

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

6:30 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking portion of the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

- 130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
- 131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jorge Cruz
- 132nd District: Marcus Brown, M. Evette Brantley
- 133rd District: *Michael DeFilippo*, Jeanette Herron
- 134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
- 135th District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee
- 136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Avelino Silva
- 137th District: Maria Valle, Aidee Nieves
- 138th District: *Maria Pereira*, Samia Suliman
- 139th District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newton

During the roll call, there appeared to be no response from the individuals whose names are listed in italics.

City Clerk Martinez stated that Council Member Pereira had contacted her earlier in the day to say that she was not feeling well.

Council President Nieves announced that there was a 3 minute time limit for each speaker.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.:

NAME

SUBJECT

Alexander Morales
Green Village Initiative
135 Clarence Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

The attempted effort to replace the land on which Reservoir Community Farm lies, with a library.

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Ms. Ellie from Green Village Initiative said that Mr. Morales had signed up on behalf of the Green Village Initiative and asked if she could speak on behalf of the Initiative. When Council President Nieves explained that they only allow the individual who signed up in advance to speak, Ms. Ellie said she would try to contact him. Council President Nieves stated that they only allow the individual who signed up in advance to speak since it is a published agenda. Ms. Ellie said she was not able to contact Mr. Morales and their group would speak at the next Council Meeting.

Maria Pereira
206 Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Edwin A. Gomes, conduct of
Council Woman Valle and
governance.

Council Member Pereira was not present due to illness.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves adjourned the public speaking at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

7:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by teleconference.

The public was able to listen to this meeting by calling a conference line.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER

Council Member Brantley requested a moment of silence in honor of the late State Senator Edwin Gomes. At the conclusion of the moment of silence, Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee to lead the Council in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 7, 2020

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

09-20 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Subrecipient Agreement between the Bridgeport Police Department and the University of Bridgeport regarding the UB Safer Campus Project, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

08-20 Resolution presented by Council Member Burns re: Proposed resolution urging the Federal Government to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763) in order to address the current climate emergency as so declared this day, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

09-20 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT REGARDING THE UB SAFER CAMPUS PROJECT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

08-20 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (H.R. 763) IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT CLIMATE EMERGENCY AS SO DECLARED THIS DAY, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Brantley said she would like some information on Agenda Item 08-20. Mayor Ganim suggested that since Agenda Item 08-20 was being referred to Committee, she could ask her questions in the committee meeting.

**** THE MOTION TO REFER THE ITEMS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***195-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City Code to restrict selecting, reclassifying or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during period Mayor is a “lame-duck”.**

***196-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add New Chapter 12.17 – Establishing an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport.**

***180-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Donald W. Greenberg to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

Mayor Ganim asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Brown requested Agenda Item 196-19 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

The City Clerk then read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

***195-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY CODE TO RESTRICT SELECTING, RECLASSIFYING OR OTHERWISE PLACING POLITICAL APPOINTEES/UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE APPOINTEES IN VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE DURING PERIOD MAYOR IS A “LAME-DUCK”.**

***180-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD W. GREENBERG TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

196-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add New Chapter 12.17 – Establishing an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA 196-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.17 – ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET NAMING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO LEGAL OPINION PROVIDED.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Newton asked for a moment of silence for Wanda Geter who lost her nephew due to gun violence recently.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services