

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; Council Member Warren Blunt; Council President Thomas McCarthy; Council Member Denese Taylor-Moye; Council Member Susan Brannelly (6:15 p.m.); Council Member Robert Walsh (6:26 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member Andre Baker, Ms. Alanna Kabel, Ms. Sipco, Ms. Audrey Gains; Council Member Evette Brantley; City Attorney Mark Anastasi

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
OCTOBER 27, 2008**

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2008**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

154-07 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TIMELY UPDATING AND POSTING OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WEB SITE.

Council Member Baker reviewed his resolution with the Committee. Council Member Blunt then pointed out that the argument had focused on the fact that the administration felt that the resolution was unnecessary. Council Member Baker replied that it was very important that the residents and others have access to updated information. He then suggested that the item be amended.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 154-07 FROM:**

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TIMELY UPDATING AND POSTING OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WEB SITE

WHEREAS, THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT PROVIDE FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF CITIZENS AND OVERSIGHT OF CITY MATTERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS CONSIDERABLE INTERACTION WITH THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL MUST REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STIPULATED BY CODE OF ORDINANCE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WEB SITE HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND IT'S STRUCTURE; AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED THAT THE LISTINGS OF MEMBERSHIP OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BE KEPT CURRENT AND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT NO TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD A POSITION ON ANY OF THE CITY'S BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PROVIDE A COMPLETE UPDATED LIST OF BOARDS AND COMMISSION MEMBERS, INCLUDING VACANCIES, ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WEB SITE HOME PAGE DEDICATED LINK TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PAGE BE UPDATED AND REFLECT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND VACANCIES.

TO:

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RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WEB SITE HOME PAGE DEDICATED LINK TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PAGE BE UPDATED AND REFLECT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND VACANCIES

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy said that while he understood why the Administration was objecting, but he felt that it was important to approve this resolution.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 154-07 RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TIMELY UPDATING AND POSTING OF THE CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INFORMATION ON THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT WEB SITE AS AMENDED.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Brannelly joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

26-08 New Position: health Department Lead Outreach Worker

Ms. Alanna Kabel came forward and introduced Ms. Gains and Ms. Sipco who work with the grant funded Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Ms. Sipco reviewed the details of the grant and said that she was excited about the second year of the grant. Ms. Gains would be gaining a staff member who would work on lead poisoning education.

Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia asked if the outreach salary would be paid solely from the grant. Ms. Sipco said that this was so. Ms. Sipco said that she was hoping that with the success in the program that HUD would continue to fund the program. In the event that the grant was not renewed, the position would cease. Ms. Grant said that there were about 800 inspections a year and then referrals are made to lead hazard control program.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 26-08 NEW POSITION: HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEAD OUTREACH WORKER.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

29-08 Refund of Excess Payment

There was no representation from the City staff to review this item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 29-08 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECESS

Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia declared a recess at 6:25 p.m.

Council Member Walsh joined the meeting at 6:26 p.m. City Attorney Anastasi joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The meeting returned to public session at 6: 35 p.m.

170-07 WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND MARK FABRIZI

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee Members and Attorney Anastasi entered into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. They returned to public session at 7:10 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 170-07 WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND MARK FABRIZI AS SUBMITTED.**

A brief discussion then followed about the motion.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee and Attorney Anastasi entered Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. and returned to public session at 7:17 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 170-07 WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND MARK FABRIZI AS SUBMITTED.**

07-08 SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR CARLOS DIAZ VS. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 07-08 SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR CARLOS DIAZ VS. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

30-08 SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR NICHOLSON V. NEGRON

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 30-08 SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR NICHOLSON V. NEGRON
** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO RECESS UNTIL 6:45 P.M. ON JANUARY 5, 2009
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MONDAY - JANUARY 5, 2009
6:45 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: McCarthy, Paoletto, Brannelly, Taylor, Walsh

ABSENT: Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, Martinez

Council President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

170-07 Worker's Compensation Stipulation between City of Bridgeport and Mark Fabrizi

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

The committee moved into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

The executive session ended at 7:01 p.m.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 170-07
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN
OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH)

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER PAOLETTO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services
City of Bridgeport
Miscellaneous Matters Committee
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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Denese Taylor-Moye; Daniel Martinez, Susan Brannelly, Council President Thomas McCarthy; Robert Walsh (6:20 p.m.)

OTHER: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Atty. Betsy Edwards; Atty. Richard Kascka; Anne Kelly Lenz, Tax Collector

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Special Committee Meeting Minutes: December 23, 2008
and Reconvened January 5, 2009**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 23, 2008.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

29-08 Refund of Excess Payment

Ms. Kelly Lentz came forward and distributed copies of the refunds to the Council Members. She explained that the mortgage companies were calculating the amount based on the average size of all the units in the entire building rather than the individual units. Not all the units are the same size, which then resulted in an over payment.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE
REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

07-08 SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR CARLOS DIAZ VS. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT ; AND

30-08 SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR NICHOLSON VS. NEGRON.

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

The Committee members, Atty. Anastasi, Atty. Kascka, and Atty. Edwards entered into Executive Session to discuss the two suit settlement cases at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Walsh joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m. during Executive Session.

The Committee returned to public session at 6:58 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF \$40,000 IN REGARDS TO CARLOS DIAZ VS. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.**

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF \$30,000 IN REGARDS TO NICHOLSON VS. NEGRON.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Richard Paoletto, Daniel Martinez, Denese Taylor-Moye; Susan Brannelly

OTHERS: Tyrone McClaine, Council Member Yvette Brantley, Fire Chief Brian Rooney, Police Chief Gaudette, Atty. Mark Anastasi, Frank Panzarella, Fight the Hike; Paula Panzarella, Fight the Hike; Kathy McCarthy, Fight The Hike

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: January 26, 2009

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2009.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

44-08 Resolution requesting Mayor to reduce city-owned vehicle use.

Council Member Martinez said that he had concerns about the number of take home vehicles being used by employees and department heads. He had no objections to the Fire Chief and the Police Chief having take home vehicles. Council Member Martinez said that he had requested a copy of a detailed list of the take home cars and those vehicles that were removed from the list as claimed in a recent news release.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 44-08 RESOLUTION REQUESTING MAYOR TO REDUCE CITY-OWNED VEHICLE USE.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

46-08 “Fight the Hike” Resolution concerning United Illuminating rate hikes.

Council Member Vizzo Paniccia said that the Women’s Caucus had sponsored the resolution, but Council Member Valle and Council Member Colon were not present to present it.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 46-08 “FIGHT THE HIKE” RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED ILLUMINATING RATE HIKES.**

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

RECESS

Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia called for a recess at 6:12 p.m.

Council Member Paoletto left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

**46-08 “Fight the Hike” Resolution concerning United Illuminating rate hikes.
CONT’D**

Chairman Vizzo-Paniccia explained that the motion has been tabled and that Council Member Paoletto had to leave, but had expressed his agreement that the issue should be presented if possible.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM
46-08 “FIGHT THE HIKE” RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED
ILLUMINATING RATE HIKES**

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

Council Member Valle said that she had been present at a meeting where Atty. Blumenthal has spoken about this issue and that it would be important for Bridgeport to have a formal position. She added that Council Members Taylor-Moye and Brantley should be added to the resolution as co-sponsors.

Council Member Valle said that she had been informed that the proposed hike did not take place, but she would like the Council to be informed in case this issue arises again. It would also be important to be on record that the Bridgeport delegation want to help their constituents. She added that other cities and towns had

Atty. Anastasi said that the most recent rate hike had been defeated because of citizens concerns. He then suggested that the language be adjusted to be more closely aligned with “Fight the Hike”s efforts. This would also allow the Committee to receive some literature with the Committee members. He said that the recent events have overtaken the original language.

Mr. Panzarella came forward and said that he lived in New Haven and that a few years ago, his area had been given a 50% rate hike. Following this, Mr. Panzarella was part of the formation of “Fight the Hike” and his group is working towards more uniformity in

the rates. He said that there were a number of bills in the State Legislature because while the current hike was stopped, there is another one that may come up in a few months because of environmental issues. Mr. Panzarella said that Connecticut pays the highest electrical rates in the entire continental United States.

Mr. Panzarella said that the group was a grass root organization and that it was basically a group of concerned citizens. Atty. Anastasi said it would be helpful to have documentation about the group and their flyers for the Council.

Council Member Valle asked Mr. Panzarella to send copies to Mr. White, the Legislative Aide to insure that everyone gets it. Mr. Panzarella said that he had copies of the bills that were currently before the State Legislature. He added that two bills would be up for consideration tomorrow and deal with rate reduction. With the deregulation in 1997, the generation and delivery were split and since then the prices have been going up and down like the stock market.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 46-08 "FIGHT THE HIKE" RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED ILLUMINATING RATE HIKES.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

42-08 Reappointment of Michael Piccirillo (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Piccirillo was not present at the meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 42-08 REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PICCIRILLO (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Denise Taylor-Moye, Council President Thomas McCarthy; Robert Walsh, Daniel Martinez, Susan Brannelly

OTHERS: Council Member Leticia Colon, Council Member Michelle Lyons, Council Member Andre Baker, Michael Piccarillo, William Cummings, Atty. John Bohanan, Atty. Mark Anastasi

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2009

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2009.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

42-08 Reappointment of Michael Piccirillo (D) to Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Piccarillo came forward and greeted the Committee. It was then stated that this would be his third five year term serving on the ZBA. There were no questions regarding Mr. Piccarillo's background.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 42-08 REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PICCIRILLO (D) TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECESS

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia announced a brief recess at 6:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

78-08 Proposed Suit Settlement for Christopher Russo

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR CHRISTOPHER RUSSO.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee returned to public session at 7:20 p.m.

Council President McCarthy left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUIT SETTLEMENT OF \$250,000 FOR CHRISTOPHER RUSSO.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR IN FAVOR (VIZZO-PANICCIA, BRANNELLY, TAYLOR-MOYE AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE AGAINST (WALSH).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
APRIL 27, 2009
7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, Brannelly, McCarthy,
Martinez, Taylor-Moye

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

The Co-chair announced that the agenda would be taken out of order to go into executive session and take up item #101-08(A).

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The executive session began at 7:26 p.m.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The executive session ended at 7:55 p.m.

** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE 101-08(A) SUIT
SETTLEMENT FOR BARKSDALE, ET AL.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

82-08 Refund of Excess Payments.

Kelly Lenz stated that Q-West Communication made two payments and there were three erroneously payments indicated on their taxes. The amount was over \$10k, so the Tax Collector's Office needed approval to reimburse the extra payments.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

44-08 Resolution requesting Mayor to reduce city-owned vehicle use.

The co-chair announced that this item was requested to be tabled.

46-08 "Fight the Hike" Resolution concerning United Illuminating rate hikes.

The item was taken up later on the agenda – *see below*.

79-08 Appointment of Thomas Lyons (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

The co-chair stated that there was some question whether or not the person for this item would accept the appointment; it was decided to table the matter.

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

80-08 Reappointment of Richard DeParle (R) to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Mr. DeParle approached the committee. He stated that he has served on the board for six years and he does a good job in being diligent to keep all the properties equally taxed.

Council member McCarthy recommended the appointment. He reminded Mr. DeParle that fairness on the upper side of every evaluation was better.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia said she appreciated the good job done that Mr. DeParle does.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Consent Calendar

81-08 Appointment of Patrick Crossin (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Mr. Patrick Crossin stated that he was a city council member twelve years ago. He also served as the chairman of the Black Rock Budget & Appropriations Committee. He expressed that serving on this board was a way to get back involved and do a public service.

Council member McCarthy stated that he endorsed the appointment. He asked Mr. Crossin to try to keep the cost measures down, per the raising fluctuation fees.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE

** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

85-08 Appointment of Jose Tiago (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Jose Tiago approached the committee. He stated that was 32 years old and born and raised in Bridgeport; he also runs a business in the city and has a family. He expressed that he was looking to get involved and invest time in the city, considering his background in the construction field. He felt this could be beneficial serving on the P&Z Commission.

Council member Martinez asked about the statement in the newspaper concerning his business having zoning issues. He expressed that he had some serious issues with a person that has had violations in the past, particularly concerning a rock crushing operation. He asked Mr. Tiago where he saw himself as being a strong force as far as the zoning regulations go and assuring that compliance will be met.

Mr. Tiago explained that he purchased the property as a construction yard, but he doesn't do any rock crushing, however, there was some material on-site. When he found the property, he was told it was perfect for his business. He admitted that he didn't do any research prior and when he brought the rock crusher in; he cleaned up the property of the material that was already there. He reiterated that he never had a rock crushing business and there wasn't any intention to disregard the zoning laws. He said he only got rid of the pile of debris and cleaned up the property. But then he ended up in court and his attorney filed an appeal, but it hasn't been resolved yet, because the date was always being pushed back. He further expressed that he felt he could be very biased, in terms of serving on the P&Z Commission. He said that he didn't hold any grudges.

Council member Blunt asked where he was operating his business now. Mr. Tiago said he was still located on Seaview Avenue, but he only does small addition work and he has a few pieces of equipment.

Council member Blunt asked him if he ever met with the community organizations in the area. Mr. Tiago said no, he was trying to clear up the cease & desist matter.

Council member Brannelly asked Mr. Tiago if he felt there would be any opportunity to have a conflict of interest sitting on the commission or the chance that he might have to come before the P&Z Commission in his line of work that may require zoning approval. Mr. Tiago responded that if he had a project that required approval before the commission, he would have to recuse himself.

City Attorney Anastasi clarified that the key areas the committee had to keep in mind were:

-That the appointee fully understood that he will have to recuse from any matter that might concern his business.

Attorney Anastasi explained that in order to qualify to serve on a board, it doesn't mean the citizen gives up their right under the law to present their own interest. He stressed that the key thing was that he had an experience. And if it doesn't distract from his ability to assess a P&Z Commission matter impartially, then he should understand that each application is looked upon on its own merit. But there was nothing to suggest that Mr. Tiago is not capable to serve on the commission.

Council member Brannelly mentioned the mistake of Mr. Tiago of not doing his research when he made such a big investment. But she said it was more a matter of how well he understood the zoning policies and regulations.

Mr. Tiago agreed that he was lax in doing due diligence. He explained that his realtor recommended the property. Overall, he still felt he could do a good job serving on the commission.

It was asked how it would affect him serving on the board, if he lost the court case pending. Mr. Tiago said he wasn't really pushing the court case anymore. He was now focusing on down sizing the business and he isn't that involved in it as much. He said his intention was to cancel the court case if he could.

Council member McCarthy pointed out that he thought the article was meant to smear Mr. Tiago. He commented that he knew the appointee and he agreed that although he made a mistake, he did fix up the property enormously, so he felt he would be an asset to the commission.

** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

44-08 Resolution requesting Mayor to reduce city-owned vehicle use.

Council member Martinez stated that he wondered if the department was looking to limit take-home cars and he questioned whether they all needed them.

Mr. Charles Carroll explained that the Mayor reduced use by 43% for take-home vehicles and he was satisfied with that.

Council member Martinez asked if all the department heads needed take-home vehicles. Mr. Carroll said the Mayor indicated that they do.

Council member Martinez said that although it was okay with the Mayor, he still didn't see the need for department heads to have the take-home vehicles. He thought that if they could cut down more, they should cut down more.

Council member Brannelly asked what the criteria were for take-home vehicles. She asked if they could get a list of who has a car and the need to be on-call (*Mr. Carroll submitted a list of all the persons that had take-home vehicles- the committee briefly reviewed the list*).

Council member Taylor-Moye asked when a car is gassed up; is the amount monitored. Mr. Carroll replied yes. He added that each employee is taxed for having the car, per IRS reporting.

Council member Brantley asked if the mileage for each car was logged in. Mr. Carroll explained that each vehicle has a gas card and code; the mileage of the car has to be reported.

Council member Brantley asked when a car is driven in the morning and returned later is the date, time and mileage recorded on a daily basis. Mr. Carroll said no.

Council member Martinez asked if the users of the vehicles had the ability to gas up at a non-city station and then reimbursed. Mr. Carroll said no.

Council member Martinez asked the justification for the department heads having use of a take-home vehicle. Mr. Carroll said it was negotiated when the person was hired, as part of the contract.

Council member Martinez asked the names of the people that had a contract. Mr. Carroll said he didn't have that information available tonight. Council member Martinez requested the following information be submitted:

1. Which person has a contractual agreement?
2. The cost of gas cost for each vehicle for July 2008 and 2009 to-date – *the fiscal year breakdown for all department heads and non-emergency vehicles*
3. Which department heads are labeled on-call and why - Mr. Carroll responded that the Mayor determined that.

Council member Martinez commented that it wasn't necessary for certain department heads to be on-call, with the exception of the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE (*by the maker of the resolution*)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

86-08 Appointment of Jasmin H. Richards (D) to the Stratfield Historic District Commission.

Ms. Richards approached the commission. She stated that she has been a resident and homeowner in the Stratfield Historic District for five years. She said that she has gone before the Stratfield Historic District Commission for approval of a fence in her yard. Her reason for wanting to serve on the commission, is because she saw the need for standards and she would like to see her neighborhood nice and improved.

Council member Blunt asked her what the Stratfield Historic Commission does. Ms. Richards said they helped enforce and maintain the standards.

Council member Blunt asked if the commission mandated a building to be historic. Ms. Richard replied that the entire area was historic. Council member Martinez clarified that if exterior changes are made, an applicant needs to get approval from the commission, this has to do with the historic value of the property.

Council member Brantley stated that the Stratfield Historic District was her district. She noted that the two appointees before them tonight were involved in the neighborhood and she was glad it was being revitalized.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCarthy MOVED TO APPROVE**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

87-08 Appointment of Robert E. Halstead (D) to the Stratfield Historic District Commission.

The appointee wasn't present.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

88-08 Appointment of Florisca Carter (D) to the Stratfield Historic District Commission.

Ms. Carter approached the committee. She stated that she has lived in Bridgeport for 14 years and she has lived in her house for 12 years on Blackham Place. She expressed that she was looking to be part of the work that needs to be done, to maintain authenticity and beautification, as well as preserve the safety of the homes.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

101-08(B) Suit Settlement for Torres.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
8:40 p.m.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

City Attorney Anastasi interjected to request that the item be tabled because the representing attorney was unable to attend the meeting tonight, due to a conflict. Attorney Anastasi suggested that the committee recess tonight for this item and reconvene before the next city council meeting next Monday. He was informed that there was another meeting scheduled before the city council meeting that night. Attorney Anastasia then suggested that they schedule another meeting to resolve the matter, on a date to be determined. It was then decided that Attorney Anastasi would present some background information on the item during executive session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee went into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee ended the executive session at 9:06 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 101-08(B) SUIT
SETTLEMENT FOR TORRES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

46-08 "Fight the Hike" Resolution concerning United Illuminating rate hikes.

It was noted that Council member McCarthy should be added to the resolution as a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Council member McCarthy explained that this program was a state-wide group who put pressure on unfair rate increases. He explained that they aren't an LLC or organized group. The idea was to spread the word to get local legislative bodies not to pass unfair rate increases. He said that was the reason the language was rewritten, to state that they supported the green technology and that they were keeping rate hikes low.

Attorney Anastasi added that the tactics used by the group were deemed to be somewhat unprofessional, but the goals are shared by the city and this is an effective way of dealing with the matter.

Council member Valle requested that the committee take a few minutes to review the item.

Attorney Anastasi mentioned that this matter concerned a "statement of policy".

It was determined that the following revisions should be made to the resolution:

- Add to the resolution that the area should be kept free of contaminants and there should be someone assigned to oversee this.
- Council member McCarthy should be added as one of the principal makers of the resolution.

Attorney Anastasi stated that Attorney Howlett would introduce the correct language and the matter could be brought up on the floor at the next city council meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS:**

- 1. TO CORRECT THE SPELLING OF THE NAMES AND COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SHOULD BE ADDED AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL MAKERS OF THE RESOLUTION**
- 2. ADD LANGUAGE TO KEEP THE AREA FREE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS AND ASSIGN A PERSON TO OVERSEE THIS IS DONE**

Attorney Anastasi noted that they may have to check with the state regarding the law to make this change.

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THIS ITEM ONLY UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009 AT 6:15 P.M.**

It was noted that this item may not appear on the city council agenda for the May 4, 2009 meeting – the city attorney will verify this.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was recessed at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

Diane Graham

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Denese Taylor-Moye,
Richard Paoletto, Susan Brannelly

OTHERS: Cathy McCarthy, Council Member James Holloway

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

46-08 “Fight the Hike” Resolution concerning United Illuminating rate hikes .

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia reminded everyone that the issue had been recessed because there were typographical corrections needed to be made on the resolution. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she had wanted to clarify one issue about the maintenance.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO THE APPROVE 46-08
“FIGHT THE HIKE” RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED
ILLUMINATING RATE HIKES .**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Richard Paoletto, Denese Taylor-Moye, Susan Brannelly, Robert Walsh (6:11 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member Richard Bonney, City Attorney Mark Anastasi, Atty. Edwards

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: April 27, 2009 and Reconvened May 4, 2009

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 27, 2009 AND RECONVENED MAY 4, 2009 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

44-08 Resolution requesting Mayor to reduce city-owned vehicle use.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 44-08 RESOLUTION REQUESTING MAYOR TO REDUCE CITY-OWNED VEHICLE USE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Walsh joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

79-08 Appointment of Thomas Lyons (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that Mr. Lyons had requested to have his name removed from consideration at this time, however, the Mayor's Office wanted Mr. Lyons name to remain on the appointment list.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO DENY AGENDA ITEM 79-08 APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS LYONS (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

87-08 Appointment of Robert E. Halstead (D) to the Stratfield Historic District Commission.

This is an appointment and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested Mr. Halstead to give a brief overview of why he wants to be on the Committee. Mr. Halstead said that he had been asked by John Olson to be on the Committee. He said that he was an expert in historic preservation and had won an award for the Washington Park. He said that there were 36 units of affordable units in the ten renovated mansions at Washington Park.

Council Member Walsh asked about the make up of the Board in regards to political parties. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia reviewed the paperwork as did Council Member Walsh. Council Member Paoletto asked if all the other paperwork was completed. There was a brief discussion about who was on the Stratfield Historic District Commission. Council Member Walsh said that he would make the motion if there was an inclusion that there were no problems with the minority party requirements

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 87-08 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT E. HALSTEAD (D) TO THE STRATFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PENDING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION BY THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 1ST THAT THERE ARE NO ISSUES WITH THE MAKE UP OF THE BOARD AND THIS APPOINTMENT MEETS THE STATE LAW THAT REQUIRES MINORITY PARTY REPRESENTATION.**

Council Member Walsh pointed out that with the Historic District, Commission members must live within the District.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

102-08 Request to support SB 735 which would create a ‘complete streets’ policy on Connecticut roads.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 102-08 REQUEST TO SUPPORT SB 735 WHICH WOULD CREATE A ‘COMPLETE STREETS’ POLICY ON CONNECTICUT ROADS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

103-08 Appointment of Abel F. Chaparro (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Mr. Chaparro came forward and introduced himself to the Committee. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Chaparro then said that he owns a construction company and was a founder of the Bridgeport Youth Soccer League. He added that he had also helped clean up 90 Acres in order to use it as a soccer field. He said that he felt he could help with the tax assessments. He was contacted by Council President McCarthy and said that he agreed to serve. He has lived in Bridgeport through the bad times and the good times. He would like to see the City prosper. One point of improvement would be getting the tax situation straightened out. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the paperwork was available.

Council Member Moyer Taylor asked Mr. Chaparro if he would be able to be neutral when hearing the tax cases. Mr. Chaparro said that when he first came to the U.S., he learned to listen to people carefully. He said that he was open-minded.

Council Member Walsh asked if Mr. Chaparro knew about tax assessment. Mr. Chaparro said that he had attended the Century 21 School for this. Council Member Walsh said that the Board of Assessment Appeals was a moving target. He said that he would like to get something in writing before the June 1st Council Meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 103-08 APPOINTMENT OF ABEL F. CHAPARRO (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS PENDING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION BY THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 1ST THAT THERE ARE NO ISSUES WITH THE MAKE UP OF THE BOARD AND THIS APPOINTMENT MEETS THE STATE LAW THAT REQUIRES MINORITY PARTY REPRESENTATION.
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

104-08 Appointment of Frank P. Borres (R) as an alternate to the Stratfield Historic District Commission.

Mr. Borres came forward and introduced himself. He said that he was a businessman in Bridgeport that produces documentaries for Public Televisions. He owns a Victorian home in Bridgeport and received a Preservation Grant. He said that he really loves restoring homes and the neighborhood he lives in. Currently the Historic District does not have a working body and that it is important to keep the neighborhood intact. Mr. Borres said that he wants to do his part in making sure that the neighborhood stays restored.

Council Member Walsh said that he had known Mr. Borres for decades. Council Member Moye Taylor agreed. Council Member Paoletto said that he also has known Mr. Borres and that he was agreeing with Council Member Walsh again tonight.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 104-08 APPOINTMENT OF FRANK P. BORRES (R) AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE STRATFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PENDING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION BY THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 1ST THAT THERE ARE NO ISSUES WITH THE MAKE UP OF THE BOARD AND THIS APPOINTMENT MEETS THE STATE LAW THAT REQUIRES MINORITY PARTY REPRESENTATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ENTER IN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee, Council Member Bonney, Attorney Anastasi and Atty. Edwards entered into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Council Member Brannelly left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Committee returned to public Session at 7:20 p.m.

Attorney Anastasi said that he would like to add an item to the agenda. Council Member Walsh said that there was nothing to add to the agenda. Atty. Anastasi said that he wished to add an item that had to do with a case that was currently on trial. A 2/3rds vote is needed to have the item added. The case underway is Shannon Donnell vs. City of Bridgeport, et.al.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO INCLUDE A DISCUSSION REQUESTED BY ATTY. ANASTASI**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.**

Council Member Walsh said that there was no reason to expect that an item was going to be added to the agenda. He said that it was extremely fortuitous when the timing had worked out. Atty. Edwards said that she needed to tell the judge tomorrow that she had

consulted with her client. Atty. Anastasi said that this was a procedural mechanism so that she could buy some time.

**** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE WITHDREW HER SECOND.
** THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS WORKER'S COMP.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee, Council Member Bonney, and Attorney Anastasi entered into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

111-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Revon Murray.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 111-08 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND REVON MURRAY UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS IS AVAILABLE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

112-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Marcus Zampedri.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 112-08 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS IS AVAILABLE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

113-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Mary Higgs.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 113-08 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARY HIGGS UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS IS AVAILABLE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

117-08(A) Suit Settlement for Mark Simonetti.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM
117-08(A) SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR MARK SIMONETTI.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MOYE TAYLOR SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (MOYE TAYLOR,
PAOLETTO, AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND ONE OPPOSED (WALSH)**

117-08(B) Suit Settlement for Daniel Donahue.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO RECESS UNTIL MONDAY
NIGHT, JUNE 1ST AT 6:00 P.M.
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia, Taylor-Moye, Paoletto

117-08(B) Suit Settlement for Daniel Donahue.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia canceled the meeting due to a lack of quorum at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services
Diane Graham

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
JUNE 22, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Paoletto, Taylor-Moye, Walsh

OTHERS(s): Council President McCarthy (*chaired the meeting*)
City Attorney Anastasi

Council member McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

He announced that Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia had a serious incident that occurred in her district, so she was unable to attend the meeting. He noted that she will attend later. She asked him to chair the meeting.

He questioned whether they needed to vote on him chairing the meeting. City Attorney Anastasi said he thought the city council president could sit in as co-chair in the absence of the regular co-chair.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY AS
ACTING CO-CHAIR IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

13-07 Resolution to amend the City Council Rules of Order to allow meetings of Council Members for informational purposes only to be exempt from the requirement for referral to Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

24-07 Proposed amendment to City Council Rule XXV – Public Hearing Forum to add new language.

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

44-08 Resolution requesting Mayor to reduce city-owned vehicle use.

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

102-08 Request to support SB 735 which would create a ‘Complete Streets’ policy on Connecticut roads.

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

111-08 Proposed Workers’ Compensation Stipulation between the City and Revon Murray.

112-08 Proposed Workers’ Compensation Stipulation between the City and Marcus Zampedri.

113-08 Proposed Workers’ Compensation Stipulation between the City and Mary Higgs.

117-08(B) Suit Settlement for Daniel Donahue.

**
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION FOR THESE FOUR ITEMS

**
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED

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** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The committee entered went into executive session at 6:24 p.m.

The committee came out of executive session at 6:55 p.m.

111-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Revon Murray.

****** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
****** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
****** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH)

*Not on consent calendar

112-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Marcus Zampedri.

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

113-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Mary Higgs.

****** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
****** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
****** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

117-08(B) Suit Settlement for Daniel Donahue.

****** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CITY ATTORNEY ANASTASI WILL PROVIDE THE ANSWERS AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL
****** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
****** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services
Diane Graham

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
JOINT CONTRACTS COMMITTEE *and* MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Contracts Committee}

Council members: dePara, Colon, Austin, Holloway.

Miscellaneous Matters Committee}

Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia, Taylor-Moye, Walsh

OTHER(s):

City President McCarthy, City Attorney Mark Anastasi
Attorney Lisa Trachtenberg, Attorney Arthur Laske, Attorney
Diane Lord, John Ricci, Director Airport

Council member dePara called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

138-08 Pending Lawsuits concerning Sikorsky Memorial Airport.

City Attorney Anastasi stated that the purpose of this joint meeting was to have a preliminary discussion of the terms they would like authorized from the committees to relay to the parties in agreement and to finalize the details of that agreement. He stated that due to the nature of the settlement, the vote should be to authorize a discussion of the settlement in executive session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The joint committees entered into executive session at 6:16 p.m.

The joint committees came out of executive session at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

City Attorney Anastasi read the draft of the resolution to be finalized:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF THE LITIGATION REFERENCED IN ITEM NO. 138-08 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND SUBJECT TO AIRPORT COMMISSION AND P&Z SECTION 8-24 APPROVALS

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF THE LITIGATION REFERENCED IN ITEM NO. 138-08 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND SUBJECT TO AIRPORT COMMISSION AND P&Z SECTION 8-24 APPROVALS

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SIX VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH)**

***Not on consent calendar**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services
Diane Graham

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 3, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Blunt, Paoletto, Taylor-Moye, Brannelly,
Vizzo-Paniccia

Co-chair Blunt called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

**111-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and
Revon Murray.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ENTER INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee entered into executive session at 6:20 p.m.

The committee came out of executive session at 6:34 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

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

**It was noted that this item would be brought up on the floor during the city council
meeting for immediate consideration.*

ADJOURNED

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services
Diane Graham

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Richard Paoletto, Council President Thomas McCarthy, Denise Taylor Moye Susan Brannelly, Robert Walsh (6:09 p.m.); Warren Blunt (6:47 p.m.)

OTHERS: Mr. David Dunn, Acting Personnel Director, Tyrone McClaine, Mayor Office's; Anne Kelly Lenz, Tax Collector; Council Member Carlos Silva, Civil Service Commissioner Carrera

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2009

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2009 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes: August 3, 2009 (Special Meeting).

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

103-08 Appointment of Abel F. Chaparro (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there had been a question about the composition of the various boards. Mr. McClaine distributed copies of a breakdown of all the boards and committees. He said that he had checked the political affiliations and is still working on the Fair Housing and Fair Rent Committees.

Council Member Walsh jointed the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Council President McCarthy said that Mr. Shapiro was his submission for the Committee. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the Committee had previously approved him.

Council Member Walsh asked what the definition of a member was in the document. He said that he did not know how it was determined which members served on the Zoning Board to hear cases. Mr. McClaine said that he did not have the information about this immediately. Council Member Walsh said that he would like to see the written rules as to how the process is handled. He was also concerned about minority party representation.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 103-08 APPOINTMENT OF ABEL F. CHAPARRO (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The discussion then briefly moved to the requirements for an alternate and a full time position for the Stratfield Historic District. Mr. McClaine said that based on Council Member Walsh's questions, the form had been revised and the requirements for the potential commissioners was now included. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked for a hard copy of the Supplemental Form for Nominees to Commissions on Ethics and Historic District to be submitted to the City Clerk's office. Mr. McClaine said that he would do that.

24-07 Resolution re: Amendment to City Council Rule XXV – Public Hearing Forum.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 24-07 RESOLUTION RE: AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL RULE XXV – PUBLIC HEARING FORUM.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

44-08 Resolution re: Mayor to reduce city owned vehicle use.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the original creators of this were not present. Walsh pointed out that there was an ordinance on the books that said that every city vehicle other than the police vehicles should have the City of Bridgeport emblem with the Department indicated on the vehicle.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 44-08 RESOLUTION RE: MAYOR TO REDUCE CITY OWNED VEHICLE USE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

102-08 Resolution re: Support SB 735 which would create a 'Complete Streets' Policy on Connecticut roads.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM
102-08 RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT SB 735 WHICH WOULD CREATE A
'COMPLETE STREETS' POLICY ON CONNECTICUT ROADS.
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

152-08 Proposed revision to portions of Civil Service Commission Rules II and III.

Mr. Dunn came forward and said that Commissioner Carrera from the Civil Service Commission was proposing two changes to the rules. He said that she would like to remove the box that the candidates are required to check if there is a history of arrest or incarceration. There will be a background check done by the City, but the box acts as a deterrent to applicants.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked what the reasons were for the change and what it would cost. Commissioner Carrera said that it would be important to know that the resolution has been approved by the City Attorney. The application needs to be revised. When the Civil Service reviewed the application, it was clearly out of date and needed to be revised. There is an overall move through out the State to remove the box from the initial application.

Atty. Anastasi said that Commissioner Carrera spearheaded this initiative and this was consistent with public policy. The reason was to help those who had been incarcerated to re-enter society. Previously, there was an absolute bar to those who has been in trouble with the law. He said that this was a pro-active legal move.

Commissioner Carrera said that there were many re-entry programs for offenders and what better way to reintegrate them into the community. She said that the Commission was mindful of the public safety and public safety was paramount. A potential employer has the right to ask the applicant about the incident.

Atty. Anastasi commented that with the box, the applications are divided into two piles, one without criminal records and one without. The box also discourages people from applying at all after a while.

Council President McCarthy said that he had conversations about this issue and that Council Member Silva was also very active in this resolution. The screenings remain, but it moves from the front end of the process to the back end of the process. He said that he had been skeptical of this but was now in favor of the resolution.

Council Member Brannelly said that she had concerns about the mandatory screening. Mr. Dunn said that screenings are routinely run on all applicants. He then reviewed the various processes that the Police Department and the Board of Education use, but reminded everyone that there were State statutes governing some positions. All candidates will fill out a form that allows the City to perform a background check once a certain level of the process has been reached. The vendors will also be included in this resolution.

Commissioner Carrera said that there had been several cases of employees appealing to the Commission because they were dismissed from their position because they had committed a crime. She said that usually people are more willing to talk about the situation than writing it down. Mr. Dunn added that there would certainly be some appeals from applicants who did not progress very far in the process, but most of the appeals would be from employees.

Council Member Walsh said that it either mattered or it didn't. He went on to explain his viewpoint. If the box is removed, then the onus will fall on the Civil Service. Commissioner Carrera said that it was the Civil Service intended to have everyone have background checks.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that if an ex-offender can't get a job, he or she may be forced to go back to committing crimes. She said that it was about letting the ex-offender prove their worth.

Council Member Silva thanked Council President McCarthy for mentioning the fact that he was a part of the round table discussion. He said that he works with the same population on a daily basis and he teaches them how to handle the issue when it is on the application. He said that the ex-offenders need to know how to discuss what they did and how they are moving forward in 3 minutes or less. Once the vendors take the step, others will follow. Approving this would give these people a first step.

Council Member Brannelly asked what Rule III. Mr. Dunn explained that there was an outdated requirement that an applicant live in Bridgeport for a year, which has been deemed unconstitutional, so it needs to be removed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM
152-08 PROPOSED REVISION TO PORTIONS OF CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION RULES II AND III.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

153-08 Appointment of Cynthia S. Maignan (D) as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM
153-08 APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA S. MAIGNAN (D) AS AN
ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

169-08 Resolution re: Request Planning & Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals to increase the Public Information Notice sign size to 11" x 17" or larger.

Council Member Blunt joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Council Member Valle said that when a project is being done, the notification signs are too small. She would like to see them 22" x 24", but the printing office can't print larger signs. She then explained that the notification sign wasn't seen by the residents for a particular project. When she was in Miami, the signs were very large. She said that there is a half way house being built and it is right across the street from a school.

Council President McCarthy asked Atty. Anastasi what the required size now and whether the Commission has the authority to make the decision. Atty. Anastasi said that the Commission does not have the authority to make the change, but the Commission does have the right to make a recommendation.

Council Member Walsh said that he supported Council Member Valle, but that the sign was supposed to be affixed on the building, it could be forty feet from the street. He said that he was concerned that the public would not know they could walk up to the building to read the sign. Council Member Valle said that it wasn't working in her district. She said that there were bars and half way houses proposed for the East Side that no one realized were going to be done.

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Walsh had a point.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE 169-08
RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST PLANNING & ZONING AND ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE SIGN
SIZE TO 11" X 17" OR LARGER**

A brief discussion followed about the size of the sign.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND HIS MOTION FROM:**

169-08 RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST PLANNING & ZONING AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE SIGN SIZE TO 11" X 17" OR LARGER

TO:

169-08 RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST PLANNING & ZONING AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE SIGN SIZE TO 22" X 24" OR LARGER

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 169-089 AS AMENDED.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

177-08 Refund of Excess Tax Payment. 3030 Park Avenue

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 177-08 REFUND OF EXCESS TAX PAYMENT.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (PAOLETTO, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, BRANNELLY AND BLUNT) AND ONE OPPOSED (WALSH).**

178-08 Changing City Council Rules of Order Rule XXV Public Hearing Forum.

Council Member Walsh said that if there are six people signed up to speak then having the forum from 6:30 to 7:00 is fine, but if there are only two people scheduled to speak, he felt it would be good to allow them to speak just before the meeting. Atty. Anastasi said it was discretionary on how it should proceed. He said that the City Clerk has set up these rules, but it was up to the Committee to decide what they want to do. Council President McCarthy said that while he was in favor of allowing people to speak if there are two open slots, but was concerned about having to make decisions about who should speak at the meeting. Council Member Walsh said that the rule does not require the speaker signing up to declare the subject in advance.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 178-08 CHANGING CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER RULE XXV PUBLIC HEARING FORUM.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

171-08 Request that Labor Relations and Other City Admin. Work with the Board of Education to devise programs to allow students to perform basic maintenance services.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she had concerns about the decay and maintenance of the properties and that while she was aware of issues with the unions, but felt that the students could receive valuable training in doing this. With the trades schools, she felt that it could be done.

Council President McCarthy said that he believed it would be a violation of MIRA and that there could only be a discussion. He said that it could be part of negotiations in the future.

Council Member Walsh asked if the students would be paid. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that they would not be. Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she couldn't see it being done without payment.

Council Member Blunt said that he thought the concept was worthy, but it would be too complicated to get it passed. He said that it would have to be clearly defined.

Council Member Paoletto pointed out that it was only a request and that it was a good idea. He said that there were still many open ended questions.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 171-08 REQUEST THAT LABOR RELATIONS AND OTHER CITY ADMIN. WORK WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVISE PROGRAMS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO PERFORM BASIC MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**** THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO DENY AGENDA ITEM 171-08 REQUEST THAT LABOR RELATIONS AND OTHER CITY ADMIN. WORK WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVISE PROGRAMS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO PERFORM BASIC MAINTENANCE SERVICES.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (PAOLETTO, TAYLOR-MOYE; BRANNELLY, BLUNT, AND WALSH) AND ONE ABSTENTION. (MCCARTHY).**

112-08 –Proposed Worker’s Compensation Stipulation between the City and Marcus Zampedri.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO DENY AGENDA ITEM 112-08 –PROPOSED WORKER’S COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO DENY AGENDA ITEM 112-08 –PROPOSED WORKER’S COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 112-08 –PROPOSED WORKER’S COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 112-08 –PROPOSED WORKER’S COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

179-08 Requesting sworn affidavit of residency be file by Civil Service Commissioner Guedes, or referral of matter to Ethics Commission.

Council Member Walsh said that Ms. Guedes would not confirm or deny that her primary residence was 1425 Noble Avenue in Bridgeport. He said that if City Attorney Anastasi would draw up a definition of a bona fide residence, he would be happy to see it. Council Member Walsh said that now that this has been brought to light, he would like move this forward.

Council President McCarthy said that that there was an allegation made, but felt uncomfortable talking about a particular person regarding this. He said that he would not want the Council to be the judge of who are legal residents of the city.

Atty. Anastasi then distributed a letter dated September 28, 2009 in which he rendered a legal opinion regarding this issue.

Council Member Brannelly said that she would like to know what the process was to define a bona fide residence and how it would be applied. Atty. Anastasi cautioned everyone that if this Commissioner was singled out because of the comments on the blog, then all the Commissioners would have to be evaluated.

Council Member Walsh then read the Secretary of State's definition of a bona fide residence. He then asked what the Council was to do if someone is discovered not to be residing in Bridgeport. Council Member Blunt said that he would like to know what the process was. Atty. Anastasi explained that the Secretary of State's definition was for registration for voting. The application included two requirements, voting and residency. If someone is removed from the voting rolls, then questions should be raised, but that is not the case. Council President McCarthy said that he did not think it was the Council's job to vote on this person's residency. However, he would like some clarification on the process if this question arises. Atty. Anastasi said that he was not saying that individuals could not file an ethics complaint. He was concerned that the Council should move forward because there was not enough information. Council Member Brannelly said that she would like to see a process because the basic issue has been on-going for some time. She said that she would like to see it no longer a point of scrutiny. Council Member Walsh said that Miscellaneous Matters was the Committee that approves appointments to the Committees. Council Member Walsh wanted to know what residency was.

Council Member Taylor-Moye pointed out that Atty. Anastasi's letter indicated that people frequently do have multiple residences. Atty. Anastasi explained that people often have multiple residents.

Council Member Walsh said that he felt that the onus was on the Commissioner. Atty. Anastasi said that the Commissioner has declared this was her residence, she is registered in Bridgeport, and not in Trumbull, and the address is a residential address.

Council Member Paoletto said that he knew people who had residences in nearby towns and felt that there was innuendo. He said that he felt it was a slippery slope and should be avoided. He reminded everyone that as individuals, nothing was stopping anyone from filing a complaint with the Ethics Commission. He said that if the Council takes up the issue, then anyone who is elected or appointed would have to prove their residency.

Council President McCarthy said that he did not want to get into the role of deciding where someone lives or doesn't live. He suggested that the City Attorney or the Commission draft something up regarding this process and create the mechanism. He wondered if the Ethics Commission had the power to do it.

Council Member Brannelly said that she would like to agree with Council Member Paoletto, but felt that it was time for the Council to address it. Any position that requires establishment of residency should have the same process. The Committee should not be judge and jury. The Committee needs to establish a process.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 179-08 REQUESTING SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY BE FILE BY**

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER GUEDES, OR REFERRAL OF MATTER TO ETHICS COMMISSION.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, BRANNELLY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BLUNT AND WALSH) AND ONE OPPOSED (PAOLETTO).**

13-07 Resolution to amend the City Council Rules: Rule XIII to allow meetings of Council Members for informational purposes only.

Atty. Anastasi asked what the Committee has as documentation because there had been many iterations. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia pointed out that the Educational Committee had started this two years ago, but this was deemed inappropriate because it was not considered legal.

Council President McCarthy said that there had been a discussion back and forth about whether the Council discussing issues where no formal actions would be taken on a matter not directly before the Council. Council President McCarthy said that he was just trying to formalize the idea of having a meeting without having an agenda item number for discussion only. No action would be taken and the item may not be on the agenda. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia read a portion from a letter from Atty. Anastasi dated 1/7/08 as follows:

14. In addition, each Committee is hereby expressly authorized (without the requirement of an prior referral of business via specific resolution or petition from the full City Council) to conduct informational meetings to collect (via documentation, testimony, or otherwise) data concerning and to discuss, such general substantive areas of legislative business for which they have been assigned jurisdiction herein.”

Council Member Walsh asked how this would be done. Atty. Anastasi said that while the meeting would have to be noticed by FOI and have minutes, the Committee would not need the approval of the Council to proceed. Council President McCarthy said that there has been a problem in getting information to the Committees in a timely manner. He encouraged everyone to support the resolution.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 13-07 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES: RULE XIII TO ALLOW MEETINGS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS THE ACTUAL NEW RULE:**

14. IN ADDITION, EACH COMMITTEE IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED (WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF AN PRIOR REFERRAL OF BUSINESS VIA SPECIFIC RESOLUTION OR PETITION FROM THE FULL CITY COUNCIL) TO CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS TO COLLECT (VIA DOCUMENTATION, TESTIMONY, OR OTHERWISE) DATA CONCERNING AND TO DISCUSS, SUCH GENERAL SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED JURISDICTION HEREIN.”

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, BRANNELLY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BLUNT AND PAOLETTO) AND ONE OPPOSED (WALSH).**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 13-07 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES: RULE XIII TO ALLOW MEETINGS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, BRANNELLY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BLUNT AND PAOLETTO) AND ONE OPPOSED (WALSH).**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

157-08 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of Ruby Grant v. City of Bridgeport .

175-08 Proposed resolution to authorize the settlement of miscellaneous claims and lawsuits pending between the City of Bridgeport and ABCD, Inc.

Atty. Anastasi requested that Mr. McClaine be present for the discussion regarding ABCD, Inc. This was agreeable to all.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TWO AGENDA ITEMS WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH PENDING LITIGATION:**

157-08 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF RUBY GRANT V. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT .

175-08 PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS PENDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND ABCD, INC.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee, Atty. Anastasi and Mr. McClaine entered into Executive Session at 8:03. The Committee returned to public session at 8:36 p.m.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 175-08 - PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS PENDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND ABCD, INC.**
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 157-08 – 157-08 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF RUBY GRANT V. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FOR THE SUM OF \$60,000.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia Co-Chair; Warren Blunt, Co-Chair;; Leticia Colon; Thomas McCarthy; Denese Taylor-Moye, Robert Curwen, Richard Paoletto, Susan Brannelly,

OTHER Ruben Felipe, Deputy Chief of Staff, Bridgeport Mayor's Office,
Larry Robinson, City of Bridgeport;

Call to Order

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and introduced the committee members in attendance as listed above.

Agenda Item

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: September 28,
2009

- ** **MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**
- ** **MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia requested the use of chairperson's prerogative to move the order of items to the Executive Session: 112-08; 186-08A; 186-08B; 187-08.

153-08 Appointment of Cynthia S. Maignan (D) as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Paoletto stated that there was an error on the name of the committee and no paperwork was submitted on the item and suggested the item be tabled.

- ** **MS. BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 153-08 APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA S. MAIGNAN (D) AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**
- ** **MR. PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

179-08 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.

Mr. Paoletto stated that the person who originated the item was not in attendance; therefore he suggested the item be tabled.

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 179-08
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.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

185-08 Resolution urging the mayor to revitalize the Commission for People with Disabilities.

Mr. Felipe read a letter from the Mayor's Office stating support of the revitalization of the Commission for People with Disabilities and asked that it be placed into the record. He added that the letter included the Mayor's statement that this commission serves the best interests of the city and provides an opportunity for communication and representation for people with disabilities.

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia asked if this Commission would come under Social Services and if there was an allocation in the budget. Mr. Felipe stated that under the City Charter there would be a staff person, that this is included in the budget, and they are currently working on the language as defined by Corporation Counsel for the guidelines of the Commission. Ms. Robinson added that he has a list of those members willing to serve on the Commission.

- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE
RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO REVITALIZE THE
COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**
- ** MR. PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia noted that since the item pass unanimously, it would be placed on the Consent Calendar.

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS: 112-08; 186-08A; 186-08B; 187-08.**
- ** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

- ** **MS. BRANELLY MOTIONED TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATING THE OUTCOME OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 112-08; 186-08A; 186-08B; 187-08.**
- ** **MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission reconvened into public session at 7:55 p.m.

112-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Marcus Zampedri.

- ** **MS. BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 112-08 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI.**
- ** **MR. MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia noted that since the item passed unanimously, it would be placed on the Consent Calendar.

186-08 (A) Suit settlement for Bottone, et al.

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- ** **MR. MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE OPPOSED (MR. BLUNT)**

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186-08 (B) Suit settlement for Stevens, et. al.

- ** **MS. BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 186-08(A) SUIT SETTLEMENT FOR STEVENS, ET AL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000.**
- ** **MR. MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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187-08 Proposed settlement of miscellaneous pending litigation re Carmen Alicea.

- ** MS. BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 187-08(A),
ET AL FOR SETTLEMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS PENDING
LITIGATION RE CARMEN ALICEA IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$40,000.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia noted that since the item passed unanimously, it would be placed on the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 26, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia Co-Chair; Warren Blunt, Co-Chair; Leticia Colon; Thomas McCarthy; Denese Taylor-Moye;
Robert Curwen, Richard Paoletto, Susan Brannelly,

OTHER Ruben Felipe, Deputy Chief of Staff, Bridgeport Mayor's Office,
Larry Robinson, City of Bridgeport;

Call to Order

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and introduced the committee members in attendance as listed above.

Agenda Item

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes: September 28,
2009

**** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**
**** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia requested the use of chairperson's prerogative to move the order of items to the Executive Session: 112-08; 186-08A; 186-08B; 187-08.

153-08 Appointment of Cynthia S. Maignan (D) as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Paoletto stated that there was an error on the name of the committee and no paperwork was submitted on the item and suggested the item be tabled.

**** MS. BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 153-08 APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA S. MAIGNAN (D) AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**
**** MR. PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

179-08 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.

Mr. Paoletto stated that the person who originated the item was not in attendance; therefore he suggested the item be tabled.

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 179-08 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.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

185-08 Resolution urging the mayor to revitalize the Commission for People with Disabilities.

Mr. Felipe read a letter from the Mayor's Office stating support of the revitalization of the Commission for People with Disabilities and asked that it be placed into the record. He added that the letter included the Mayor's statement that this commission serves the best interests of the city and provides an opportunity for communication and representation for people with disabilities.

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia asked if this Commission would come under Social Services and if there was an allocation in the budget. Mr. Felipe stated that under the City Charter there would be a staff person, that this is included in the budget, and they are currently working on the language as defined by Corporation Counsel for the guidelines of the Commission. Ms. Robinson added that he has a list of those members willing to serve on the Commission.

- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO REVITALIZE THE COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**
- ** MR. PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia noted that since the item pass unanimously, it would be placed on the Consent Calendar.

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 112-08; 186-08A; 186-08B; 187-08.**
- ** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

- ** MS. BRANELLY MOTIONED TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATING THE OUTCOME OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 112-08; 186-08A; 186-08B; 187-08.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission reconvened into public session at 7:55 p.m.

112-08 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation between the City and Marcus Zampedri.

- ** MS. BRANNELLY MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 112-08 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARCUS ZAMPEDRI.**
- ** MR. MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
JOINT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
OCTOBER 26, 2009

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia Co-Chair; Leticia Colon, Co-Chair;
Thomas McCarthy; Denese Taylor-Moye, Robert Curwen,
Richard Paoletto, Susan Brannelly

OTHER Elaine Carvalho, City of Bridgeport Tax Assessor's Office

Call to Order

Ms. Colon called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and introduced the committee members in attendance as listed above.

Agenda Item

150-08 Petition from Mr. Manuel G. Jerez & Ms. Maria Jerez re: Tax Abatement for Property Location: 427 Hollister Avenue # 429.

Ms. Lyons introduced Ms. Carvalho, Acting Tax Assessor from the City of Bridgeport, who gave a brief background on the item and stated that the property was purchased in December 2008 and the owners are not residents of Bridgeport, but reside in New York. She added that the property was rehabbed and purchased as investment with an assessed value of \$87,720 and total delinquent and current taxes of \$3,398.29

Mr. Paoletto asked why the item was brought before the committee, and Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia responded that it was from the City Clerk's office. Mr. Paoletto restated the question, as who submitted the petition to the committee, and Ms. Colon answered the homeowner is filing the tax abatement under CT State Statute Section 12.124 as unable to pay.

Ms. Colon stated that the property owner was present and requested Mr. Jerez to approach the committee to answer questions. Mr. Jerez requested an interpreter, and Ms. Colon answered that she would translate Spanish for him. Mr. Paoletto asked for a description of the house and if the house is rented, and Ms. Carvalho answered that it is a two-family house that is rented on one side.

Mr. McCarthy asked how financial need is determined for a CT property when the homeowner resides in New York, and Mr. Paoletto restated that this is nor a normal petition. Mr. McCarthy suggested that the book of statutes be referred to, and suggested a recess so that he could obtain the CT book of statutes.

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO TAKE A TEN-MINUTE RECESS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE CT BOOK OF STATE STATUTES.**
- ** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting recessed at 5:50 p.m.

- ** MR. CURWEN MOTIONED TO RECONVENE FROM THE RECESS AND RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION**
- ** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting returned back into public session at 5:55 p.m.

Mr. McCarthy read Section 12.124 of the CT State Statutes regarding the definition of tax abatement requirements and unable to pay. Mr. Curwen asked Mr. Jerez if they had purchased the property as an investment and for the reasons why they were not residing at the property. Mr. Jerez stated through Ms. Colon's translation that they had bought the house as an investment last year before the poor economy, and they had looked into living at the property but due to the current economy had decided to live in New York. Mr. Paoletto asked how much the rental income was, and what they were doing with the rental income and why they were not renting the other part of the house. Ms. Carvalho stated that the rental income was approximately \$1,168.00 per month, and Mr. Jerez answered that this was the only family income and they were unable to find a renter for the other half of the unit.

Mr. Paoletto stated that it was an unfortunate situation, however all too common that a property owner is unable to pay taxes; but that due to financial circumstances of the City property investors must comply with the tax laws and financial requirements of property ownership. He added that it would be unfair to the general public and other tax payers and home owners to approve such a petition, and stated he would recommend denial of the item.

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO DENY ITEM 150-08 PETITION FROM MR. MANUEL G. JEREZ & MS. MARIA JEREZ RE: TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATION: 427 HOLLISTER AVE# 429.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** MR. PAOLETTO MOTIONED TO INCLUDE THE DENIAL OF THE ABOVE ITEM AS PART OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE RECORD.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. CURWEN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telesco Secretarial Services