [www. SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport](http://www.SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport) to view or listen to the detailed comments that the speakers below addressed to the City Council on November 4, 2013.

❖ *Statements were submitted to the city clerk's office.*

NAME	SUBJECT
Ethan Book 144 Coleman Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	The Fall of Rome and several correction factors.
John Marshall Lee 30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605	The City Council's To-Do List.

The public speaking session ended at 6:48 pm.

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7:00 PM

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Bridgeport, Connecticut

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Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Prayer - Council member Olson offered the prayer.

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

Moment of Silence - There was a moment of silence for the sister of Roseanne Austin and Dave Farrell.

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

Mayor Finch stated that there were multiple clean ups in the city recently known as the *Park City Sweep* and 1,000 plus people participated. He acknowledged Council member Lyons, State Representative Groggins and others who helped at the various parks. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

Personal Privilege – Council member Paoletto introduced Boy Scout Nielsen who was visiting the council meeting tonight. He expressed that he would be mentoring him through receiving his merit badges. He further expressed that it was nice to have young people in the community that want to learn more about city government.

He further thanked Mayor Finch for helping to coordinate and support the city wide clean up and supporting and urging boy scouts to give back to the City. Mayor Finch said that he hoped to recruit more boy scouts to get involved.

Council member Lyons thanked Mayor Finch for his work in the city wide clean up. She also thanked the city departments, the boy scouts and Sacred Heart University students for their help. Overall, she said everyone did a wonderful job.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

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

There were none heard.

The city clerk read the consent calendar items into the record.

***133-12** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #2231 located in front of 72 Orland Street.

***137-12** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program.

***138-12** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management: Youth Services Prevention Grant Program.

***162-12** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #1029 located near 55 Hillcrest Road.

***163-12** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #6363 located near 1257 Kossuth Street.

- *177-12** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) re: Right Response CT Network Program.

- *119-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Disposition of City-Owned Properties to the Housing Authority (HACB).

- *120-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Disposition and Redevelopment of City-Owned Property located at 18-20 Island Brook Avenue.

- *135-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Disposition of Property located at "The Davidson Block" in Downtown North and Authorizing a Tax Incentive Agreement in support of the Block's Historic Renovation and Redevelopment as a Mixed-Use Residential, Retail and Commercial Complex.

- *170-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Disposition of City-Owned Properties re: Downtown North Redevelopment Area for the development of a Commercial Office Complex.

- *158-12** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments.

- *180-12** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Antonia Dieujuste.

- *181-12** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Maria Diaz.

- *183-12** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Eric L. Johnson, Sr. (D) to the Fair Housing Commission.

ADDENDUM

ADDED:

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***169-12** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Disposition of City-Owned Properties in the East End for the Development of an Urban Agriculture Center.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUINCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

176-12 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Justice – FY 2013 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

178-12 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Justice – FY 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED**

Council member Lyons stated that the grant money has to be used for a specific purpose. She clarified that the grant recognizes the fact that the firing range will be constructed at a designated location to be determined. However, it doesn't state that the city council agrees where the memorial will be, just that the committee will ensure that the safety and health concerns of the community will be met wherever the facility is located.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

159-12 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Kelly Smith.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch returned to item **176-12**

Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Justice – FY 2013 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant Program.

Council member Lyons commented that after the item passed, it was pointed out that the department awarded funding for ten (10) resource school officers on a full time basis. She emphasized that these officers are sorely needed in the schools. She relayed a past personal situation regarding her grandson's school that was on lockdown at the school he attends. She requested that Police Chief Gaudet address the city council to give a brief explanation about the item regarding the a) full cost share waiver and b) the officers that will be in place for three years.

Police Chief Gaudet stated that they sought funding for a 75%-25% split. He explained that the government will fund the resource officers for the first three years. And after three years, he stated that it's the department's intent to maintain those officers if the budget allows.

New business:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADD ITEM 146-12
Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances,
Chapter 3.20 Tax Incentive Development Program, amend Section
3.20.060C Miscellaneous Provisions**

He stated that the item passed unanimously in committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADD ITEM 147-12
Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances,
amend Chapter 3.24 Affordable Housing Development Program**

He stated that the item passed unanimously in committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 136-12(A) and (B)
Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add
new Chapter 8.98 Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. [136-12 (A)]**

He stated that the item passed unanimously in committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 161-12 Discontinuance of Streets on the Steel Point Peninsula including: California Street, Pierpont Street, Maiden Lane, Pembroke Street (South of Ann Street), East Main Street (South of Stratford Avenue) and Hough Avenue.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Personal Privilege – Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the Jewish Home for the Elderly will change its name to Jewish Senior Services – *she noted that the services will include elder abuse care.*

she also mentioned: Bridgeport Beardsley Zoo was voted #1 for entertainment for children in Connecticut. They also received an award for helping children in the city.

Council President McCarthy expressed good luck on the elections Tuesday. He mentioned the council members that would be leaving the city council and he thanked them all for the great great work they have done during their time serving on the city council. He relayed that he realized all the effort and stress that is required to serve on the city council – *he noted the following council members that would be leaving the city council:*

Council members: Brantley, Olson, Blunt, Ayala, Baker, dePara, Silva.

The Mayor, the remaining city council members and the audience extended a round of applause to the council members that are leaving. Council President McCarthy thanked everyone for their service.

- Council member Brantley thanked Council President McCarthy to express her pleasure in serving with him on the city council. She stated that she hoped the new council members will realize the task of serving on the city council is difficult. She urged them to take care of the seniors and the school district and she commented that the job shouldn't be taken for granted. She further mentioned that this will be a good two year break for her and she expected to return.
- Council member dePara expressed that he was honored and humbled that he had the opportunity to represent his district. He thanked everyone that served with him on the city council, noting that he was extremely proud that he had support

representing his district needs. He expressed that although he will continue to serve the community in another capacity, he will continue to be there to extend any help he can.

- Council member Olson stated that he enjoyed the city council's company during the time he served. He recalled his years in the education system were a challenge, to make the comparison of having served on the city council. He graciously apologized to the other council members if he ever said anything that hurt them. He went on to say that he believed Bridgeport is on the cusp of good things and he good naturedly joked that he thought Council President McCarthy should run the city council meetings instead of the Mayor.
- Council member Silva thanked everyone for their support through the years and entrusting him and Council member dePara to serve their district. As far as economic development, he said he felt the city is headed in the right direction. He expressed his appreciation for all the council members that served with him and what it means to serve the community. He thanked the Mayor for the wisdom he bestowed on him through the years that he served. He agreed with Council member Brantley that it won't be an easy task for the new council members coming forward. And he further expressed his belief in the city and the hope that it will prosper.
- Council member dePara thanked Council member Silva for the ten wonderful years working with him to serve the community.

Council member Olson expressed that he was blessed to have known and worked with Council member Brantley.

Council member Brantley commented that it's not just about serving on the city council, but that it's more about serving the district and the community.

Mayor Finch expressed that he was inspired by former President John Kennedy in his era, just as the young kids today will be inspired by their president. He said he thought it was time to reflect on the good and effective things that local government is accomplishing; regardless of whether we agree or not. He said he felt that everyone that serves or has served on the city council should be appreciated and he was personally proud of all of them. He mentioned the new projects that have come to fruition; such as the new senior center, new parks, new schools, the airport issue resolved, the opening up of Pleasure Beach and other development projects that are planned. He thanked everyone for their support!

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: October 7, 2013

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT OLSON MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services