

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Bonney, dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt Silva, Holloway

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:45 pm.

He stated that a quorum wasn't required for the public speaking session. He also announced that some of the council members weren't in attendance tonight because they had to attend a wake.

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, NOVEMBER 1, 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	Preferential treatment from Council Members

Mr. Young stated that he left a photo on everyone's desk that showed staples in his back after his operation. He went on to say that when people come before the council to speak, they should be heard and have their needs responded to. He recalled that he was an ex-sheriff and a community activist and he expressed that it was a shame how he has been treated in regard to his complaint pertaining to the raw sewage problem in P.T. Barnum. He stressed that the matter still hasn't been looked into, even though he was told it would be investigated. He noted that in prior years he hasn't voted, but he said he planned to vote this year because of the importance of speaking out. He further questioned why none of his allegations have been addressed. He mentioned the microphone system in council chambers to express his suspicion that is the reason he isn't clearly heard. He spoke again about not receiving an apology for the incident that occurred during a previous council meeting. He mentioned the pain he has endured due to that incident that he claimed resulted in him having back problems. He stressed that he would like his allegations looked into.

The public hearing session ended at 6:55 pm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 1, 2010

7:00 pm.

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

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ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt Silva, Holloway

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance the pledge was led by Council member M. McCarthy.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: October 4, 2010

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

Council President McCarthy asked for a moment of silence for: Council member Holloway's aunt who passed away. and a friend to the city council who was ill.

He announced that the following council members weren't in attendance tonight: Council member Blunt who was ill. Council member Brannelly had a scheduling conflict. Council member Austin had a family emergency.

Presentation by WPCA and Malcom Pirnie, Inc. regarding the WPCA's Selected Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan.

Bill Robinson, Acting General Manager from Malcolm Pirnie stated that a long term control plan would be implemented.

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Mark Del Bove, Vice President from Malcolm Pirnie updated the city council about the positive water quality results they were undertaking in Bridgeport. He shared the results of the State of Connecticut that found water quality concerns. He said there would be a considerable savings due to the long term control plan. He further stated that they were utilizing the one-year storm event to launch the plan.

Mr. Del Bove went on to review the contents of the booklet that was handed out as follows and as the information was outlined in the booklet:

Cost of LTCP's

Alternatives Considered such as: *Green Alternatives, Collection System Controls, Real Time Controls, Conveyance/Treatment Systems, Storage Tanks/Tunnels and Sewer Separation.*

The Project Costs

Sewer Separation

Raising Weirs/Closing Outfalls

Remote Monitoring/Real Time Control - *it was noted that they hope to have the state agree to four (4) locations. The expected cost savings will be seen by the measures that are taken.*

Storage Tanks - *they analyzed the construction of three (3) storage tanks: the Ash Creek Tank; Pequonnock Tank and the West Side Plant Tank. They will be constructed to reduce overflows down to zero.*

Conveyance Tunnel with Treatment - *will be built and interconnected. The overflow will be discharged into the Bridgeport Harbor water body.*

Storage Tunnel - *it will collect the CFO volume, store it and release it back into the harbor. It was noted that there was an initial disadvantage of the cost of \$258m.*

Innovative Alternative to Tunnels or Tanks

Long Term Control Plan Components - *the location of the two tanks were pointed out on the map.*

Mr. Del Bove emphasized that the approach of building the facilities would be done in incremental pieces.

Long Term Control Plan - *it was noted that if they find that the planned construction implementation was sufficient, then there wouldn't be any need to build all segments of the tunnel.*

Council member Walsh asked about the long term solutions, per the concerns of the west end NRZ. He noted that he would provide them with more information regarding their concerns.

Council member Curwen asked about the north end flood control project. He stressed that the constituents were furious since they put in new drainage. Mr. Del Bove said the purpose of this plan is to combine sewage control, but it has nothing to do with the drainage problems that exist.

Council member Curwen said the problem doesn't concern runoff water. He stressed that the properties become eroded and unsafe due to constant flooding. He further noted that he will contact the department with more information. Mr. Del Bove acknowledged that he will look into the problem.

Council member Baker asked if there would be any tax incentive from the state for the green initiative. Mr. Del Bove responded that that information wasn't known at this time, but there may be in the future.

Council member Baker asked how they planned to address the odor problem at the west side plant. Mr. Del Bove said they planned to add an odor control device to address the problem.

Council member Brantley asked how the cost will be passed on to the homeowners. Mr. Del Bove said they will present the cost to the average household. They will address how affordable it will be, based on grants received, partial state loans etc. He said they are aware of the importance of affordability.

Council member Brantley asked how they will assess the tenants cost. Or will the cost be passed on to the landlord(s). Mr. Del Bove responded that the ultimate use will be calculated into the user fee as it's currently done.

Council member Brantley asked why they don't plan to charge the customer directly and not look at the water bill to charge them. Mr. Del Bove said it was because there was no way to measure the sewage usage.

Council member T. McCarthy asked about the approval process. Mr. Del Bove said the State of Connecticut gives the guidelines for a one year storm and zero over flow and eventually, they will come up with the most cost effective way of doing the work. The city council will authorize the expenditure of any additional funds. The actual bond comes through the clean water fund. He explained that if the WPCA defaults on paying the bond, then the city becomes responsible.

Council member T. McCarthy said he had two major concerns: 1) the cost and 2) input on the location of things and which projects will be chosen. He noted the importance of feasibility, per the council's concerns. Mr. Del Bove noted that the presentation tonight was just an overview.

Council member dePara stated he had a concern of the overall price and the additional cost that will be levied to the consumer. He also had a concern about the issue of how the bills will be arrived at. He noted there will be some further discussion when the third phase comes around. Mr. Del Bove said they would work to assure that the impact is minimal.

Council member Martinez asked about the water quality issue on the east side of Bridgeport. Mr. Del Bove clarified that he was talking about Johnson's Creek where they did testing. He said that based upon that, they found that Long Island Sound didn't seriously impact Johnson's Creek.

Council member Brantley asked if it would be possible to look into the cost of installing separate meters in the homes to address the potential increase in the consumer's bill. Mr. Del Bove explained that all the use from the water company is not the dollar amount of the bill; it's based on the gallons of water used. They don't charge an extra percentage of what the water company charges.

Council member Brantley asked again if they could perform a feasibility study to gauge the additional cost.

Mayor Finch encouraged everyone to stay involved with certain committees that cover the issue.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

- 153-09** Communication from OPM re Budget Transfer FY 2010-2011 for MICR Cartridges for Munis Printers \$1350, From: Others Services To: Computer Supplies, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- 154-09** Communication from Mayor re Appointment of Edgar Rodriguez (D) to the Fire Commission, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 155-09** Communication from Airport Manager re Proposed Agreement with the State for Preliminary Design and Permitting for Runway 06/24 Reconstruction at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, File No. AERO-5800-1649; State Project No. DOT00150350PE, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 156-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: State of Connecticut OPM 2010 Police Youth Grant Program, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 157-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA 2010 Greenscaper Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 158-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA 2010 Brownsfields Assessment Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 159-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA 2010 Brownsfields Clean Up Grant Program for 837 Seaview Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

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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. There were none heard. The city clerk read the items into the record:

- *145-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: State Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant – Lighthouse in the Community.
- *146-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for 2010 – 2011 Substance Abuse Prevention Program.
- *147-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: State Department of Public Health for 2010 – 2011 Local Public Health Preparedness Advisors Grant.
- *148-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Authorizing the Acceptance of a Donation for a portion of 305 Knowlton Street from MP Development Associates LLC.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday!

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services