

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011

6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia; Co-chair, M. Ayala,
Silva, Taylor-Moye, Walsh

CITY ATTORNEY: Mark Anastasi

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2011.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2011.

Approval of Committee Minutes of July 05, 2011 (Special Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

City Attorney Anastasi stated that the following items were requested to be tabled:

130-09 Proposed Workers' Compensation Full and Final Stipulation with Michael Bauco. – *noted: that the representing attorney received notice of the meeting too late.*

97-10 Reappointment of Anne Pappas Phillips (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the agenda would be taken out of order to address the commission appointments and reappointment first:

91-10 Appointment of Jack O. Banta (D) to the Harbor Commission.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia opened the floor to the appointee, to give him the opportunity to address the committee.

Mr. Banta stated that he has been a resident of Bridgeport for nine years and he resides at Seaside Village. He stated that he has a background in the transportation industry. He relayed that he previously ran for the city council and he has an interest in city government. He also participated in Dan Malloy's campaign.

He recalled that he met with the harbor master a couple of weeks ago and he hoped that he would be able to work with him, because he found him to be a fair person. He further stated that he looked forward to serving on the commission, although he doesn't have any previous experience working on the waterfront.

Council member Taylor-Moye expressed that she knew Mr. Banta to be a hard working Bridgeport resident. She felt that he would be a good person to serve on the commission, in view of his good character and status that would make him a good asset to the commission.

Council member Silva stated that due to Mr. Banta's transportation experience, he thought he could bring some knowledge to the table, since Bridgeport is known as a city with highways, by-ways and waterways. He encouraged the committee to approve the appointment.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JACK O. BANTA (D) TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

97-10 Reappointment of Anne Pappas Phillips (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

As previously stated:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

100-10 Appointment of Michael Andre (U) to the Harbor Commission.

Michael Andre addressed the committee. He stated that he lived at 80 Ferris Street in Black Rock and he was born and raised in Bridgeport. He relayed that his father was a Bridgeport Assistant Fire Chief and his mother is a retired teacher. He expressed that he started working at the Yacht Club at the age of 14 and he has a current captain's license. He added that he's a family man with one child.

He recalled that he met Bob Scinto through dealing with his own boat. He noted that he was glad there seemed to be a little more structure for mooring permits. He stated that he has an interest in serving on the commission due to this background. And Council member Martin McCarthy thought that he would be a good fit to serve on the commission. He explained that when he took the harbor tour, he found things to be interesting and enjoyable.

Council member Taylor-Moye commented that she was impressed with Mr. Andre's knowledge of the harbor and being a member of the U.S. Sailor Association. She asked him if his attendance at commission meetings would interfere with his family time. Mr. Andre said no.

Council member Taylor-Moye said she felt that Mr. Andre would be an asset to serve on the commission.

Council member Silva commented that he agreed with Council member Taylor-Moye, in that it would be good to have new faces and talent serve on the commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF
MICHAEL ANDRE (U) TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

104-10 Reappointment of Richard Cruz (D) to the Harbor Commission - *appointee wasn't present.*

Council member Silva stated that he found one issue on this application concerning back taxes.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the committee will hold any discussion since the appointee wasn't present.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia said the matter would need to be addressed and verified through the Tax Collector's Office. She said she would get the details and update the committee at the next meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

130-09 Proposed Workers' Compensation Full and Final Stipulation with Michael Baucó

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was noted that this item would be addressed at the next scheduled meeting on August 22, 2011

90-10 Resolution requesting verification of elimination of all take-home vehicles in FY2012 City Budget.

Council member Walsh stated that Andre Baker was the maker of the resolution.

Council member Taylor-Moye suggested that the item be tabled to give Council member Baker a chance to speak about the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

102-10 Proposed Workers' Compensation Full and Final Stipulation with Thomas Lombard.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called for a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee entered into executive session at 6:29 pm.

It was noted that Attorney Driscoll, the representing attorney for the matter was present to address the committee in executive session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The executive session ended at 6:50 pm.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED AS A FULL AND FINAL STIPULATION
** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

****It was stated that a full and final release will be requested prior to the next city council meeting.***

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services