

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
APRIL 19, 2010
6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, *A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye,
*Walsh, Austin, Lyons, Bonney, dePara, Silva, Martinez, Paoletto,
*Curwen, Baker, Holloway

* = arrived after roll call

President Pro Tempore Silva called the public speaking session to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Unethical Tactics

Mr. Young wasn't present when he was called to address the council, so the agenda moved to the next speaker as follows:

Ken Hays, Owner
The Gathering of the Vibes
2870 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Banning the possession of
Nitrous Oxide in City Parks

Mr. Hays addressed the city council and commented on the subject.

Jose F. Santos
150 Alpine Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

The Cape Verdean Association

Mr. Santos addressed the city council and commented on the subject.

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

State Representative Auden Grogins
155 Brewster Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Open Space Resolution Saint Marks
Property

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Ms. Grogins addressed the city council and commented on the subject.

Patty Scott
62 Prescott Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

In Support of the Wakeman Topic

s. Scott addressed the city council and commented on the subject.

**Following the public speaking session, due to a fire alarm, everyone had to evacuate the building.*

The city council members returned to council chambers at 7:30 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO CAUCUS
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The caucus ended at 7:40 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 19, 2010

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, Austin, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: T. McCarthy, Vizzo-Paniccia, M. Ayala

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Prayer - Pastor Ginyard offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - Cynthia Maignan led the pledge.

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

Mayoral Citation: Fall 2009 Graduates of the Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO) program run by FSW Inc.

William Hasta and Rev. Ginyard made brief remarks regarding the citation; in reference to the Greater Bridgeport Area.

BGreen 2020 Sustainability Projects Update.

Mayor Finch spoke briefly about this item. And a 15 minute presentation was given regarding an update on the BGreen projects.

37-09 Public Hearing regarding PILOT Agreement with the owner of Wakeman Boys and Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse for land and building at 2468 Fairfield Avenue for a period not to exceed 8 years.

Jack Collins, 271 Sailors Lane, Bridgeport., CT and Jeanette Latorre, 37 Scofield Ave., Bridgeport., CT and Alex Guzman were present to speak about this item.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: March 22, 2010 Special Meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO REFER THE ITEMS TO
COMMITTEES
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

60-09 Communication from Chief Financial Officer re Approval of General Obligation Tax Anticipation Notes to Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City (\$95,000,000), referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

61-09 Communication from Fire Department re Proposed Lease-Purchase Agreement with Oshkosh Capital for two new fire engines, referred to Contracts Committee.

63-09 Communication from Chief Financial Officer re Approval of General Obligation Bonds to Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects (\$47,750,000), referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

64-09 Communication from Chief Financial Officer re Approval of General Obligation Bonds to Refund Certain General Obligation Bonds, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

65-09 Communication from Engineering Department re Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 15.44 Flood Damage Prevention, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

62-09 Resolution presented by Council Members Brannelly and Martin McCarthy re Grant Submission: DEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO TAKE UP THE ITEM FOR
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION
** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

Discussion followed with comments made by Council member Brannelly regarding the St. Marks Church property land trust and the Black Rock NRZ. Council member Baker also made comments in reference to open space and the NRZ. Other comments were made by: Council members Lyons, Walsh, Brantley, Curwen and Martinez.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO REFER THE ITEM BACK TO COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED**

***A roll call vote was taken to refer the item back to committee. It was clarified that a Yes vote = to approve for immediate consideration; No vote = not to approve the item for immediate consideration and send the item back to committee**

**** MOTION FAILED WITH SIX VOTES IN FAVOR AND ELEVEN VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: A. AYALA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, WALSH, AUSTIN, LYONS, dePARA SILVA, MARTINEZ, BAKER, HOLLOWAY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO DENIED**

**** SECOND MOTION WAS INAUDIBLE
THE 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.

Council member Walsh requested to removed item *37-09 for discussion purposes only.

***50-09** Contracts Committee Report re Assignment of Tax Liens for fiscal year 2010.

***54-09** Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with the State for Final Design and Permitting for the realignment of Main Street (Route 113) at Sikorsky Memorial Airport. (State Project No. DOT 00150347PE)

37-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re PILOT Agreement with the owner of Wakeman Boys and Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse for land and building at 2468 Fairfield Avenue for a period not to exceed 8 years. - ***removed from consent calendar

The items were approved:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

39-09 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Program Year 36 Annual Action Plan: CDBG, ESG, HOPWA Programs.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE VOTES IN FAVOR AND FOUR ABSTENTIONS
(COUNCIL MEMBERS dePARA, BRANNELLY, TAYLOR-MOYE and PAOLETTO)**

Other business:

- Council member Brantley reminded the Education Committee members that a Special Meeting would be held on April 20, 2010.
- Council member dePara reminded all the council members the importance of attending the Budget & Appropriations meetings.

• ADJOURNMENT

- **** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

• The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

• Respectfully submitted,

• Diane Graham
• Telesco Secretarial Services