

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Patricia Swain, Co-chair; Council President Thomas McCarthy, Milta Feliciano; Susan Brannelly; Robert Halstead (6:12); Melanie Jackson (6:12); Richard Salter (6:30).

**ABSENT:** Council Member AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; James Brideau; Robert D. Russo

**OTHERS:** Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Erin McDonough, Mayor's Office; Veronica Jones, Tax Collector; Velma Lovelace; Kelly A. Perez

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Swain called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. There was a quorum present. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia was not present due to a death in the family. It was also noted that Agenda Items 36-14 and 61-14 would not be able to be discussed due to absences.

**36-14 REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES BRIDEAU (R) TO THE PARK COMMISSION**

Mr. James Brideau was not present to discuss item 36-14.

**61-14 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. RUSSO, III, (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Mr. Robert D. Russo was not present to discuss item 61-14.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**37-14 APPOINTMENT OF VELMA LOVELACE (D) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION**

Ms. Velma Lovelace was present for item 37-14. Ms. Lovelace came forwards to address the committee. The committee reviewed her personal history. Ms. Lovelace then provided a recap of her history for the committee. Council President McCarthy had a question about if she owed taxes of any sort. Ms. Lovelace stated that she did for her 401 and her house, but that she did not owe the city money. It was clarified that the money that she owed was not considered to be taxes and that she currently owed no taxes.

*Council Member Halstead joined the meeting at 6:12 P.M.*

*Council Member Jackson joined the meeting at 6:12 P.M.*

A question was raised as to if Ms. Lovelace was informed of and prepared for the duties of her proposed appointment to which she stated that she was.

Council President McCarthy asked if she was independent enough to make a decision as to if someone was following ethical rules. She stated that she was, indeed, independent enough.

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 37-14.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**60-14 APPOINTMENT OF KELLY A. PEREZ (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ms. Perez was present for item 60-14. Ms. Perez came forwards to address the committee. Ms. Perez gave a quick summary of herself for the committee including her name, address, and reasons for desiring to join the Zoning Board. She brought forwards the fact that she has served as a teacher for several years.

Council President McCarthy questioned her as to if she would be able to make the time commitments to which she responded that she could.

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 60-14.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE VOTE PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, SWAIN, FELICIANO, BRANNELLY, JACKSON) AND ONE AGAINST (HALSTEAD).**

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015**  
**CONT'D.**

Council Member Halstead voiced disapproval of the minutes of the meeting of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He stated that one of the motions had not recorded his vote accurately.

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**36-14 REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES BRIDEAU (R) TO THE PARK COMMISSION  
CONT'D**

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 36-14 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**61-14 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT D. RUSSO, III, (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONT'D**

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 61-14 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11-14 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER-NEW  
RULE XXXI COUNCIL LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO  
GENERALLY DEFINE THE POSITION, ROLES, AND DUTIES AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VARIOUS APPOINTED CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS.**

Council President McCarthy stated that he had not had the item to review the proposed amendment for item 11-14.

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 11-14 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**44-14 STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING  
TAX FOR THE GRAND LIST 2013**

Ms. Jones was present to discuss item 44-14. She provided a quick overview of the proposed item for the committee. Clarification on several small aspects of the language for the reimbursement were made for the Committee.

*Council Member Salter joined the meeting at 6:30 P.M.*

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 44-14.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**45-14 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH HADASSAH  
NIGHTINGALE**

**58-14 PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH JOANN  
MEEKINS**

**59-14 PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH MS. MADELINE KING (DEPENDENT SPOUSE OF EARL KING DESCENDENT)**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS 45-14, 58-14, 59-14 WITH THE PROVISION THAT CITY ATTORNEY MARK ANASTASI IS PRESENT FOR ALL ITEMS AND THE INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS BE PRESENT ONLY FOR THE ITEMS THEY ARE PRESENT TO REPRESENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The meeting entered into executive session at 6:42 P.M.*

*The meeting returned to normal session at 7:34 P.M.*

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 45-14.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, SWAIN, BRANNELLY, HALSTEAD, JACKSON, SALTER) AND ONE ABSTENTION (FELICIANO).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 58-14.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HALSTEAD SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX IN FAVOR (SWAIN, BRANNELLY, HALSTEAD, JACKSON, SALTER, FELICIANO) AND ONE ABSTENTION (MCCARTHY).**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 59-14.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted

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City of Bridgeport  
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