

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 6:37 p.m.

City Clerk 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, M. Evette Brantley
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District:
136th District: José 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.

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

NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Matter concerning unjust termination.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward to speak about how. He has been here. For the last seven an a half years. He then displayed a poster board and then spoke to the audience. He said that Mr. Holloway and his other representative had not done anything when he was unjustly terminated. He said that year after year, he has to come an plead with the Council about his termination after 27 years without a problem for reporting some contaminated soil and other problems. He challenged everyone to look at his record and not turn their back on his situation. The Council Members have taken an oath to uphold the right things. He then waved an American flag and said that he wasn't a veteran but was unjustly terminated. He challenged people to sue him if what he was saying was not true and gave a website for everyone to review the material. He concluded with saying, "Shame on you all."

Council Members McBride-Lee and Salter joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Bob Keeley
2156 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Downtown, Waterfront Juvenile Detention
Center closing, etc.

Mr. Bob Keeley came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that he had been coming to the Council for many years. He displayed a copy of the February 1st Bond Commission meeting that had taken place in Hartford. He said that the Bond Commission authorizes between 1 and 2 billion dollars. He spoke about the closed Bridgeport Jail which is closed and the Bridgeport Juvenile Detention Center, which should be closed and turned into a Youth Center. he also said that there was a waterfront building that should have bee turned into a Youth Training facility. It would be better to use the money for training the City's youth. He said that when he was in the State Legislature years ago, he had set aside 2.2 million dollars for the Boys and Girls Club, but the money was never used. He pointed out that there was also money that was allocated for the Sheehan Center that was never used. He stated he will be back in two weeks to report on the progress.

Jorge Cruz
251 Black Rock Avenue, Apt. 2-R
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Orcutt Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Jorge Cruz came forward and said that there were people that were waving American flags and demanding that the Council should pass a resolution to make Bridgeport a sanctuary city. He mentioned that the residents should respect everyone. Those present in the audience drowned out the remainders of his remarks with their cheers and yells.

Mr. Johnny Rae Moore came forward at the invitation of Mr. Cruz and said he representative from the State government, the NAACP and various other organizations. Mr. Moore said that he wanted to present a resolution regarding freezing the WPCA

foreclosures for the outstanding sewer bills. He said that he had his home had been foreclosures and asked the Council to look into situations like this.

Jackie Cruz
211 Poplar Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Resolution on Sanctuary City.

Ms. Jackie Cruz came forward and gave a presentation in Spanish. A translator said that Ms. Cruz was a resident and had four children. Her family came to the country because they wanted a better life and they work hard. They have friends. These past few months have been difficult because they fear being sent away. They are extremely afraid that the local police authorities will work with ICE and if this happens it will be another year of fear. Her family works extremely hard and makes sure they pay their taxes. she said that she was supporting Bridgeport being a sanctuary city because no matter where someone is from, they could live in Bridgeport in peace. They are a united community and felt that the City should respect them.

Maria Santos
81 Bunnell Street
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Resolution on Sanctuary City.

Maria Santos Came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said that she had come to Bridgeport over 20 years ago with her family. Her parents are very frightened about the new administration. They have worked very hard for their family. She said that she was here to represent the people who are humble and work hard for the City.

Julio Lopez-Varona
850 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution on Sanctuary City.

Julio Lopez-Varona came forward and said that his testimony was not as excited as the last few stories but he was present to talk about the work in their community. He said that there are many people that are afraid to talk to the police because they feel threatened. Right now, if someone is black, brown or a minority, they should be worried. He said that he was represented those who were not white and male. This will affect the community and it is important to support the community, no matter what they look like. He said that one of the purposes was to clear away questions. He said that the current law prevents local authorities from determining what they should be doing, including the police and firemen. The division between the Federal and local government is what makes people afraid. If the police should be working. For everyone and if they want a safe community, people have to be unafraid to talk to the police. Bridgeport is the largest city in Connecticut and has the highest number of illegal in the State. The City needs to protect its residents who work hard and pay taxes.

ADJOURNMENT.

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017
7:00 PM
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CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PRAYER.

Mayor Ganim requested a member of the FECCI Chaplains group lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested a member of the FECCI Chaplains group lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

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A quorum was present.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): In Recognition of Maria Hernandez and the FECCI Chaplains for their Civic Contributions to the City.

Mayor Ganim and Council President McCarthy then called the FECCI Chaplains forward to present them with their Mayoral and the Council citations. Several of the chaplains

spoke about their experiences and said that they were there to work for the City. One chaplain pointed out that God was in control no matter how bad the situation seems and quoted from the book of Ephesians. The remarks were given in both English and Spanish. Council Member Casco and Council Member Brantley thanked the chaplains for their hard work and presented the group leaders with the Mayoral and the Council citations.

Mayoral Proclamation(s) and City Council Citation(s): Congratulating Deputy Fire Chief Robert Petrucelli and Deputy Fire Chief Dominick Carfi on their retirement and thanking them for their service.

Deputy Fire Chief Robert Petrucelli and Deputy Fire Chief Dominick Carfi came forward. Council President McCarthy said that there was no city in the U.S. That had a more successful Fire awareness program than the City of Bridgeport. Council President McCarthy reminded everyone that in the past few years, the Department lost two firefighters at a fire and both of the Deputy Fire Chiefs stood up and stood strong during that terrible time. Council President McCarthy then read the Council Citation to the Deputy Chiefs.

Mayor Ganim said that he was honored to work with both men and that both men had served the City for 40 years. He said that he had often wondered what kind of courage it took to be a firefighter, but these men were fine examples of the leadership. Mayor Ganim then recognized Deputy Fire Chief Petrucelli's father, who was also retired firefighter that had served the City for 40 and was present in the audience.

Deputy Fire Chief Petrucelli thanked the City of Bridgeport for the last 40 years of paychecks. he said that he had always dreamed about being a firefighter after seeing the trucks responding to the various calls. He said that he spent 28 years on the line and was always excited to go to work. He thanked the City and his fellow fire fighters and told them to stay safe.

Deputy Fire Chief Carfi said that he had never dreamed that he would be a firefighter for 40 years. He then recounted a fire during the winter of 1978 when there was three story building blaze. The building partially collapsed and it was a narrow escape for him and his fellow firefighters. He was grateful he lived to see the following days.

Council President McCarthy then present the Deputy Fire Chiefs with a Council Citation and Mayor Ganim presented them with a Mayoral Proclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER JEANETTE HERRON AS LIAISON TO THE FOOD POLICE COUNCIL.**

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: January 3, 2017

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2017.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2017 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Ganim requested that the audience allow the Council to conduct their business without interruption and then the audience could express their opinions.

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:**

27-16 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS & BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VISION SERVICE PLAN (VSP) INSURANCE COMPANY, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

28-16 COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION RE: ARBITRATION AWARD CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BRIDGEPORT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (BEA), FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

31-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.56 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES GENERALLY, AMEND SECTION 2.56.050 – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

32-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, MARITZA BOND, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

35-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANTS SUBMISSION: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOR A SURDNA INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GRANT. (PROJECT #16263), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

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

29-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MARTINEZ AND HOLLOWAY RE: (REF. #218-15) REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL HONORARY SIGNS FOR “JIMMIE W. JONES WAY” BE PLACED ABOVE THE CORNER SIGNS AT BISHOP AVENUE’S INTERSECTION WITH BOSTON AVENUE AND STRATFORD AVENUE, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

30-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ RE: REQUEST THAT CITY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE A CRIMINAL HISTORY BE ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THEIR CRIMINAL RECORD AT NO-COST AND THAT A POLICY AND PROCESS BE DEVELOPED BY THE CAO AND THE MAYOR’S INITIATIVE FOR RE-ENTRY AFFAIRS (MIRA), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

33-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES THE WPCA TO IMPLEMENT A CUSTOMER MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR LIENS AND FORECLOSURES, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

34-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRES THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO IMPLEMENT A CUSTOMER MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR LIENS AND FORECLOSURES, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim requested that the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***04-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) BOND FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.**

***05-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONCLUSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AT NEWFIELD PARK WITH THE FILING OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAND USE RESTRICTION.**

***15-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: INNOVATION PLACES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO CTNEXT.**

***16-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #36-15) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS REGARDING THE BROWNFIELDS GRANT FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTER PROJECT.**

***22-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE OPIOID INITIATIVE GRANT (PROJECT #17295).**

***19-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH ANTONIO LOSTAUNAU.**

***20-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH GARY ROSE.**

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING MAKING BRIDGEPORT INTO A SANCTUARY CITY.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH 19 IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE OPPOSED (PAOLETTO).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM REGARDING MAKING BRIDGEPORT INTO A SANCTUARY CITY TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. (ITEM# 36-16)
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH 19 IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE OPPOSED (PAOLETTO).**

Council President McCarthy said that he would like a moment of personal privilege to welcome Council Member Taylor-Moye back after her recent illness. He thanked her for coming to the meeting even though she was still recovering from her illness.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she would like to thank the Council and the administration for all that they did while she was in the hospital. She noted that her fellow District member, Council Member Banta made a point to stop by every morning before going to work and also in the evening. Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she appreciated everything that everyone did for her during that time.

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2017

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services