

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

7:00 P.M.

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

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Barbara Yvette Gonzalez for her civic contributions.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Shaneese Pettway for the heroic action taken despite her injuries to save three children during a tragic fire on January 3, 2016.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 5, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

13-16 Communication from City Attorney re: Twenty Day Notice to Settle Pending Litigation Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.10.130 with Wilfredo Torres, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

14-16 Communication from City Attorney re: Twenty Day Notice to Settle Pending Litigation Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.10.130 with Tanille Walker, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

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

15-16 Resolution presented by Council President McCarthy re: Grant Submission: Innovation Places Implementation Grant Application to CTNext, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Clyde Nicholson
54 Wallace Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Taxes.

Bob Keeley
2156 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Renaming/defining the City and public -
private partnerships.

Ethan Book
144 Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

WPCA foreclosures and state bonds.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

New Year City Finances.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Session to order at 6:36 p.m.

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jack O. Banta
132nd District: John Olson
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons
135th District: Richard Salter
136th District:
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138th District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

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A quorum was present.

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Taxes.

Mr. Clyde Nicholson came forward and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He spoke about the fact that there were no lights in a number of places in the city. A number of large old trees were being cut down by the power company and Mr. Nicholson felt this was wrong. He said that the Mayor might pull the plug on him, but he didn't care. This is a new year and the City can't allow this type of spending to go on because the taxpayers are suffering.

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2017

Bob Keeley
2156 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Renaming/defining the City and public –
private partnerships.

Council President McCarthy called for Mr. Keeley to come forward. There was no response. He called for Mr. Keeley to come forward two more times, with no response.

Ethan Book
144 Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

WPCA foreclosures and state bonds.

Mr. Book came forward and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He then spoke about his recent campaign for office and sent emails to all the City Council Members. He said that at one point, his email account was attacked and thought it was possibly done by the Russians.

Mr. Book then went on to speak about the WPCA foreclosures and a series of emails from Mr. Epstein to Atty. Liskov. He said that in 2009, Atty. Epstein had tacked on a \$2,000 fee for doing virtually nothing when he was involved in a payment plan for a WPCA tax lien. This type of additional charge happened a number of times to different residents and later this practice was investigated. Since then, when clients complains to Mr. Book, he contacts Atty. Epstein and Atty. Epstein reduces the amount but continues to tack on this fee with all the cases he handles.

Mr. Book also spoke about a recent episode involving State Representative Steve Stafstrom who spoke about some State grant funding that he termed as "free money". There is no such thing as a free lunch. He also pointed out that State Representative Stafstrom was also employed by the same firm that was the bond counsel for the City.

Council Member Castillo and McBride Lee joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

New Year City Finances.

On Sunday January 1, 2017, the CT Post had a lengthy "news" article that allowed Mayor Ganim to speculate on his 13th year of "Bridgeport leadership" and to provide a 'selfie' grade of B+. I get neither the time nor space to share my public thoughts, so, in quick order:

Mayor Joe is a "second chance" candidate because many people who know a lot about the need for added chances trusted him to be different than the "pay to play" felonies of which he was found guilty, was sentenced, and served 7 years away from family and Bridgeport. Joe tells us in that article that he is "accountable" but he has not told us where he resides. That question has been percolating for months now. During the holidays I heard from a person at Cartright St and another on Ellsworth St, each rumored locations for the Mayor's home that he has not been seen for months in either place. This is not a case of contacting the Police Department and making a "missing person" report.

However, if he does not reside in Bridgeport, he would be guilty of an F, for 'faking' it or 'fooling' most of the people because the Charter calls for him to reside in the City. Better that we have a proactive Ordinance that he and all municipal public servants adhere to.

I submit a Resolution for consideration by your Ordinance Committee at their next meeting. There have been one or more questions in recent years regarding Council and/or Commission or Board out of City or district residence. This Ordinance has no expense and is but one step up on an ethical stairway to assure the public of a qualification for holding office.

RESOLUTION regarding Residency Reporting:

Whereas it is important to the State of CT to have on hand the residence of motor vehicle operators according to the “notification within 48 hours of address change” official requirement.....

Whereas it is at least equally important for Bridgeport citizens to trust that each locally elected, mayorally appointed, and/or City Council approved official resides with the City and district appropriately, as indicated by the City Charter.....

And whereas such information is regularly provided on the site of comparable CT municipalities for all to see as an honest requirement for public servants to show respect for open, accountable, transparent and honest reporting.....

Therefore, be it resolved that all municipal elected officials including the Mayor, City Council members, as well as Board and Commission members appointed by the Bridgeport Mayor provide their current residence street address of record to the Town Clerk’s office by January 31, 2017. In the future, notice of such current residence address shall be provided to the Town Clerk’s office within 30 days of such change or at least affirmed or changed annually before the end of January while such public service is pursued.

Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

I look forward to one or more of you to submit such a Resolution to the Ordinance Committee for its fair and substantial review and consideration. There is yet time in the month of January on your meeting two weeks from now, for me to provide an opinion on whether a B+ grading is due Mayor Ganim regarding his performance in 2016. Will you assist the sense of the Resolution see the light of day? Time will tell.

Cecil Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Mr. Young came forward and knelt down to plead with the Council Members in order to support two black delegates. He said that he had spoken with the Chief of Police, A. J. Perez about the situation. He spoke about a website that has a number of testimonies by officers. Mr. Young said that he was tired of volunteering and that he could pass the CPAC test used for the police recruits. Chief Perez would put him in a position of authority. He spoke about his early education and said that he had skipped grades on a regular basis.

Charles Coviello

Mr. Coviello said that he was present to address the Council. He said that he wanted to encourage the Council Members to speak to their State Representatives. He spoke about State legislation that addresses youth services in inner cities. He encouraged people to write in to their representatives about this issue. He said that the juvenile jail downtown should be shut down and it was a bureaucratic nightmare. The building could be used for youth services. By closing the downtown juvenile jail, the City might be able to provide more funding for the schools. The City should choose Yale over Jail.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017**

7:00 PM

**City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member Olson lead those present in prayer. Council Member Olson did so and included a tribute to former Council Member Warren Blunt who passed away on December 30th, 2016.

Council Member Brantley then requested a moment of silence in memory of former Council Member Warren Blunt, who had always been a gentleman and had helped so many different people. She said that former Council Member Warren Blunt had loved jazz and poetry. Council Member Brantley announced that she would like to read a poem by Langston Hughes, another jazz and poetry lover, called Motte Poem:

play it cool
I dig all jive
That's the reason
I stay alive
My motto
As I live and learn
Is dig and be dug in return

She said that the last line summed up former Council Member Warren Blunt's life, and encouraged everyone to follow his example.

Mayor Ganim then requested a moment of silence in memory of the late Warren Blunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

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131st District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: M. Evette Brantley, John Olson
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeannette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter
136th District: Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138th District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Mayor Ganim said that there were a number of Council Members who wished to speak about former Council Member Blunt.

Council Member McBride Lee said that she had known former Council Member Blunt and said that he had occupied the chair she now sits in. She said that she would like to recognize him by moving from her chair and sitting on another chair by the Council Members. The former Council Member Blunt's chair at the podium was then draped in a red and black material

Council President McCarthy said that former Council Member Blunt had worked hard to pass the curfew for the youth and gathered the social services, the police and various other parties together to pass the ordinance. He was a gentleman and a scholar. He made himself go to school and acquiring degrees until he was the Director of Environmental Health. Former Council Member Blunt was always working to improve himself. Council President McCarthy said that former Council Member Blunt made an impact and encouraged all those who were present to follow his example. Council President McCarthy said that he was proud to be known as Former Council Member Blunt's friend.

Council Member Lyons said that he never got excited and always remained calm. He was totally a perfect gentleman and would be greatly missed. His laugh will be missed. Council Member Lyons said that she was privileged to have known him and to have been his friend.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that he was a wonderful friend who had words of encouragement for everyone. She called on his assistance many times about deplorable conditions and he always followed up. He was always empowering someone else and will be sadly missed.

Council Member Paoletto said that he served after former Council Member Blunt's term ended but knew him when Council Member Paoletto 's father was serving on the Council. During some tough times for the Paoletto family, former Council Member Blunt was there for the family.

Mayor Ganim said that former Council Member Blunt was someone who touched so many lives. Everyone will remember him and his smile fondly. The services will be held on Saturday and everyone should reflect on during the days until the service.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Barbara Yvette Gonzalez for her civic contributions.

This presentation will be held at another time.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Shaneese Pettway for the heroic action taken despite her injuries to save three children during a tragic fire on January 3, 2016.

Council Member Martinez came forward and called Shaneese Pettway for her actions during a tragic fire exactly one year ago. Council Member Martinez said that they would not forget her actions during that fire when she saved three children, despite the loss of her own child.

Council President then presented Ms. Pettway with a City Council Citation.

Council Member Martinez then read a poem in memory of Sincere Pettway, who passed away that day. Ms. Pettway then thanked everyone for their support and prayers during the time when she lost Sincere.

Council President asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Sincere.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 5, 2016

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2016.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2016 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO COMBINE BOTH THE COMMUNICATIONS AND THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

13-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL

CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH WILFREDO TORRES, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

14-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH TANILLE WALKER, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

15-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: INNOVATION PLACES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO CTNEXT, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER AN ITEM INVOLVING A TECHNICAL UPDATE TO THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTER PROJECT TO THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ITEM #16-16 (Ref. #36-15)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM INVOLVING A TECHNICAL UPDATE TO THE RESOLUTION BY THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE BROWNFIELDS GRANT FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTER PROJECT TO THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia was not present at the meeting due to illness.

Council Member Olson asked the Mayor about the massive tree cutting that UI was doing around the City. He wished to know if these trees would be replaced by UI and whether or not UI had the City's permission to cut down all these trees, some of which are 100 years old. Mayor Ganim said that Mr. Gaudett would be the point person for this issue and would follow up with Council Member Olson.

Council Member Feliciano said that she would like to take a moment to thank all the Council Members for their support during her loss of a family member in December. She deeply appreciated all the flowers and prayers from that time. She also mentioned her appreciation of the grief counselor that the City provided.

Council Member McBride Lee announced that former Council Member Blunt's service would be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Mount Aery Baptist Church on Frank Street in Bridgeport.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

999 Broad Street
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**COMM. #13-16 ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD
ON 1/3/2017**

December 13, 2016

The Honorable City Council
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

***RE: Settlement of Pending Litigation Matter
Wilfredo Torres v. City of Bridgeport***

Dear Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Attorney proposes to settle the above referenced litigation matter in the amount of \$18,000.00 payable to Miller, Rosnick, D'Amico, August & Butler, P.C., Trustees for Wilfredo Torres. The action alleges personal injuries to Mr. Torres from a motor vehicle accident occurring on July 15, 2012.

Pursuant to the City Council's Ordinance Section 2.10.130, this office hereby provides notice of its intent to settle this matter in accordance with the terms set forth in said Section 2.10.130.

If you wish to discuss the details of this case or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If I am not immediately available, please speak with paralegal, Danielle Kripps, who will then follow-up with me. Further, if I do not hear from you within the twenty (20) day time period provided by the Ordinance, I will proceed to finalize settlement of this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. Christopher Meyer
City Attorney

RCM/dk

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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**COMM. #14-16 ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD
ON 1/3/2017**

December 21, 2016

The Honorable City Council
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: *Settlement of Claim*
Tanille Walker v. Joseph Sanzo, Jr. and City of Bridgeport

Dear Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Attorney proposes to settle the above referenced litigation in the amount of \$15,000.00 payable to Zanella & Boath, P.C., Trustees for Tanilla Walker. The action was claiming personal injuries to Ms. Walker as a consequence of a December 23, 2013 motor vehicle accident in which she was rear-ended by a City vehicle driven by City employee Joseph Sanzo from which she sustained permanent disabilities to her neck and back.

Pursuant to the City Council's Ordinance Section 2.10.130, this office hereby provides notice of its intent to settle this matter in accordance with the terms set forth in said Section 2.10.130.

If you wish to discuss the details of this case or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If I am not immediately available, please speak with legal secretary, Kim Laue, who will then follow-up with me. Further, if I do not hear from you within the twenty (20) day time period provided by the Ordinance, I will proceed to finalize settlement of this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. Christopher Meyer
City Attorney

RCM/kl



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RESOLUTION FORM

SECTION I CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Log ID/Item Number:	15-16		
Submitted by Councilmember(s):	Thomas C. McCarthy		
Co-Sponsors(s):	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
District:	133RD		
Subject:	Innovation Places Implementation Grant Application to CTNext		
Referred to:	ECD and Environment Committee		
City Council Date:	January 3, 2017		

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SECTION II RESOLUTION (PLEASE TYPE BELOW)

WHEREAS, CT Public Act 16-3 created the Innovation Places Program, intended to integrate entrepreneurship support and relationship-building with physical planning and development; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Innovation Places Team, a broad coalition of local partners supportive of local business innovation, applied for an Innovation Places Planning Grant from CTNext; and

WHEREAS, the vision stated in the Innovation Places Planning Grant Application was an Implementation Plan *“Capitalizing on Bridgeport’s strategic transit-oriented location, diversity and a legacy of innovation and manufacturing, our shared vision will foster, attract and retain entrepreneurs, small businesses and emerging industries by leveraging a dynamic live-work environment that builds on Bridgeport’s most significant assets: diverse culture, walkable neighborhoods, accessible waterfront, transit, affordable housing, research institutions and most importantly – a talented, dedicated and driven workforce devoted to Bridgeport.”*

WHEREAS, CTNext awarded a \$50,000 Planning Grant to the Bridgeport Regional Business Foundation, for the benefit of the Bridgeport Innovation Places Team’s efforts to develop a Bridgeport Innovation Places Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the process of creating an Implementation Plan involves outreach to, and input from, a broad, diverse group of residents, business owners, elected officials, neighborhood leaders, and other stakeholders, intended to identify the assets, resources, events, and trends that can be optimally aligned to make Bridgeport a unique “Innovation Place”:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bridgeport City Council supports the Bridgeport Innovation Places Team’s Innovation Places Implementation Grant Application to CTNext.



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RESOLUTION FORM

SECTION III SUBSEQUENT REFERRALS/REPLIES AND DATE SENT/RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT	Referral date sent	Response Received	Date reply received
Choose an item.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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SECTION IV PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Public Hearing Required	Details	Date
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	CT Post Publication Date(s):	
	Public Hearing Held on:	

SECTION V AMENDMENTS/EXHIBITS

Choose an item	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date:
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SECTION VI COMMITTEE ACTION/APPROVAL INFORMATION

Choose an item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date:
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SECTION VII WITHDRAWN/SINE DIE INFORMATION

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SECTION VIII DATE OF APPROVAL/DENIAL FROM CITY COUNCIL

City Council Approval Date:	
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SECTION IX COMMENTS (if any)

December 28, 2016

The Honorable City Council
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: Innovation Places Implementation Grant Application to CTNext

Dear Honorable Body:

This matter is sponsored by and submitted on behalf of City Council President Thomas McCarthy. I am writing to request your support for a pending grant application to CTNext, to be made on or before April 1, 2017 through a fiduciary by the self-named "Bridgeport Innovation Places Team", an ever-increasingly broad, diverse coalition of local institutions, businesses, and residents.

The request for your support is based on the following guidance on the CTNext website:

"What form of endorsement must cities provide for an Innovation Places application? Applications for Innovation Places Implementation Grants must include a letter of support from the chief elected official of the municipality indicating that the legislative body of the municipality has voted to support the decision to apply for an Implementation Grant."

The City of Bridgeport will not be the applicant, and will not be required to make any financial commitment to any project that may be described in the Implementation Grant Application.

A proposed resolution is attached. I and several other members of the Bridgeport Innovation Places Team will be present at your committee and full Council meeting to provide a thorough briefing on the Innovation Places program, the status of the pending application, and to address any questions you may have on this requested City Council action.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request. Please call me directly at (203) 335-3800, or email me at Lavernoich@brbc.org if you have any questions in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely,



Edward Lavernoich
Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation
Treasurer, Bridgeport Innovation Places Team

Cc.

Thomas Gill, OPED Director
George Estrada, University of Bridgeport, Co-Chair Bridgeport Innovation Places Team
Natalie Pryce, Pryceless Consulting/IluvBPT, Co-Chair Bridgeport Innovation Places Team

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council
Regarding an

Innovation Places Implementation Grant Application to CTNext

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City of Bridgeport
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Margaret E. Morton Government Center
999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor

Thomas Gill
Director

COMM. #16-16 (Ref. #36-15) Ref.d to ECD&E Committee
on 1/3/2017 (OFF THE FLOOR)

January 3, 2017

City Clerk
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Re: Authorization to Receive \$2MM State of CT DECD Brownfields Grant
In Support of Anaerobic Digester Project (Reference Item #36-15)

Dear City Clerk and Honorable Members of the City Council:

OPED seeks Council authorization to receive a \$2MM State of CT DECD Brownfields Grant to be used for environmental clean-up in support of the Anaerobic Digester Project proposed for the WPCA plant on Bostwick Avenue. OPED previously applied for such funding pursuant to City Council resolution (Item #36-16) approved on February 29, 2016.

This item is for referral to the ECDE Committee. Thank you.

Truly Yours,


Bill Coleman
Deputy Director

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Coleman, William

To: Coleman, William
Subject: RE: Request for Referral of Item to ECDE

*Technical Update to
Dexter Project*

*\$15K
Move to
City*

From: Coleman, William
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 6:22 PM
To: McCarthy, Tom
Cc: Ortiz, Frances; Feliciano, Milta; Brantley, MaryEvette; Gill, Thomas
Subject: Request for Referral of Item to ECDE

Dear Council President McCarthy:

I'd ask please that you take up the attached resolution at the full Council meeting tonight so as to refer it to the ECDE Committee for consideration at ECDE's next regularly scheduled meeting. This item would update a previously passed resolution (Item #36-16, passed on 2/29/16) so as to allow OPED to receive \$15,050 more in grant funding than was originally anticipated. (There is no local match for this funding). I will be at your meeting tonight. Thank you for the consideration.

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**A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council
Authorizing the City to Receive Brownfields Grant Funding in Support
of The Anaerobic Digester Project**

WHEREAS at its meeting of February 29, 2016, the Bridgeport City Council adopted **Resolution Item #36-15** authorizing the City to apply to the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for up to \$1,984,050 in Brownfields Grant Funding (the "Grant") to perform environmental remediation work at the WPCA plant on Bostwick Avenue in support of the Anaerobic Digester Project;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's application for such funding, the State DECD ultimately awarded the City a \$2,000,000 Grant, which is \$15,050 more than the amount authorized by Resolution Item #36-15;

WHEREAS, there is no local match requirement associated with this Grant;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to receive the full \$2,000,000 Grant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- 1) That the City is authorized to receive the full \$2,000,000 Grant awarded to it by the State DECD.

- 2) That the Mayor or the Director of the City's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) is authorized to execute any and all contracts associated with the City's receipt and use of the Grant, and, provided that there continues to be no local match requirement, is likewise authorized to execute any subsequent amendments to such contracts, including contracts that would increase the Grant funding, and to execute any related documents as may be necessary to administer this Grant funding and the Anaerobic Digester Project that it supports.