

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor's State of the City Address

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: August 3, 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 176-08** Communication from Labor Relations re Proposed Tentative Agreement with Typographical Union Local 252, concerning their bargaining contract, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 177-08** Communication from Tax Collector re Refund of Excess Payments, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *130-08** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City-Owned Property to United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCPA).

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Glen M. Guild
49 Oliver Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Noise Ordinance

William Acosta
405 High Ridge Drive
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Reinstatement of the Commission
for People with Disabilities

Darlene Chapdelaine
50 Greenhouse Road
Bridgeport, CT 06606-2141

Tax Base and Growth

Mchale, Betsy

From: Murray, Ann
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 10:35 AM
To: Mchale, Betsy
Subject: FW: Release: Mayor Finch's State of the City Report Strikes Note of Optimism
Attachments: image001.emz; oledata.mso

betsy: here is hte mayor's speech for printing and inclusion in the minutes

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**Mayor's State of the City Report
Strikes Note of Optimism**
Despite national economic downturn, City is moving forward

BRIDGEPORT, CT (September 21, 2009) -- Mayor Bill Finch told the City Council during his annual State of the City report this evening, that he believes the City is moving forward, despite the economic downturn that has gripped the nation.

"We rose to the challenge, tightened our belts and made tough decisions," said the

Mayor. "We have managed to do more with less and we will continue to make the tough decisions in order to keep spending in line and help maximize revenue," the Mayor said during his annual report to the City Council.

Despite the difficult economy, the Mayor told the Council that he expects the City will have a balanced budget at year's end, without having to dip into the reserve fund. The current year's budget is \$2 million dollars less than the previous year's budget.

On the positive side, the City has had good news on the development front in the past month.

The City and the developers of Steelpointe Harbor have come to a tentative agreement, which, with City Council approval, will allow the development to move forward in phases, "a more realistic approach to development in these tight economic times," according to the Mayor. And, the City and the Port Authority have chosen The Simon Konover Group and The George Group, with former UConn basketball star Tate George as its principal, as the developers of "Seaview Plaza" in the city's East End.

Up until a year ago, that site was destined for yet another industrial use, but the City and the Port Authority worked with a number of state agencies to change their viewpoint on the parcel.

The Konover/George plan combines commercial and retail uses on the 15-acre former CarTech site at the junction of Seaview and Stratford avenues, including a grocery store, a community center and waterfront access for the public.

The full text of the Mayor's report follows:

Mayor's Annual Report to the City Council

Sept. 21, 2009
by

Mayor Bill Finch

The past year has been a difficult one, but look at how far we've come – we've weathered an economic downturn that scuttled several large banks and investment houses, but here in Bridgeport we worked through a \$20 million deficit, balanced the budget, and for the first time in memory, the current year's budget is \$2 million less than last year.

We've also reformed our budgeting process, so for the first time we have an accurate picture of what our revenues and expenditures actually will entail. We've ended the practice of utilizing one-time revenues and expect to end the year with a balanced budget. Our budgeting process is so improved, that two international government associations recognized our efforts: We received a certificate of excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officer Association, and, the City was one of only 20 across the United States to be recognized for its

long-term performance measurement efforts by the International City/County Managers Association.

I am here tonight with a hopeful tone and guarded optimism. Our City is filled with pride and hope, and I truly believe we are about to turn a corner in many areas.

However, we face more challenges ahead – double digit unemployment, increases in foreclosures and more people who need social services than ever before, but we will continue to work together in a spirit of cooperation to find ways to keep our City moving forward.

Before I get into details of this annual report, I want to stress four themes that the people of Bridgeport, our City employees, the City Council and, me, as your Mayor, should all be proud.

1. In a trying period, we as a city, and we as a city government, rose to the challenge. We tightened our belts, we made difficult decisions, we worked together, and we delivered a balanced budget without dipping into our meager reserve funds. And we made the hard decisions to change and trim spending in certain areas that were previously thought to be untouchable. We were creative, fair, balanced and determined, and for that we should all be proud and feel a sense of accomplishment.

A year ago I stood here and told you we would have to do more with less, and we have.

2. City unions and management worked together in a spirit of cooperation and compromise to preserve vital services, make difficult job cuts and hold the line on salaries in order to position our city for the future.
3. The state pension legislation was adopted, which will save the City millions in payments for two years while we have an opportunity to shore up pension finances.
4. And I save the best for last. As we all know, in order to deliver more city services, including improving education services for our children, while not placing an excessive burden on our taxpayers, there is only one mathematical answer: Attracting more business to Bridgeport and adding to our tax base. And I am pleased to report that we have two key projects that are moving forward.

Within the past month, we have solidified a proposal with the developers of Steelpointe, which, with City Council approval, will finally begin moving forward in phases –a more realistic approach to development in these tight economic times.

In addition, just a week or so ago, the City and the Port Authority announced that developers have been chosen for the former Carpenter Tech site in the East End. Simon Konover and Tate George are teaming up to bring a commercial/retail development to a site that until a year or so ago everyone believed should only house another industrial use. Their plan will bring new retail opportunities, offices and public access to the waterfront in a section of the city that has long been under-served.

While those are the two largest development projects on the drawing board, several other of what we like to call our “singles and doubles” have continued to move forward.

- United Rentals, the largest equipment rental company in the world, has

constructed a 40,000 square foot rental and leasing operation in Bridgeport, successfully reclaiming a brownfields site. This will be their biggest site in the Northeast and represents about \$7 million in personal property.

- American Fabrics -- what was once a defunct factory in the East End, is now an example of what can happen when we think outside the box about what to do with brownfields. The developer has invested about \$5 million to create 150,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space. He's also made room for a burgeoning artists' community, including painters, sculptors and a musical instrument company, among others. This project will bring much-needed jobs and activity to a long neglected piece of property in the City's East End.
- B&E Juices, a local soft drink and juice distributor, found themselves outgrowing their home on Connecticut Avenue, and were considering their options. They saw the progress the City was making and wanted to remain a part of it. They are now taking an underutilized brownfields site on Knowlton Avenue, cleaning it up and expanding their business.

All of these projects will fit into the City's Master Plan of Development, recently approved by the City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission. This plan, many years in the making, charts a course for development in the city that will allow us to foster transit-oriented development in the downtown and denser development along already-established commercial corridors.

Speaking of transit-oriented development – the Citytrust building and the Arcade apartments are now fully leased. Our City's proximity to I-95, Metro-North, bus and ferry service makes it an ideal location for the numbers of young professionals who are attracted to living in our downtown. Among the attractions to those who want to live downtown are the Arena and the Ballpark at Harbor Yard, which have drawn thousands of visitors to our area for sporting events and concerts. Our successful American Hockey League franchise Sound Tigers pulls hockey fans from near and far, and our hometown baseball team – the Bluefish, have attracted nearly 3 million fans since the ballpark opened more than 10 years ago.

This influx of new residents also has helped fuel the growth of retail and restaurants in our downtown. A number of new restaurants have joined our established eateries to form a restaurant district that is attracting regional attention. If you haven't tried them yet, I encourage you to have lunch or dinner at places such as Epernay, Fraiche Burger, Amici Miei, and Café Lulu.

As I mentioned earlier, the past year has been a challenging one for our City. I believe we've met the challenge by thinking creatively and bringing a more professional approach to City government. In order to balance our budget, tough decisions were made:

- We have become more efficient. Over the last two fiscal years, the city has eliminated more than 200 positions; we worked hard with labor unions to achieve fair compromises, saving the City as much money as possible while preserving as many jobs and services as we could. We took voluntary furloughs, including my own, and saved a half-million dollars. We reduced take-home cars by 43 percent, an area previously thought to be untouchable. We implemented a

ban on non-essential travel. And, we worked hard to enhance revenues.

- We've raised \$2.4 million dollars with the sale of city-owned property this year, and I will be recommending more sales in the coming year.
- We increased revenue from our Bootfinder program by nearly \$1 million dollars and adopted a new "get tough" attitude toward tax delinquents.
- We increased collection of personal property and real estate tax delinquents and in the case of the top 50 offenders, as I promised, we have either collected the money that is owed us, foreclosed on property, or we are in court on behalf of our taxpayers.
- We have also instilled a new sense of honesty and integrity into the way we do business. I have hired people who believe in service to the common good and you are seeing this in action. Honest, open government is going to be central to our success.
- One major step we've taken toward this goal was the creation of the Small and Minority Business Resource Office, which has become the main point of entry for small, minority and women-owned businesses seeking opportunities with the City of Bridgeport. Of the more than \$18 million dollars of primary contracts that Bridgeport awarded in the past year, more than \$5 million or about 30 percent, were awarded to minority-owned businesses.

In the area of education, two notable public works projects are moving forward. The Discovery K-8 Magnet School and the Interdistrict Magnet High School. Both will help reduce class sizes while creating much needed jobs. Both of these schools, I might add, will have a high Leadership in Environment and Energy Design, known as a LEED rating. This will save money on the operation of the schools and lower our carbon footprint.

This past year, I recommended the City sell two of its decommissioned public schools to Achievement First to expand their charter school operation in the City. Achievement First will ultimately educate almost a 1,000 Bridgeport children in public charter schools, giving our parents more choice in their children's education.

CitiStat continues to move forward with the use of new technology which will help us track customer input and concerns and have real data to show for our efforts. We're using a web-based program called QAlert, a citizen service request management software to track the many citizen requests we receive every day. This technology will help every employee in the "chain of action" to be plugged in and know where a request stands and when it gets resolved. This technology will also help us track budget items, for example the amount of cold patch we might need to fill potholes, on a year-to-year basis.

I heard from the Council, and I agreed that it was time for us to tackle the blight problem in our City. Our anti-blight initiative is moving forward – in the last two months we've been able to take down 6 buildings, some of which had been sitting vacant, burned-out or boarded up for more than 3 years. There are plans to demolish at least another half-dozen before the end of the year. And, we hope to include funds in next year's budget to be able to take down several

more. Our sustainability committee is looking into how the city might be able to recycle the building material, rather than sending it to a landfill. It is my hope that we will be able to turn some of these lots over to Habitat for Humanity, or a similar group, that will provide reasonably priced housing for those who need it most.

Having a strong background in housing myself, I initiated a program to help forestall the growing foreclosure problem in our City. The economic downturn is being felt most keenly in the places where we can least afford it. Last year we established the Homeownership Opportunity Preservation Effort or HOPE, a program that addresses issues of mortgage foreclosure. The HOPE program works to:

- help homeowners who are going through foreclosures
- assist tenants to become homeowners, or to preserve their rental units,
- ensures that foreclosed property doesn't become blighted property.

This past spring, we announced the award of \$6 million in Neighborhood Stabilization funds to the City. These funds will be leveraged to acquire and fix foreclosed properties. The City is partnering with the Housing Development Fund of Lower Fairfield County (HDF) to execute the program, leveraging the \$6 million with an additional \$26.2 million of HDF funds. Other community partners include Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, Fairfield '08, and the Bridgeport Redevelopment Agency.

When President Obama announced his economic stimulus plans, we were already hard at work on a comprehensive list of "shovel-ready" projects, which will now create hundreds of jobs. We have met with Congressman Jim Himes several times to impress upon him the importance of stimulus funding to our City. His office has been most helpful in advancing our cause at the Capitol for these most crucial projects.

I'm pleased to report that to date, we've received more than \$11 million in direct awards, with another nearly \$6 million in pass-through monies from the state and other funding sources, and we have an additional \$90 million in grant applications under review. While this money doesn't get applied to our budget for relief, it does create jobs and associated economic benefits, as well as repair infrastructure in our city.

We have already earmarked \$2.1 million to begin demolishing the Congress Street Bridge – the most glaring example of government neglect and lack of funding to our city.

Other stimulus project funding highlights include:

- homelessness prevention and housing creation
- salary offsets for up to 20 new police officers, and
- though we haven't received it yet, \$1.3 million in Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants, which will help fund our sustainability efforts

Finally, our Sustainability efforts are gaining momentum. This is not just an effort to be "green", though we call our initiative B-Green 2020, but an effort to save money for our taxpayers and join the rest of the world in protecting and preserving our nation and our planet.

Less than a year ago, I signed an Executive Order on Sustainability laying the groundwork for projects such as:

- The development of an Energy Improvement District that will generate renewable energy and develop strategies to save energy for the city.
- The use of stimulus funds to provide training and jobs for two dozen young adults who canvassed city neighborhoods as part of the Mayor's Conservation Corps. They knocked on more than 8,500 doors and talked to more than 3,700 residents in our city to help promote recycling, home energy efficiency programs and storm water management. Through their work, more than 1,600 people requested a recycling bin, and we've been able to deliver about half that number. In just a short time, we're already seeing results -- nearly 3 tons more of recyclable materials have already been diverted from our waste stream.
- We are promoting the use of mass transit and transit-oriented development.

We have more than 100 citizens involved in advisory boards and committees, and they are looking at a variety of energy conservation initiatives, the creation of a green energy park, green jobs and green jobs training, and the use of "green" cleaning products in all City buildings.

Our sustainability efforts are beginning to take off and to pay off. Bridgeport soon will be a model for other cities in the state, and the nation. "Green" is "green" and all these efforts not only save our planet, but put some green in our wallets.

Public safety is one of the City's top priorities, and I am very proud of our police and fire departments and their leadership.

Our fire department has worked very hard to promote its Safe Asleep program. Since its inception nearly 4 years ago, they have helped install more than 20,000 smoke alarms in city residences -- more than any other town or city in the country.

Our police chief has been working with his leadership team to help rein in overtime while paying attention to the basics and keeping crime down. The Strategic Enforcement Team or SET has been working in all of our neighborhoods and with our residents to help prevent crime. Crime overall is down, and we remain one of the safest cities in the state. I also want to commend the officers who patrol our parks. Their efforts over the past months have helped improve the civility and cleanliness of our Park City. Moreover, I want to salute all our men and women in uniform who have worked hard to do more with less in a difficult economic environment.

We have had a trying year, but I want to applaud the City Council and our City managers and employees for their efforts. This level of commitment to keeping Bridgeport safe, improve our services, maximize our revenue, and do more with less is working, and we are getting through these challenging times. I see light at the end of this tunnel, which means a better and brighter future for ourselves and our children.

Thank you.

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"Together we are making Bridgeport the cleanest, greenest, safest most affordable city, with schools and neighborhoods that improve each year" Mayor Bill Finch

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Pro Tem Silva called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME	SUBJECT
Glen M. Guild 49 Oliver Street Bridgeport, CT 06606	Noise Ordinance
<p>Mr. Guild came forward to speak about the Noise Ordinance and the problems at Brookside Shopping Center. The owner is power washing the building during the night and early morning hours. Mr. Guild explained that he had submitted documentation on this and another company. He said that the Police Department had been very unresponsive to the issue. He pointed out that the Bridgeport Police had told them that their priority was the downtown area, but he was concerned because there had been a number of home invasions and robberies in his neighborhood.</p>	
William Acosta 405 High Ridge Drive Bridgeport, CT 06606	Reinstatement of the Commission for People with Disabilities
<p>Mr. Larry Robinson came forward and explained that Mr. Acosta had a family emergency and was not able to attend. He said that he was here primarily to thank the Council Members for their reinstatement of the Commission for People with Disability.</p>	
Darlene Chapdelaine 50 Greenhouse Road Bridgeport, CT 06606-2141	Tax Base and Growth

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Ms. Chapdelaine said that she would like to submit petitions signed by Bridgeport citizens in support of keeping the Master Plan as it is. She also brought forward copies of a report for all the Council Members on Growth and Development prepared by the Bridgeport Tax Payers Citizens Group.

Council President Pro Tem Silva adjourned the Public Speaking Session at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Council Member Branlley led those present in a brief prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Valle led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Assistant City Clerk Murray called the roll:

Present:

130th District:	Susan Brannelly
131st District:	Leticia Colon, Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District:	M. Evette Brantley, Robert Walsh
134th District:	Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District:	Warren Blunt, Richard Bonney
136th District:	Angel DePara, Jr. , Carlos Silva
137th District:	Maria Valle, Daniel Martinez
138th District:	Robert Curwen, Sr.
139th District	Andre Baker, Jr.

Absent : Richard Paoletto, Jr., James Holloway, Howard Austin, Thomas McCarthy,
And Brian Crowe

Assistant City Clerk Murray announced that there was a quorum present. Council President Pro Tem Silva announced that Council President McCarthy was ill and not able to come to the meeting. He added that Council Member Paoletto had been delayed.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Finch then gave his State of the City Address.

Mayor Finch said that it had been a difficult year, and that Bridgeport had weathered the storm. Financial institutions had failed along with other institutions. Bridgeport had managed to balance the budget and currently, Bridgeport should end the year with a balance budget without dipping into the reserve fund. He said that last year, he had told the city it would have to do more with less and everyone did so. The Mayor then listed numerous items that were positive for the City. He added that the City had two major projects moving forward, one at Steelpointe and another on the East Side. Smaller projects, like United Rentals had reclaimed a brown field site, the American Fabrics brownfield site is being converted into a multiple use site in the East End. B&E Juices has decided to utilize another brown field site in the City.

The City Trust building and the Arcade building are now fully leased. Young professionals are being attracted to live in Bridgeport. The Bluefish baseball team and the Sound Tigers hockey teams are drawing in visitors from all over.

Mayor Finch said that he believe that Bridgeport was meeting the challenge by working hard to overcome these items. He then listed a number of economies that the City had taken to balance the budget. 2.4 million dollars had been raised by selling City properties, and more revenue was realized through the Boot-finder program. Those properties that were in tax arrears have either had the amounts paid in full, or been turned over to the court for foreclosure.

Mayor Finch then outlined the new initiatives in education and other areas. This included selling two decommissioned schools to Achievement First for use as charter schools.

The CityStat program is now up and running. This technology helps track the citizens' comments and requests, along with calculating how much cold patch is used to fill potholes.

The issue of blight is being addressed and the vacant buildings are being demolished and the materials are being recycled rather than sent to landfills. He then said that the City was working with HOPE program, which assists home owners who are faced with foreclosure. It also helps with managing the foreclosed properties.

Mayor Finch said that the Administration has met with Rep. Himes about various projects and that the City had received nearly 11 million dollars in awards from various funding sources and there are numerous grant applications have been submitted.

The sustainability efforts are gaining momentum. The efforts are saving money for the City and the residents. The use of stimulus funds for training young adults to canvass various neighbors to promote recycling, storm water management and other issues was

very successful. Nearly three tons have been diverted from the waste stream. Green products are being used in the schools and in city buildings.

Public safety is one of the City's top priorities. The Police and Fire Departments have worked very hard to promote safety. The Safe Sleep program has resulted in the Fire Department installing over 20,000 smoke detectors. The Mayor also pointed out that Chief Gaudett had been working on keeping overtime down along with crime. He then praised Chief Gaudett for this.

Bridgeport has had a trying year and he would would like to applaud the Council and all the City managers for their efforts. He said that he saw a brighter futur

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: August 3, 2009.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

The following correction was noted:

Please change the following on Agenda Item 135-08:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO REJECT THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Lyons stated that she was on the committee. She requested that some items be incorporated into the master plan.

Mayor Finch interjected to say that the motion made by Council member McCarthy had to be voted upon first.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: VIZZO-PANICCIA and WALSH)**

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Council member Vizzo-Panicca stated that she was voting in favor of the Master Plan as submitted.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2009 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEES:**

176-08 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS RE PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LOCAL 252, CONCERNING THEIR BARGAINING CONTRACT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

177-08 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM:**

***130-08 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION (UCPA).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER TWO ITEMS TO MISC. MATTERS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM ABOUT THE COUNCIL RULES AND AN ITEM ABOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCY TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. (ITEM # 178-08 AND ITEM # 179-08)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO SUBMIT TWO ITEMS FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL FROM ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:**

162-08 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: 2009-2010 NACCHO AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

168-08 DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY: 2836 FAIRFIELD AVENUE; BLACK ROCK BANK & TRUST COMPANY - REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 19, 2009.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO RECESS IN ORDER TO CAUCUS**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A caucus was held from 7:41 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services



Bill Finch
Mayor

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Benefits Manager

COMM#176-03 Referred to Contracts Committee on 9/21/09

September 4, 2009

Honorable City Council Members
Office of the City Clerk
City of Bridgeport

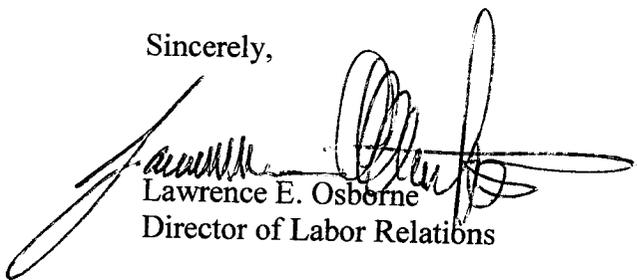
RE: Typographical Union, Local 252 (Tentative Agreement)

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The City of Bridgeport and the Typographical Union, Local 252 (Printers) have reached an agreement regarding the Typographical Union bargaining unit agreement. Attached please find the same.

It is hereby requested that the City Council refer this Agreement to the Contracts Committee for their review and consideration.

Sincerely,


Lawrence E. Osborne
Director of Labor Relations

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pc: Mayor Bill Finch
Adam Wood, Chief of Staff
Andrew Nunn, Chief Administrative Officer
Thomas McCarthy, Acting Deputy Director of Labor Relations
Thomas Alteri, President, Typographical Union
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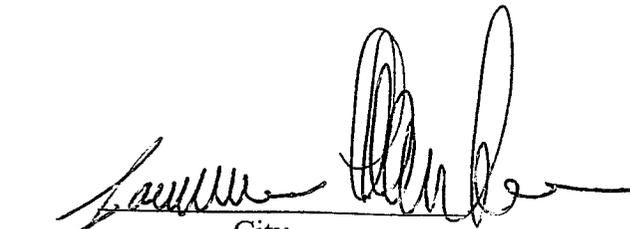
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Tentative Agreement between City of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Typographical Union, Local 252

Wages:	Effective 7/1/2009	0%
	Effective 7/1/2010	2.5%
	Effective 7/1/2011	2.5%
	Effective 7/1/2012	3.0%
Premium Cost Share:	Effective 7/1/2009	12%
	Effective 7/1/2010	18%
	Effective 7/1/2011	21%
	Effective 7/1/2012	25%

- Current members of the Bridgeport Typographical Union who are now on payroll will have their PCS contribution capped at twenty-five percent (25%) as of July 1, 2012. This PCS cap is guaranteed to remain intact during the individual employee's employment period and entire period of retirement.
- New members during the term of this bargaining agreement, shall start at twenty-five percent (25%) PCS contribution. There will be a one (1) percent increase each year for the PCS contribution up to fifty-percent (50%). This shall be capped at fifty-percent (50%) after twenty-five (25) years of municipal service employment. This PCS cap of fifty percent (50%) is guaranteed to remain intact during the entire period of retirement.
- Any newly hired employee into the Typographical Union shall only receive benefits after completing twenty-five years of municipal service.
- Effective July 1, 2010 all bargaining unit members shall be paid through the City's direct deposit payroll system.

The terms and conditions of this tentative agreement are contingent upon the approval by the Typographical Union membership, the Mayor, and the Common Council.



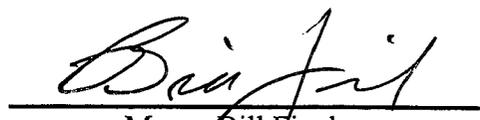
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Date



Mayor Bill Finch



CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604
Telephone 576-7271 Fax 332-5628
Collection Division 576-7266

ANNE KELLY-LENZ
Tax Collector

BILL FINCH
Mayor

COMM#177-08 Referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee on 9/21/09

DATE: September 16, 2009
TO: Committee on Miscellaneous Matters
Mr. Warren Blunt, Co-Chairman
Ms. Aymarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chairman
FROM: Anne Kelly-Lenz 
SUBJECT: Refund of Excess Payments

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I hereby request tax refunds for the accounts detailed on the attached list, in accordance with the provision of Section 12-129 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. The Tax Collector, after examination of such applications, recommends to the honorable body in favor of such applicants for the amounts so certified.

Section 12-129: Refund of excess payments. Any person, firm or such corporation who pays any property tax in excess of the principal of such tax as entered in the rate book of the tax collector and covered by his warrant therein, or in excess of the legal interest, penalty or fees pertaining to such tax, or who pays a tax from which the payer is by statute exempt and entitled to an abatement, or who, by reason of a clerical error on the part of the assessor or board of tax review, pays a tax in excess of that which should have been assessed against his property, or who is entitled to a refund because of the issuance of a certificate of correction may make application in writing to the collector of taxes for the refund of such amount. Such application shall be made not later than three years from the date such tax was due and shall contain a recital of the facts and shall state the amount of the refund requested.....

Watermark 3030 Parik LLC
3030 Park Ave
Bridgeport CT 06604

Pilot program 1 install due	\$430,123.50
Amount paid	\$494,063.04

Refund due:	<u>\$63,939.64</u>
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RESOLUTION

City Council Member(s): Robert Walsh 132 District (D)
*Mary Yvette Brantley 132 District
Address BAKER ST 132A*

RE: A resolution concerning changing City Council Rules of Order -
Rule XXV Public Hearing Forum

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council, held:
September 21, 2009 (**Off The Floor**)

Referred to: Miscellaneous Matters Committee

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Whereas, current rules allow to have 6 speakers address the City Council for a period of time not to exceed 5 minutes before the start of any council meeting; and

Whereas, current rules require that said speakers must register to speak with the City Clerk's office at least 5 days prior to said meeting; and

Whereas, it is common not to have all 6 time slots filled prior to publishing the City Council Agenda; and

Whereas, this extended time line prevents the public from addressing pressing issues that come to light after this arbitrary deadline

Be it therefore resolved that the City Council amends rule XXV to allow for speakers to sign up at 6:30 PM on the evening of the council meeting if all six slots have not been previously scheduled or in the event that a previously scheduled speakers fails to be present at the start of the Public Hearing Forum.

XXV.

Public Hearing Forum

There shall be a public hearing forum before the City Council on each night that the City Council meets in regular session commencing one-half hour prior to the scheduled commencement of the Council meeting. Anyone desiring to speak at said hearing shall be given 5 minutes to speak. In order to be eligible to speak, one must contact the City Council, through the City Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the City Council meeting. Such requests shall be honored on a first come, first serve basis, and no more than a maximum of 6 speakers will be allowed during the public hearing forum.

The minutes of said hearing shall be recorded by the Council stenographer and attendance of the Councilpersons at said hearing shall be taken prior to the convening of said hearing.

31:01 PM 22 SEP 2009
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION

City Council Member(s): Robert Walsh 132 District (D)

Mary Yvette Brantley 132 District (D)
Address Bakers Rd 139 " (D)

RE: A resolution requesting proof of residency of a member of a city board which otherwise might bar the person from continuing to serve on a city board

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council, held: September 21, 2009 (Off The Floor)

Referred to: Miscellaneous Matters Committee

Whereas, recent media reports have raised serious questions as to the bona fide residents of Eleanor Guedes, a member of the city of Bridgeport Civil Service Commission; and

Whereas, published reports indicate that her stated residency at 1425 Noble Avenue contains no residence quarters per the city of Bridgeport Tax Assessor's records on file on-line with the city of Bridgeport; and

Whereas, published reports indicate that Ms. Guedes owns a residential property in Turnbull at 48 Teller Road; and

Whereas, published reports indicate that Ms. Guedes failed to unequivocally acknowledge her bona fide residence as 1425 Nobel Avenue, Bridgeport, CT;

Be it therefore resolved that the City Council directs Ms. Guedes to file with the City Clerk a sworn affidavit acknowledging her residence as 1425 Noble Ave, Bridgeport, CT in accordance with the Residence for Voting Purposes per the Secretary of State.

Be it further resolved that should Ms. Guedes fail to file such a sworn affidavit with the City Clerk then the matter should be referred to the Ethics Commission of the City of Bridgeport for appropriate action.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

VERIFIED

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***130-08 Consent Calendar**

Disposition of City-Owned Property to United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCPA).

Public Hearing Ordered on: 8/3/2009
CT Post Publication dates on: 8/28/2009 and 9/4/2009
Public Hearing Held on: 9/8/2009

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: September 21, 2009

Adopted: _____

Shirley A. Weston

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report;
and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***130-08 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, over time, by foreclosure and other conveyances, a substantial amount of property has come to ownership of the City of Bridgeport, most of which is severely blighted and deteriorated or consists of vacant lots, both buildable and non-buildable, on properties that at one time or another have had accumulations of rubbish and debris, fire damage, building and fire code violations and the continuance of various neighborhood nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City owns seven such properties as follows:

144 Ogden Street (1626/13)
560 Norman Street (1132-09)
76 White Street (1809-05)
115 Madison Avenue (1045/20)
85 White Street (1807/15)
491 Shelton Street (1736-05)
727 Arctic Street (1751/13);

WHEREAS, The City proposes to transfer the seven above-listed properties to the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Southern Connecticut (UCPA) so that UCPA may develop these properties as single family affordable homes for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, all parcels are being offered for sale in "as is/where is" condition and will remain in their current land use and zoning classification as part of this sale, and will be subject to the City's standard reverter clause to ensure that development of the sites takes place as per plans and within a reasonable time; and

WHEREAS, UCPA will fund the development of these sites with \$1,747,368.00 in grant funds to be provided by HUD, with it being the specific requirement of such grant that CPA may use such funds for development only on sites that it has acquired either via outright donation or via a purchase that represents at least a 95% reduction on the presumed market value of the sites; and



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WHEREAS, the presumed market value of the 7 properties in question is equal to \$133,650 (one hundred thirty three thousand six hundred fifty dollars), such that a 95% reduction in their presumed market value would equate to a value of \$6,682.50 (six thousand six hundred eighty two dollars and fifty cents); and

WHEREAS, the seven properties were approved for disposition by the City Planning and Zoning Commission on March 31, 2008; and by the City Hall Committee on April 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut Public Act No. 07-218, four of the seven properties listed, (144 Ogden Street, 115 Madison Avenue, 85 White Street, and 727 Arctic Street) were given a public hearing before the City Council on May 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that same Public Act, three of the seven properties listed (560 Norman Street, 76 White Street, 491 Shelton Street) still require a public hearing prior to their disposition; Now, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to Connecticut Public Act No. 07-218, a public hearing of the City Council is hereby ordered with respect to the following three properties:

560 Norman Street (1132 – 09)
76 White Street (1809 -05)
491 Shelton Street (1736-05)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subsequent to the above-ordered public hearing, the City Council authorizes the transfer of the following seven properties to UCPA for the price of \$6,682.50 (six thousand six hundred eighty two dollars and fifty cents)

144 Ogden Street (1626/13) - (Public Hearing Held on May 18, 2009)
560 Norman Street (1132-09) – (Public Hearing Held on September 8, 2009)
76 White Street (1809-05) - (Public Hearing Held on September 8, 2009)
115 Madison Avenue (1045/20) - (Public Hearing Held on May 18, 2009)
85 White Street (1807/15) - (Public Hearing Held on May 18, 2009)
491 Shelton Street (1736-05) - (Public Hearing Held on September 8, 2009)
727 Arctic Street (1751/13) - (Public Hearing Held on May 18, 2009)



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor and/or the Director of OPED to execute any contracts or agreements, or to take any other such necessary actions consistent with and to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT

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Council Date: September 21, 2009

162-08

Grant Submission: re: 2009-2010 NACCHO Agreement
for Medical Reserve Corps.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: September 21, 2009 (OFF THE FLOOR)

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____



City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

162-08

WHEREAS, the National Association of County and City Health Officials is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the MRC Capacity Building Award and,

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to build the capacity of local Medical Reserve Corps; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, Department of Health and Social Services, submit an application to the National Association of County and City Health Officials in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of building the capacity of a Medical Reserve Corps; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the National Association of County and City Health Officials for funds to build the capacity of a Medical Reserve Corps.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the National Association of County and City Health Officials for a Capacity Building Grant for the Medical Reserve Corps, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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Council Date: September 21, 2009 (OFF THE FLOOR)

168-08 (PHO)

Disposition of City-Owned Property: 2836 Fairfield Ave; Black Rock Bank & Trust Company (**Request for Public Hearing**).

**Report
of
Committee
on
CCD & Environment**

Submitted: September 21, 2009 (OFF THE FLOOR)

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____


City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report;
and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

168-08(PHO)

BE IT RESOLVED, That a Public Hearing be Held before the City Council on Monday evening, October 19, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, relative to the Disposition of City Owned Property:

- 2836 Fairfield Avenue; Black Rock Bank & Trust Company

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
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Council Date: September 21, 2009 (OFF THE FLOOR)