

**CITY of BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, *Colon, *Taylor-Moye, Olson, *Brantley, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Ayala, *Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, *Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia

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

Roll Call – 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, JUNE 4, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

George Mintz, Chairman
86 Ridgebrook Drive
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Juneteenth African-American/
Caribbean Parade.

Mr. Mintz spoke as the representative for the Juneteenth celebration. He relayed that Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in America and he felt that all Americans should celebrate. He said the celebration has had an impact on the community to celebrate the abolishment of slavery. He explained that Juneteenth partners with the City of Bridgeport and they invite Greenwich, Stratford and Danbury to come out and celebrate. He invited everyone in Bridgeport to come out and support the vendors.

He asked the city council if they would consider participating in the Juneteenth parade. And he requested financial support for the celebration, noting that there has been an increase in participation; therefore and increase in expenses. He asked them to consider ways that they may be able to help financially. He thanked the council for their support.

He announced that the parade would be held from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm and it will begin on Broad Street.

The following speakers signed up prior to the public speaking session:

Lenora Broomfield spoke about Bridgeport and the surrounding areas. She stressed that many people in the area are short on cash and unable to pay their bills. She mentioned that her vehicle had been towed and when it was delivered; it wasn't properly towed and it caused damage to the vehicle. She said this resulted in her having to rent a car that was costly. She stressed that she pays taxes and she asked where should could go for help.

Council President McCarthy replied that if she had a claim for the city, she needed to go to the city clerk's office; Room 204 to file a claim.

Jeanette Garris thanked the council for allowing her to speak. She spoke about homeowner's receiving a tax incentive. She said she would like the council to consider extending the incentive for another year, noting that the request is to help maintain the integrity of a property and homes.

Council President McCarthy relayed that the head of the condominium association where she resides needs to send a letter to the Office of Planning and Economic Development to request the extension.

Clyde Nicholson mentioned the (350) unsolved murders that have occurred in Bridgeport, not counting those that have been wounded. He stated that police hours aren't on the street, noting that the chief of police of chief swore to uphold the law and protect; yet he was out there protesting about the crime in Bridgeport. He further mentioned an incident where a young man was shot at and he was picked up by the police for questioning.

He offered a new idea that could be done in conjunction with the post office called (TIPS). The program will allow mail to be directly mailed to the police department with information concerning crimes without the fear of being called a snitch. He said he felt it would be effective for soliciting information. He coined the term that *"If you see something, say nothing"*! He repeated that his suggestion may work to submit TIPS.

Crystal Mack stated that the school year was coming to an end. She felt it was a travesty that there are no jobs and people are losing jobs. She said there won't be any summer jobs and there should be summer camps for children. She also mentioned that the food in schools is terrible and not nutritious. She stressed that conditions are terrible at some of the schools and they need to give children an opportunity, because they aren't being educated properly. She emphasized that they needed to care more about children, noting that everyone deserves a fair chance. She further noted that the behavior of some of the teachers was questionable.

Amos Brown mentioned the (350) unsolved murders in Bridgeport. He expressed that that equates to (350) mothers and fathers. He stressed that the city needs to do a lot more than talk to address the problem.

John Marshall Lee spoke about the administration being accountable and transparent as it pertains to the submittal of the quarterly report. He mentioned the charter revision changes and he urged that the council read the material. He questioned if some of the wording had been revised. He specified again that a report outlining June expenses hasn't been submitted and he added that some of the budgeted items haven't been accounted for.

The public hearing session closed at 7:05 pm.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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7:00 PM

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Bridgeport, Connecticut

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Prayer - the prayer was offered by Father Cimino, St. Joseph High School

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by Sergeant Rodriguez

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

Announcements:

Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members were absent; Council member Vizzo-Paniccia had a back problem and Council member Austin had a family matter.

City Council Citation: In Recognition of Edward DeSousa and Michael Rodriguez for their Contributions to Excellence in Education at Bullard Havens Technical High School.

Mayor Finch relayed that everyone present was welcomed. He stated that he views Bullard Havens as a Bridgeport High School although it's a state run high school. He commented about the importance of the training they offer at Bullard Havens and he said he was very proud of the job that they do.

Council President McCarthy said this was his favorite part of the meeting to celebrate and recognize good people in the community such as Mr. DeSousa and Mr. Rodriguez – *to a round of applause*. He said the council

likes to stress the positive and these two people are an amazing example of helping to create a better life for the students by teaching them a trade and building them up. He thanked the recipients on behalf of the city council and the City of Bridgeport.

Mayor Finch expressed his thanks for the training of the city hall janitorial staff person that he said does a fine job.

Council member Paoletto acknowledged all those that are involved with the training at Bullard Havens. He recalled that Mr. Sousa was a former mentor to him. And he expressed that it was truly nice to recognize the accomplishments of the recipients – *he read the citation.*

It was further commented that the recipients do a lot in the community, especially for the youth programs.

Mr. Sousa thanked everyone for the citation. He expressed that their mission of the school is to improve upon what each student accomplishes in life.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the city council and the city for the recognition. He further thanked his family for their support.

Council President McCarthy called for a caucus at 7:20 pm.

The caucus ended at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Finch reconvened the meeting at 7:39 pm.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: (Special Meeting) May 1, 2012;

May 7, 2012.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 91-11** Communication from OPM re: Budget Transfer to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for Civil Service From: Salary Account 01070000-51000 (\$21,000) To: Management Services Account 01070000-56165 (\$21,000), referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 92-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: 2012-2013 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant for Bridgeport Health and Nutrition Education Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 93-11** Communication from Public Facilities re: Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Milone & Macbroom, Inc. for Architectural and Engineering Services related to South Avenue and Iranistan Avenue Streetscape Gateway Development, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 94-11** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposal to Exchange Certain Properties with Kuchma Corporation located at; 263 Golden Hill Street, 285 Golden Hill Street, 307 Golden Hill Street and 1208 Broad Street, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 95-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State of CT DECD – City Canvas Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 96-11** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State Department of Social Services for 2012-2013 Retired Senior Volunteer Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 97-11** Communication from Charter Revision Commission re: Proposed Charter Revision Report, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

90-11 Communication from Mayor re: Setting of the Mill Rate for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

*Mayor Finch commented that the mill rate was set at 41.11

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

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

Council member Paoletto made a request to remove item *22-11 and *68-11.

Council member Olson made a request to remove item *51-11.

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

***22-11** Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.06 Common Council, amend Section 2.06.040 Reimbursement of Council Member's Expenses. - *removed*

***51-11** Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.32 Historic Districts, amend to add new Section 12.32.070 Civkin Historic District. - *removed*

- *68-11 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 5.12 Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists. - *removed*

- *89-11 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13.04 Utilities, amend Section 13.04.040 Board of Directors.

- *80-11 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: 2012-2014 Ryan White Program Services.

- *81-11 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: 2012 Neighborhood Assistance Act.

- *85-11(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Fixing of the Assessment on Personal Property 400 Megawatt UTC Fuel Cell Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard. (Request for Public Hearing)

** **COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**
 ** **COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**
 ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch returned to the items that were removed from the consent calendar:

- *22-11 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.06 Common Council, amend Section 2.06.040 Reimbursement of Council Member's Expenses.

- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETURNING THE ITEM TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**
- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- *68-11 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 5.12 Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETURNING THE ITEM TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***51-11** Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.32 Historic Districts, amend to add new Section 12.32.070 Civkin Historic District. - *removed*

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO AMEND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS IT PERTAINS TO THE NAMES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:**

Exhibit A

***Amended off the floor on June 4, 2012 to add the following language:**

The membership of the Civkin Historic District Study Committee shall be comprised of the following:

Full members:

Stuart Sachs, Acting Chairman HDC
Guy Horvath
Gail Stephen
Susan Richter
Roger Wilmont Weldon

Alternates:

Kim Eaton
Patrick M. Dower
Calvin Burwell

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED**

Mayor Finch stated that Mr. Halsted has worked hard on this matter. He noted that the home has historical importance. He expressed that it was especially important to him because Estelle Lachance conducted his adoption at four months old. He further mentioned that Ms. Lachance has conducted over 1,000 adoptions through the years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM *51-11 AS AMENDED**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

Council member Brantley shared that Estelle Lachance was well known and well respected in the social services field. She said she was aware of all the good work she had done with adoptions. She noted that June is designated as foster care and adoption month.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch commented good work!

New business:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO REFER RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE NUTRITIONAL CENTER – PY2012**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM # 98-11)**

- Council member Lyons thanked everyone for being there for her during the time of her sister's death and for everyone's support during the trying time. She expressed that it was truly appreciated by her and her family!
- Council member Brantley announced that Council member Blunt received his Masters Degree in the public health field – *the city council gave a standing ovation to recognize Council member Blunt.*

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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