

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
6:30 PM**

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:33 pm.

He announced that a quorum wasn't required for the public speaking session. He commented that all the council members receive a copy of the session and the speakers that spoke.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

Amos Brown, Sr.  
758 Kossuth Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Government

Council President McCarthy called Amos Brown to come forward to address the city council (three times). It was stated that Amos Brown wasn't present.

Council President McCarthy announced that no other speakers signed up to speak.

The public speaking session closed at 6:35 pm.

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
7:00 PM**

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

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

ABSENT: Council members: M. McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Curwen

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Prayer - the prayer was offered by Council member Olson.

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Council member Blunt.

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

**Announcements:**

Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members weren't present:

Council member M. McCarthy – had a family issue.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia had a medical issue.

Council member Austin had a medical issue.

Mayor Finch expressed his appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers that were extended to the city during the hurricane. He recalled that they got through a second storm within twelve months without the loss of life. He relayed that when others want to look down on Bridgeport, he said they should be reminded that we have a track record of life and public safety. He thanked Council member Taylor-Moye for the strength and compassion she showed towards people in her district during the storm.

Council member Taylor-Moye expressed that it was tough for everyone getting through the storm. She thanked Mayor Finch, Council member dePara and others that helped out and

provided sleeping cots, meals and other assistance. She sincerely expressed that she was happy to be a resident in the city and happy to see how everyone came together.

Council member Baker stated that he was pleased that there weren't any casualties or major injuries. He further expressed that the Red Cross did an excellent job and they were very efficient and well organized. However, he said he was a little concerned about the notice that was given for closing the shelters too early. He suggested that if there is ever another situation like this in the future, earlier notice should be given.

Council member Lyons thanked Mayor Finch for working and pressing United Illuminating to make sure that the city was in good hands. And also for helping the senior citizens that were stuck on the second floor and third floor building at Jewett Avenue. She further relayed that she was glad the schools were now functioning more than any other surrounding town.

Council member Brantley gave kudos to Charles Carroll and Steve Lladen for removing the trees and ensuring that United Illuminating responded to the hazardous conditions quickly, especially at the homes where there were children. She also thanked Mayor Finch for all the assistance he extended.

Mayor Finch mentioned the alleged criticism that he expressed toward United Illuminating. He clarified that he never criticized the line workers. He emphasized that he didn't believe any of the workers were mistreated and when he heard that eggs were being thrown at them, he immediately contact Police Chief Gaudet to find out what was going on. But he never once said anything out of line about the line workers. He further stated that all the line workers that were contacted, told the police that nothing happened.

He went on to say that it was important to dispel the myth that the residents of the city don't know how to act during a crisis. He reiterated that nothing happened, however; if it's found out that something did occur; those person(s) will be dealt with.

Mayor Finch thanked Governor Malloy who was crucial in lending assistance to the City of Bridgeport. He expressed that it was important to always address the poor, needy and the frail first. He also thanked President Obama and he shared that he was allowed to ask the president a question and in return, President Obama asked how Bridgeport was doing. Mayor Finch said he asked President Obama how we change it so that the poor, frail and elderly get their lights back on first and President Obama agreed that those persons should be taken care of first. He further noted that the president of FEMA has also been in contact with the city.

Council member Martinez thanked the city staff and she expressed that although many were scared, there were many who extended their help and resources during the storm. She expressed that when you have good people around helping out, it helps alleviate fear. She also thanked Mayor Finch for his help.

Mayor Finch added that the city staff helped pass out tens of thousands of meals.

Council President McCarthy thanked Charles Carroll and Scott Appleby for their assistance. And he thanked Elaine Ficarra who he said was crucial in getting information out to the residents of the city.

He further commented that there were many unsung heroes in the city that will probably never be recognized. He asked for a round of applause for all of the council members. He thanked Mayor Finch and he stressed that if it wasn't for him, the power wouldn't have been restored to so many people as successfully.

He asked for a *Moment of Silence* for those in other towns and states that have faced major devastation due to the storm.

Council member McCarthy called for a caucus at 7:31 pm.  
The caucus ended at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Finch reconvened the meeting at 7:46 pm.

#### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

Approval of City Council Minutes: October 1, 2012

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBR PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**155-11** Communication from City Attorney re: Twenty day notice to Settle Litigation pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.10.130: Damien Csech, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**156-11** Communication from City Clerk re: Items Pending before City Council Committees pursuant to City Council Rules Ch. XIII (11), **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**157-11** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Teresa Lisi, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**158-11(A)** Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re: Proposed Integrated Prescription Drug Program Agreement with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. for the period of October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013, referred to Contracts Committee.

**158-11(B)** Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re: Medicare Part D EGWP Amendment with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2013, referred to Contracts Committee.

**159-11**

Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the 319 NPS Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**160-11**

Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution regarding the Extension of the Duration of Controls of the East Side NDP Area No. 1 Urban Renewal Plan, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**161-11**

Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution authorizing the establishment of an annual "PILOT" for real property located at 1336 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport Fuel Cell Park, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**162-11**

Communication from OPED re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15.08 Building Permits and Fees amend Section 15.08.010(A) Building permit and related fees, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**163-11**

Resolution presented by Council Members Olson and Brantley re: Signage Honoring Bishop T. Walter Plummer by including his name on the street sign at the intersection of Beechwood Avenue and Norman Street, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO AMEND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTING UPON THE ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO WAIVE SENDING THE ITEM TO COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE ITEM TONIGHT**

He commented that Bishop Plummer was being honored on November 17 and the vote tonight would make it possible to announce at the celebration.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION TO READ: THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN BEECHWOOD AVENUE AND IRANISTAN AVENUE *not* BEECHWOOD AVENUE AND NORMAN STREET**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBRE BRANTLEY 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.

Hearing none, the city clerk read the consent calendar items into the record.

**\*142-11(PHO)** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for November 19, 2012: re Disposition of City Owned Properties to Habitat for Humanity (Request for Public Hearing).

**\*148-11** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for 2012-2013 Per Capita Grant.

**\*149-11** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Request concerning the Modification of Development Agreement with M.O.V.E. Yacht Club in Connection with Relocating from Steel Point to Waterview Avenue.

- \*150-11** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Disposition of City Owned Property located at 2836 Fairfield Avenue – Black Rock Bank & Trust Building.
- \*151-11(Pho)** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for November 19, 2012: re Disposition of City Owned Property (Request for Public Hearing).
- \*154-11** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Approval of Consultant to Develop City's 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

- 152-11** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution to grant permission to Southwest Community Health Center Inc. and Baldwin Holdings, Inc. to construct two on-premises wall signs on the building at 46 Albion Street pursuant to City Ordinance 15.32.090.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

New business:

Council member Paoletto referenced Chapter 2.123 Bridgeport Food Policy Council ordinance. He stated that the item passed in committee, but the final language needed to be tweaked. He said as the co-sponsor of the resolution along with Council member Bonney, they wanted to review it further in committee.

Other business:

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member dePara stated that the item pertained to the Bridgeport Port Authority Resolution 314-91 Funding Agreement (2012) Amendment.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO REFER BRIDGEPORT PORT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 314-91 FUNDING AGREEMENT (2012) AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council President McCarthy commented that they had the audio consultants in to review the sound system in council chambers. He stated that they will have two speakers positioned in front of council chambers to allow for better acoustics. He urged everyone to observe the improvement and give feedback if they find the sound is better.

Council member Holloway stated that he thought the problem with the sound system was elsewhere, noting that many constituents have complained that they can't hear what is being said during the televised recordings. He said it was a possibility that the problem was with Soundview Media.

Mayor Finch thanked the husband and wife team of Soundview Media for videotaping and recording the meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services