

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Susan Brannelly, Enrique Torres
131st District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: Robert Halstead, Patricia Swain
133rd District: Howard Austin, Thomas McCarthy
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Michelle Lyons
135th District: Rev. McBride-Lee
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A quorum was present. Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Castillo was not present due to family obligations.

Council President McCarthy said that there were five people who signed up in advance to address the Council and that there were six slots allocated for speakers. He said that after the last person who signed up in advance had spoken, any remaining slots would be given to those who had signed up at the podium.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Joyce C. Ramirez
161 Boston Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610

One Year Anniversary of AFC/Doctors
Express Urgent Care.

Ms. Ramirez came forward and said that she was born and raised in Bridgeport. She now has a Master's degree and decided to come home to Bridgeport. There have been major changes in the City and it is getting better every day. She then briefly spoke about AFC Urgent Care and how

this is helping the residents of Bridgeport by supporting sports teams and other outreaches to the community.

Larry Robinson, Sr.
566 Wood Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Consideration to change the number of
Disability Commissioners from twelve to
ten.

Mr. Robinson came forward to speak about the potential change of Diversity Commissioners. He thanked the Council for creating the Disability Commission. He then gave the number of disabled Bridgeport residents. He said that Council President McCarthy had been in support of the creation of this committee. Disabled residents now have access to many services they did not have before.

Secondly, Mr. Robinson said that getting seven of twelve Commissioners together for a quorum has been very difficult and was requesting that the Commissioners be reduced to 10.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City finances.

Mr. Lee requested that Ms. Dacey be allowed to take his place because she needed to go to another meeting. Council President McCarthy said that this would be fine.

Beverlee Dacey
989 Hancock Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Relocation of Amodex Products to 1354
State Street.

Ms. Dacey came forward to speak about her family's company, Amodex Products, who were just moving into a new location. She said that the company had been in the City for many, many years. The family run business is very committed to Bridgeport. She said that her family received a grant from the State to purchase the building and said that her family was committed to hiring local residents for the jobs that the company will be adding. Amodex believes in re-investment in the Community. She said that she would like to thank the OPED, and in particular, Mr. Perez, who provided her with invaluable help. She displayed a sample of their cleaning product and expressed her thanks again.

Council Member Richard Salter joined the meeting.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City finances.

Mr. Lee made the following statement for the record:

CITY COUNCIL- Financial Questions

Council President McCarthy, City Clerk Hudson, elected Council members and voters and taxpayers present or viewing so as to be informed....

Tomorrow the Mayor is likely to share his State of the City address with the Regional Business Council. I expect that it may confirm with flowery words the taxpayer funded public relations message that the City is getting better every day. And while I will accept the notion that life in the City these past few weeks has improved as temperatures have steadily increased, I believe it is because the snow is melting, the roads are washed with rain rather than frozen varieties, and folks appear wearing T-shirts and shorts. This is what happens when the facts are verifiable with a thermometer and when they are regularly reported in similar simple fashion.

We have had a long winter, we have gotten ready to put away snow shovels, but the thermometer is available to know the temperature. Relative to financial details in the City of Bridgeport, where is the simple source of such data to confirm a feeling or set of anecdotes?

- Is the monthly financial report an example of timely, simple reporting? I have told you NO because of the fact that it is too long, containing sections unnecessary to your monthly reviews like the BOE. It also contains a very detailed delivery of Police, Fire and Emergency operations unnecessary to your broad mission. Why is the 20 page, GREEN alternative I have suggested to you not a viable alternative? Have you discussed it? Shown it to Finance? The Charter provides you power to get the information you desire.
- How about the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2014? Have you read it yet? I have previously told you that there are at least 20 material errors in the document. Does that not concern you? Does it indicate proofreading by the Finance Department? Does it mean that the external audit firm is partially responsible for the errors? What would they say? Have you studied this in any committee? Do you realize that Blum Shapiro performs two single audits of State and Federal revenues totaling \$344 Million in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 and those 60 pages of review are not sent to you for review, nor are they available on the Finance Department site? Why not when they are intended to raise issues of the City's internal controls in complying with State and Federal guidelines? And in most recent years they have raised issues where the auditor has revealed Material Weakness and/or Significant Deficiencies in their actions. Do you know that? More importantly, should you know that? Has leadership informed you?
- There is a new entity in the City: Steel Point Infrastructure Improvement District. It's not really new in the sense that activity towards this District has been developing for a number of years. However, the only property owner in that District of some 69 acres was the City. The Mayor appointed Adam Wood to represent the City interest. Now that there are two property owners, as of December and the developer is paying some taxes, aren't you interested in following the data on this story? Where will the quarterly reports for this entity be kept? Will you participate or attend meetings for your own information? Will OPED update a chart they provide in a packet of info on Steel Point showing property acquisition from 1997-2000 but no valuations since then? Steel Point will be valuable to the City for many reasons, but shouldn't you be tracking the development of funds as called for in their documents? If you don't do this, how will you tell that summer is coming?

That's a start. If you continue to practically ignore my observations on fiscal data and responsibility, what will you say to your taxpayers when you ask for their vote in the fall? Will you blame someone else? When you look at the budget with positive variances in employment

budgets will you remember “ghost expenses” and benefits? How will you understand and explain the atrophy of employees in public safety that did not happen overnight, but rather during a several year period where overtime budgets were over expended by millions each year? When voters raise questions, what will you say? Aren’t you responsible for protecting the values of voters in their homes, and the dollars in their wallets? Time will tell. -- John Marshall Lee

Clyde Nicholson
54 Wallace Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Taxes.

Mr. Clyde Nicholson, came forward to speak about taxes. He said that he would like to ask about the tax burdens. The Bridgeport residents deserve a tax break and they have been taken out of the loop.

He said that he was involved with the District leaders and other City elected officials and officials from Hartford and another community. He said that he was proposing that the plans for the casino be set aside for an African American museum. Bridgeport has been a foundation throughout the years for the African American community from many different and amazing backgrounds. The African American community deserves to have financial support for the African American Museum.

Mr. Nicholson said that while the residents pay taxes, they have no say about what happens in Bridgeport. He claimed that there had been property taken under false pretenses. The residents are paying the taxes and keep paying taxes but are ignored. If the Council does not support the African American Museum he would be filing a lawsuit against the City. He then said that this was the most important thing.

Council President McCarthy said that Mr. Nicholson was the last speaker that had signed up in advance. He then called Mr. Frank Borres forward to address the Council.

Mr. Borres came forward and said that he had never spoken before the Council before. He listed the various offices that he has held including the West Side NRZ. He said that he was offended that House Bill 75-52 was being presented. He said that a former official who lives in a suburban town wanted to come back to represent Bridgeport and that it is a privilege to serve the Bridgeport residents. As the president of the NRZ, the NRZ works hard to promote their neighborhood along with the Chamber of Commerce to make positive changes for the City. Having this former official represent Bridgeport would not be a positive move for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2015

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015
7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Finch then requested Council Member Eneida Martinez to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Finch then requested Council Member Lyons to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

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138th District: Michael Marella, Melanie Jackson
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Moment of Recognition by Mayor Finch: Citizens Advisory Council.

The Mayor then requested the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. This is probably a multi-year commitment to the Advisory Council regarding the use of the Bridgeport Harbor. He

then requested the following people to stand for acknowledgement: Council Members Michael Marella, Council Member Howard Austin, Atty. Stephen Mednick, Chris Phelps, Kathleen Simpson, Bill Malone, Elizabeth Torres, Eduardo Rivera, Rev. Paul McCluster, Council Member Denese Taylor-Moye, Council Member Jack Banta, Sharon Lewis, Mr. Augustus, George Estrada representing Jack Hennessey, and Andre Johnson.

Mayoral Proclamation: Recognizing the Bridgeport Chargers Cheerleaders for winning the “2014” American Youth Cheer National Championships.

City Council Citation: Recognizing the Bridgeport Chargers Cheerleaders for winning the “2014” American Youth Cheer National Championships.

Mayor Finch announced that the members of the Bridgeport Charger Cheerleading Squad had received national recognition. Council President McCarthy said that the cheerleading squad members were National Champions. He then called the various members of the squad forward to receive certificates of recognition from the Council and the Mayor. One of the coaches then said that the girls were not only top athletes, but were also top scholars in their classes. She added that she appreciated the staff and all the hard work that the girls put in.

Council Member Holloway left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Finch announced a recess at 7:29 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: February 17, 2015.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

64-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH ELISA COLON, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

65-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH CARMELO TAVERAS-JAVIER, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

66-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, 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, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

67-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH NICHOLAS COUSINS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

69-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DIAL-A-RIDE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY & DISABLED (#16408), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

70-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR HEALTHY START GRANT PROGRAM (#15267), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 68-14 FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 68-14 FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

68-14 Communication from Mayor re: Proposed Honorary Designation of Whiting Street as “Lewis Latimer Way” FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 68-14 - COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED HONORARY DESIGNATION OF WHITING STREET AS “LEWIS LATIMER WAY”.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

Council Member Banta said that Mr. Latimer played an important role in the development of the light bulb. The Mayor spoke briefly about Lewis Latimer, who was on Edison's development team for the light bulb and apparently came up with the idea of the carbon filament. He mentioned that there had been a Juneteenth gathering on April 2nd about Mr. Latimer at the Margaret Morton Government Center. He said that the City was hoping to get the miniature model of Mr. Latimer that will be place at Park and North.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, TORRES, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, HALSTEAD, SWAIN, MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, L. MARTINEZ, FELICIANO, MARELLA, JACKSON AND E. MARTINEZ) AND ONE OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. When there was no response, he asked a second time. Hearing no response, the sixteen items on the Consent Calendar were put forward for consideration.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***27-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR A FY 2015 BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 141 STRATFORD AVENUE (#15374).**

***28-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR A FY 2015 BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 173 STRATFORD AVENUE (#15407).**

***29-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR WAYNE STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (#4P764).**

***31-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA) FOR OUR TOWN GRANT PROGRAM (#16285).**

***33-14(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR APRIL 20, 2015: DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, BY SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.**

***34-14(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR APRIL 20, 2015: DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 157 WILLIAM STREET.**

***39-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: IBM SMARTER CITIES CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM (#16207).**

***41-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FY 2015 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR STATEWIDE GIS ORTHO-IMAGERY FLIGHT.**

***42-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FY 2015 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC WORKS TRACKING PLATFORM.**

***50-14 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 560 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE, UNIT #9.**

***37-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF VELMA LOVELACE (D) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

***44-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING TAX FOR THE GRAND LIST OF 2013.**

***58-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH JOANN MEEKINS.**

***59-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH MADELINE KING (DEPENDENT SPOUSE OF EARL KING, DESCENDENT).**

***185-13 (A) ORDINANCE AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 8.99 RESERVOIR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE.**

***185-13 (B) ORDINANCE AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING RESERVOIR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

52-14 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Agreement for Property Located at 115 Washington Avenue “Washington Heights Senior Apartments”.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Halstead said that there would be a 2/3rd reduction in taxes and this was wrong.

Council Member Torres said that he would be voting against this. He said that he would like to have the Council Members have information about what the various terms mean and how they affect the other tax payers. The description is "Affordable Housing" but there are no number attached.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that this item was presented to ECDCE and at that time, more details about the costs were presented. She said that she had frequently visited Washington Village and there had been a number of improvements made by the management in the facility to protect the residents.

Council President McCarthy said that he supported what Council Member Taylor-Moye said. The Committee members asked many questions about the senior complex and noted that the incomes for that complex were incredibly low. He said that it was the job of the Council to make sure the seniors can remain in the community. Mayor Finch asked how many Council Members had visited the site. He said that it was a wonderful place and he was continually amazed how the seniors manage on such low incomes.

Council Member Lyons said that she had attended the meeting and did not have any problems with the seniors living on their income, but would be voting no due to the length of the tax deferment.

Council Member Halstead repeated that he did not think the residents deserved 2/3rd reduction when there were other seniors who didn't get the same break.

Council Member L. Martinez said that this complex was a safe haven for the senior residents. It is important to remember that the Council Member may someday need these types of facilities.

Council Member Torres said that if someone does not attend the committee, they don't get the information. He added that the majority of the seniors live in single family homes and apartments and not in the subsidized housing. It will be important to stop shifting the burdens from one group to another since Bridgeport has a large low income population.

Mayor Finch replied that the ownership of the building was completely different than another facility and gave some of the details.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she would normally be against tax incentive, but as far as senior homes were concerned, she was happy to know that someone in Bridgeport, particularly, the seniors, were getting a tax break. They have paid their dues for years and they should get the tax break.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that this was brought up at one of the meetings. She said that when she sees an important issue, she contacts the chair to get the information. Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she was standing by her previous statements. As an older member of the community, she said that she would like to live in a place where there was a tax break. There are not only seniors there, but also people who are disabled.

Council Member Halstead said that he had started a community garden about 15 years ago and that the corporations that manages the building are a good managers.

Council Member Swain said that she had attended the meeting and the representative gave an excellent presentation. She said that generally, she was not in favor of the long term tax breaks, but that each application has to be considered on a case by case basis.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, SWAIN, MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, L. MARTINEZ, FELICIANO, MARELLA, JACKSON AND E. MARTINEZ) AND THREE OPPOSED (TORRES, HALSTEAD AND LYONS).**

45-14 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Hadassah Nightingale.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 45-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH HADASSAH NIGHTINGALE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

60-14 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Kelly A. Perez (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 60-14 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF KELLY A. PEREZ (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, TORRES, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, SWAIN, MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, L. MARTINEZ, FELICIANO, MARELLA, JACKSON AND E. MARTINEZ) AND ONE OPPOSED (HALSTEAD).**

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Council President McCarthy announced the appointment of Melanie Jackson to the Ordinance Committee.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Finch said that by the Charter he was duty bound to submit his budget to the Council. Individual copies of the budget will be available for the Council Members on April 7, 2014 in the City Clerk's Office. He added that there were no tax increases or lay offs in his proposed budget.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TO AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER THE MAYOR'S BUDGET TO THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #71-14)**

Council Member Brannelly then gave a brief overview of the upcoming Budget and Appropriation Committee schedule and the topics. She said that there would be three public hearings scheduled and mentioned the various topics that would be discussed.

Mayor Finch stated that April 6, 2015 was the 150th anniversary of P.T. Barnum's election as the Mayor of Bridgeport.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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