

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
JANUARY 4, 2010
6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: M. McCarthy, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, Silva, M. Ayala, Martinez, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, A. Ayala, Austin, Bonney, dePara, Paoletto, Holloway

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:50 p.m.

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, JANUARY 4, 2010, 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	Taxes and censorship.

Mr. Young stated that he does what he does, because he has to. He spoke about having free speech in reference to the first amendment and his right to express himself as a taxpayer. He commented on the presence of the two police officers present tonight and he questioned if they were there for his benefit. Council President McCarthy explained that the police officers were present as a safety precaution, due to any potential incidents that might arise.

Mr. Young went on to speak about past allegations he made regarding toxic dirt piles - *per some pictures he displayed*. He stressed that he brought up certain issues that he hoped would be addressed as a taxpayer. He further mentioned a letter from Attorney Blumenthal's office concerning alleged bribes. He once again recalled his termination from four different jobs in the past. He explained that this occurred not because he didn't do his job, and because he felt it was because he has been so outspoken about different injustices in the city. He spoke about Attorney Blumenthal's role in addressing his past allegations.

Mr. Young clarified that he hasn't used the "N" word in the past just for the sake of using it, but to make a point of what he has had to endure over the years, in terms of trying to get his complaints addressed and resolved.

The public speaking session ended at 6:58 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 4, 2010

7:00 pm.

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

ATTENDANCE: Council members: M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, dePara, Silva, M. Ayala, Martinez, Curwen, Baker

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Prayer Council member Brantley offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance -the pledge was led by Dave Bosco.

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

Council President McCarthy noted why the following council members were absent:

- Council member Austin's grandchildren ill
- Council member Paoletto was ill
- Council member Bonney was ill
- Council member Brannelly on vacation in Ireland

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 7, 2009

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO COMMITTEES
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

24-09 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency Block Grant Competitive Program for funds to develop an Energy Efficiency Capital Buy-Down Loan Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

25-09 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA Brownfields Job Training Program for 2010 clean-up activities, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

26-09 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Healthy Homes Demonstration Program for 2010, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that a special meeting was held for the Miscellaneous Matters Committee tonight: **Item #12-09 Re: Suit Settlement – Joseph Gasparri vs. Martin Pizighelli**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE ITEM TO THE AGENDA
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED**

Council member Curwen asked if the matter was time sensitive. Council member Vizzo-Paniccia replied yes.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she called a special meeting due to the amount of the settlement to be approved. It will be paid over four fiscal years for a total of \$490k. The first year payment during January 2010 will be \$190k. She noted that the item passed unanimously in committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED**

Council member Curwen asked if the money was available in the city budget. City Attorney Anastasi replied yes, the money will be available for the first payment. And

subsequent structured payments will be budgeted for during the third quarters of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ◆ Council President McCarthy acknowledged Leticia Colon present in the audience as the new Board of Education President.
- ◆ Council member McCarthy stated that a short democratic caucus would be held at the end of the meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services