

**CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011  
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, T. McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, dePara, M. Ayala, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Brantley, Walsh, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, Silva, Martinez, Curwen

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 pm.

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

*Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members were absent because of the following reason: Council member Lyons was recovering from surgery. Council member Blunt hurt his leg and was instructed by his doctor to stay off his feet.*

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

Cecil Young  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Status of sewage at P.T. Barnum  
Apartments, status of Attorney General's  
investigation and a website I will be setting up.

Mr. Young stated that he asked Council member A. Ayala to check into the raw sewage problem at P.T. Barnum.

He went on to speak about going to court four times for the incident that occurred last year during the council meeting. He expressed that although he hates to see a council member brought up on charges, it's a matter of free speech.

He further recalled an incident that occurred in front of the Mayor's house that he's still waiting to be addressed.

He said he plans to go to court about getting his sheriff license taken away and being denied his benefits.

He apologized for speaking out of turn and loudly at the last council meeting, noting that he believes in the First Amendment and he will continue to speak out as necessary.

He further mentioned that there is a big problem with bed bugs in Bridgeport schools. He requested that the health department inspector check into the problem. He stressed that the problem affects everyone. And although they can't be eliminated, the health department can at least stay on top of the problem to try to control them.

He talked about getting justice, because he felt he has been denied his rights. He repeated there was still the unresolved issue with the incident at the Mayor's house.

He mentioned the raw sewage problem and once again asked for the matter to be looked into. Council member A. Ayala stated that the raw sewage matter was referred to the health department. He requested to read the letter that was submitted by Lawrence Palaia of the Bridgeport Health Department.

Council President McCarthy stated that he should read the letter during the city council meeting to follow.

Ray Matos  
Bridgeport Housing Authority

Status of sewage at P.T. Barnum  
Apartments

Mr. Matos updated that Mr. Calace, of the Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport asked him to attend the meeting tonight to speak about the sewage problem. He stated that they would like to put the problem behind them. He made it clear that no staff or residents have been contaminated from the sewage and the problem has been cleared up.

Council President McCarthy asked Council member Ayala to read the memo from Lawrence Palaia into the record. Council member Ayala read the memo into the record that verified what Mr. Matos attested to, in regard to the health department being satisfied with the procedures that are in place to collect and dispose of the sewage – *the memo was submitted into the record and copies were distributed to the council members.*

Council member Ayala stated that apparently the Bridgeport Health Department believed the matter has been addressed and he commented to Mr. Young that if there is any other problem he should contact the district council member.

The public speaking session ended at 6:55 pm.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 18, 2011**

**7:00 pm.**

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

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, \*Brantley, \*Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, dePara, M. Ayala, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, Silva, Martinez, Curwen

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

Roll Call The Assistant City Clerk took the roll call and she announced there was a quorum.

Prayer The prayer was offered by Council member Taylor-Moye.

Pledge of Allegiance The pledge was led by Kelly McDermott.

*Council President McCarthy announced that Mayor Finch was on his way to Washington to lobby on behalf of Bridgeport. He was meeting with President Obama on Thursday to lobby for CDBG funds.*

*He announced that Council member Lyons wasn't in attendance tonight because she was recovering from surgery. Council member Blunt hurt his leg and he was ordered by his doctor to stay off his feet.*

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 20, 2010

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER M. AYALA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

- 19-10** Communication from Mayor, re Appointment of Carl Theodore Horton, Jr. (D), to the Energy Improvement District Board, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 20-10** Communication from OPED, re Disposition and Redevelopment of City Owned Property located at 167 Steuben Street and 95 Gilmore Street former Waltersville School and ordering a Public Hearing relative to the same, referred to Economic and Community Development Environment Committee.
- 21-10** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re [Ref. 13-09 and 13-09(S)] Request to Appoint Members to the 2010-2012 Citizen's Union to fill Vacancies, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.  
**\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Council President McCarthy asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar. There was none heard.

The city clerk read the items into the record:

- \*07-10** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.
- \*09-10** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Central Avenue Signage to include the Ceremonial Name Signage of "Bishop Moales Way" between Barnum and Stratford Avenues.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia requested to removed item **\*09-10** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Central Avenue Signage to include the Ceremonial Name Signage of "Bishop Moales Way" between Barnum and Stratford Avenues.

She stated that until there is a policy in place that applies across the board for these types of resolutions, she will vote no for the item.

Council President McCarthy said because she didn't request to remove the item before it was voted upon as a block, she could opt to vote in opposition to both consent calendar items. Or the council could reconsider the vote.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia repeated that until there is a policy in place she would vote no.

Council member Baker requested a point of personal privilege. He expressed his thanks for the council's approval of the item. He stated that Bishop Moales was an active figure in the community and he did a lot during his time as a pastor. He expressed that he was glad he has been honored.

**MATTER TO BE LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES:**

**88-09** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Amendment to City Council Rules of Order – New Rule XXX Property Sales. **LAID OVER UNDER RULES. – (No vote until February 7, 2011 pursuant to City Council Rule XXII).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER A. AYALA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MATTER TO BE LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDEDIM**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that due to the storm that occurred the week before last, the Miscellaneous Matters Committee meeting was canceled.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING SIX (6) ITEMS TO THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

**160-09** Refund of Excess Payments.

**162-09** Reappointment of Robert Morton (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**163-09** Reappointment of Melville T. Riley (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**12-10** Appointment of Giselle Delvalle (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**13-10** Appointment of Roger Wilmot Weldon (R) to the Historic District Commission #1.

**14-10** Appointment of Edwin Scott Powley (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

**160-09** Refund of Excess Payments.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia updated that the committee followed up with the Tax Collector regarding the properties - *she read the information she received*. She said the item passed unanimously in committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

Council member Walsh asked what the amount was that was refunded. Council member Vizzo-Paniccia said she didn't have that information, but there wasn't any particular issue with the refunds. Council member Walsh said he would vote no because he would like to know that information.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINDING OUT THE AMOUNT(S) THAT WAS REFUNDED**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**162-09** Reappointment of Robert Morton (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER M. AYALA SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**163-09** Reappointment of Melville T. Riley (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12-10** Appointment of Giselle Delvalle (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

Council member Walsh asked if the appointee was replacing another commissioner. Council member Vizzo-Paniccia looked up the information and she stated that the appointee was replacing Commissioner Virginia Maldonado Samatulski.

**\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13-10** Appointment of Roger Wilmot Weldon (R) to the Historic District Commission #1.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14-10** Appointment of Edwin Scott Powley (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**

Council member Walsh asked if this appointee was replacing another commissioner. Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the appointee was replacing Commissioner Carl Kish. She noted that the new appointee's term would expire on December 31, 2013.

Council member Walsh commented that Carl Kish was a highly questioned appointment. He felt that he showed a great deal of independence while he served on the commission. He stated the he hoped the committee would consider another appointment for Mr. Kish in the future.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that if the council members had any comments or questions regarding any items in the future, they should e-mail her prior to the start of the meeting. She further stated that she would obtain the information from the Tax Collector as requested for item 160-09.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF REFERING AN ITEM TO THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Walsh explained that the item was in reference to the following:

**RE: RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND  
ANNUALREPORTING FOR THE CPA FIRM AND TO OBTAIN AN INDEPENDENT  
REVIEW AND  
SIGN OFF ON METHODOLOGY FORECASTING**

*\*It was noted that the resolution was co-sponsored by Council members Baker and Silva.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM TO THE  
BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (ITEM # 22-10)  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER A. AYALA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services