

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
6:30 pm**

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

ABSENT: Council members: A. Ayala, Brantley, Walsh, Lyons, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Curwen

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

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME	SUBJECT
Larry D. Robinson Community Independent Living Advocate & Peer Monitor Specialist 566 Wood Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604	Update: Recreation of the Commission for People with Disabilities

Mr. Robinson stated that he was there on behalf of the Commissioner for People with Disabilities. He thanked Mayor Finch, the city council and Council President McCarthy for their diligence and hard work through the process. He said he was there to give an update on the progress they've made in ten months and four days, noting that much has taken place with numerous people involved. He expressed that some great things have been accomplished and a lot was going in to help people with disabilities. And he recognized that the city officials do have their welfare at heart and he was very grateful. He said he wanted to reach out to others to give them a better understanding of what the commission is trying to accomplish.

Council President McCarthy commented that the city council appreciated all the work he was doing in the community and the City of Bridgeport.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Unethical tactics and update
on the P.T. Barnum Apartments
sewage condition

Mr. Young began by saying that this was the last time he would be before the council in a while, because he would be going into the hospital to have surgery for a back problem. He went on to speak about not being offered an apology due to the previous incident nor did anyone ask if he was all right. He said he has not received a response about what happened to him as of July 14. He said he has been in front of the police commissioners to speak, but he was denied and told the matter would be investigated. He also mentioned the sewage problem in P.T. Barnum and emphasized that he offered a solution to the problem regarding putting a fence up.

The public hearing session ended at 7:00 pm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 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, T. McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: A. Ayala, Lyons, Blunt, Silva, Curwen

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

The Mayor thanked everyone that participated Friday evening for the night march. He expressed that one of the largest groups that participated was Victory Outreach.

Prayer Patrick Kaplan offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance Council member Walsh led the pledge.

Moment of Silence Council member Brantley asked to observe a moment of silence for three women that have dedicated their time and service to the foster care system: *Renee Powell, Joanne Walton and Beatrice Hudson.*

Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members were absent: Council member Lyons had surgery; Council member Curwen absent due to a personal issue and Council member Silva absent due to a personal issue.

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

112-09 Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Sale and Ground Lease Agreement for property located at Sikorsky Memorial Airport with GAMA Aviation Inc. for use as a Corporate Headquarter Operations. - **see separate minutes attached.**

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: July 6, 2010

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMITTEES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER A. AYALA SECONDED**

- 131-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: Contract with WorkPlace, Inc for Pathways out of Poverty Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 132-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY2010-2012 State Department of Social Services for an Elderly Health Screening Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 133-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: State Department of Public Health for Regional Public Health Preparedness Advisor Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 134-09** Communication from City Attorney re Twenty day notice to Settle Litigation pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.10.130: Travis Rodriguez, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**
- 135-09** Communication from City Attorney re Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with William Voight, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 136-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: Housing and Urban Development for An Earmark for Family Services of Woodfield (FSW) – Foreclosure Prevention Services, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 137-09** Communication from Airport Manager re Proposed Agreement with the State for Re-evaluation of Environmental Impact Statement Installation of Enhanced Taxiway Markings at Sikorsky Memorial Airport File No. AERO File No. 5800-1644, State Project No. DOT00150349CN, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 138-09** Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re Proposed Agreement with Universal Benefits Corporation to provide Medicare medical claims administrative services to covered retirees of the City and Board of Education for the period July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011, referred to Contracts Committee.

- 139-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) - America the Beautiful Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 140-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: HUD/DOT/EPA Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program – Sustainable Communities Initiative Application, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 141-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: DOT TIGER II Planning/HUD Community Challenge Grant Program to fund planning activities along the Seaview Avenue transitway, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 142-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: TIGER II Infrastructure Surface Transportation Grant to fund the Steel Pointe Harbor Roadway Improvements Project, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there were any items to be removed.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia requested to remove item *** 46-09 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City Owned Property 751 Kossuth Street to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bridgeport, Inc. (BGC).**

The city clerk read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE**

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

- *128-09** Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re Modification of the state section of FY 2010-2014 Capital Plan to utilize LoCIP entitlement funds for roadway paving and City Beautification/Improvement projects including rehabilitation caused by recent storm damage (\$5,804,000).

- * 44-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City Owned Property by Auction, Sale to Abutter or Bridgeport Housing Authority.

- * 46-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City Owned Property 751 Kossuth Street to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bridgeport, Inc. (BGC). - *removed*

- *121-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Reappointment of Jose Tiago (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- *122-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Appointment of Bruce Gallo (D) to the Energy Improvement District Board.
- *123-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Appointment of Adrienne Houel (R) to the Energy Improvement District Board.
- *124-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Appointment of Jack E. McGregor (R) to the Energy Improvement District Board.
- *125-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Appointment of Joseph Giaquinto (D) to the Ethics Commission.
- *126-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Appointment of Walter Faherty (D) as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- 103-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Resolution requiring City Department and Staff Directory be made available in document form, **DENIED.**

** **COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DENIAL**
 ** **COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**
 ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 113-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Refund of Excess Payments.

- 114-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Refund of Excess Payments.

- 127-09 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Refund of Excess Payments.

** **COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ACCEPT**
 ** **COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**

Council member Walsh stated that he voted against these items in committee, because the total of refunds amounted to \$103k. He recalled that the Tax Collector relayed that these assessments were denied in court based on the assessment by the prior Tax Assessor. He said if the matter was that obvious to be dismissed in court, then he wondered how many more of these there might be.

Mayor Finch asked Attorney Liskov to reply to the questions. Attorney Liskov stated that these items involved a clerical mistake. The cases were settled in court and negotiated

with the city to refund the taxes. The previous Tax Assessor taxed the same amount but the refunds did not come out of the city coffer. He clarified that these entities shouldn't have been taxed and essentially there was no tax refund to anyone.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS TAYLOR-MOYE and WALSH)**

119-09 Contracts Committee Report re (Ref. #94-07) First Amendment to Agreement with the State of Connecticut for Airport Improvement Projects at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, State File No. AERO 5800-1569.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)**

129-09 Contracts Committee Report re Lease and Option to Purchase Agreement with Four Kids Enterprise, LLC for property located at 485 Howard Avenue to be used by the Police Department.

Council member Paoletto stated that as co-chair of the committee, he deferred to Council member Holloway.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM AND REFER IT BACK TO COMMITTEE DUE TO UNANSWERED QUESTIONS TO BE CLARIFIED**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Walsh requested to add an amendment that they table the item until three competitive bids were received and presented to the committee. Council member Holloway acknowledged that he didn't have a problem with the request.

Council President McCarthy suggested that the amendment be discussed during committee when the item is referred back.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The agenda returned to item * **46-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City Owned Property 751 Kossuth Street to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bridgeport, Inc. (BGC).

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that this item was brought forward for a public hearing and opposed by her, due to certain unresolved situations and the existing legal issue involving the Madison Avenue site. One of the issues is the matter of the tax role. She explained that the entity being a non-profit, she felt it should be put on the tax role.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Holloway said he visited the property and he understands the issue, with a house to the left and a house to the right; he noted that usually the city will offer the property to the abutter. However, he was still in favor of the item.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS BONNEY and VIZZO-PANICCIA)**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone to speak on behalf of this item.

John Ricci, Airport Commissioner approached the city council. He stated that they had the ability to lease the building to use as a Corporate Headquarter Operations. The Airport Commission approved the proposal and they will receive \$350k for the building. It's a four year lease and the best part is that the building will be occupied by a tenant to establish Corporate Headquarters at the airport.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the item.
Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone to speak against the item.
Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

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