

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:41 p.m.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: M. Evette Brantley, John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron  
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135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

Council President McCarthy greeted everyone and announced that there were Junior Council Members present.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Daniel Bukovsky, Adian Smith  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jade Hines, Susana Franco  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: Yulette Woods, Brianna Wray  
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**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Odis Hart**

323 Fairfield Avenue, Apt. 106  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

New parking meters/price for violation.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Hart forward. There was no response. He called for Mr. Hart two more times with no response.

**Bob Keeley**

2156 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

KEELEY "101".

Mr. Bob Keeley came forward to speak about the State and Federal funding allocations and the various legislation. He said that often obtaining the project funding was dependent on who you know. He then gave a brief summary of how the allocation of funding works on the State level and encouraged the Junior Council Members to remember to earmark funding if they become part of the State Legislature. He also spoke about "bait and switch" techniques, and how the Appropriations and Finance Committees work on a State level.

**Ethan Book**

144 Coleman Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

WPCA.

Mr. Ethan Book came forward and said that he was a member of the Republican Town Committee. He then spoke about WPCA foreclosure that's handled by Atty. Russell Liskov. He also had questions about the position held by former Mayor William Finch's son who works for the law firm of the attorney known to charge the highest legal fees for the WPCA foreclosures. He then listed a multi-point plan for correcting the WPCA foreclosures.

**Cecil C. Young**

99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Issue concerning unjust termination.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward and greeted the Junior Council and said that he came to the Council in peace. Mr. Young then encourage people to check out his website at [www.cecilyoung.gov](http://www.cecilyoung.gov). He waved a U.S. flag and said that he believes in free speech. He then spoke about the issues he had with Council Members Holloway and Martinez. Mr. Young said that his mother was a good mother and raised him well. He said that the officials were elected and that they were ignoring the people who need help. He pointed his fingers at several of the members of the Council and said "Shame on them." The truth shall set you free and Mr. Young said he believes in the truth.

**Yaneli Vargas**  
850 State Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Sanctuary City.

Ms. Yaneli Vargas came forward and delivered her remarks about Bridgeport being a Sanctuary City in Spanish. Her translator said that Ms. Vargas was a citizen of Mexico and that she had lived in Bridgeport for 9 years and her children attended Bridgeport schools. Her family came to this country for a better life because life in Mexico was very difficult. Here in Bridgeport they have been able to make a life. They are home owners and work very hard. Her children have made friends here and have roots here. In the past months, it has been difficult to hear all the hatred for the new administration. We have to protect our children in case something happens to us. They feel that is not right that they have to worry if their children would be placed in foster care. She and her husband would like to invest in the City and have the City invest in us so we can feel safe in living here. Her family is very worried about the attacks against the Muslims and the other brothers and sisters. Another worry is that the police will cooperate with ICE and the communities will no longer be safe. Every day, we go out to work and pay our fair share in taxes. For this reason, I support the sanctuary city. This will make it so that everyone from different races and faiths can live and work together.

The translator then asked the people who were in support of the sanctuary cities to stand up. Approximately 20 people in the audience stood up.

**Keyairra Wright**  
850 State Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Sanctuary City.

Ms. Wright came forward and introduced herself. She said that she had concerns about the people being treated poorly by the authorities or being reported to ICE. As a classroom teacher, she finds that the children can't concentrate on their work because they are worried about being deported to a country they barely remember. Others are worried that there will be problems. While Ms. Wright said she was a U.S. citizen, she would like to call upon Bridgeport to be a sanctuary city and to know that the officials will not report residents. There is a problem when the residents think they can't call the police about someone causing them harm because they would be reported to ICE.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Hart again to come forward to address the Council. There was no response. He then called the first speaker on the evening's sign up list to come forward to address the Council.

**John Marshall Lee**  
30 Beacon Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Mr. John Marshall Lee came forward and said that he did not have any prepared remarks. The Council holds these public speaking sessions 22 times a year. He said that there were a number of questions the Junior Council Members should ask their Council Members about. He often talks about open government and accountability when he speaks to the Council Members. The

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Council Members are elected and that is important because if they don't do their job, they need to be voted out. Many people don't vote in the local elections and that is not a good thing.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the presentation later in the meeting will be about the waterfront and he asked the Junior Council members to think about why it has taken 8 years to get work done on the harbor. He also reminded the Junior Council Members that there had been a public hearing by the Ordinance Committee earlier and asked the Junior Council members if they knew about the public hearing before it took place.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim then requested Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

**City Council Citation(s): Recognizing the recipients of the 2016 City of Bridgeport “Employee of the Year” Award.**

Council President McCarthy called the following City employees forward in recognition of their excellent work:

**The recipients of the 2016 City of Bridgeport Employee of the Year awards are:**

Earl Coleman, Epidemiological Investigator, Health Dept/Lead Unit, hired in 1998  
Bill Coleman, Deputy Director, OPED, hired in 2004  
Mariel Concepcion, Public Safety Supervisor, PD 911 dispatch center, hired in 1996  
Mary Otero, Payroll Manager, Finance, hired in 1998  
Yolanda Padilla, Special Projects Coordinator, Public Facilities, hired in 2005  
Shequilla Robertson, Supervisor in Print Shop, hired in 1993  
Ronald Rolfe, Fire Captain, hired in 1998

Council President McCarthy then read the following statement into the record:

These seven were chosen as 2016 Employees of the Year because they consistently go above and beyond what is required of their job. They go the extra mile; are team players; assist co-workers and people in other departments; are constantly thinking about ways to make things better for everyone and always have a smile and positive attitude.

The recipients were selected by a committee comprised of representatives from management, Labor, Civil Service and past and present Total Quality Management (TQM) Teams who made their selections independent of the Mayor's Office. TQM is a management approach which involves employees at all levels of government in identifying and recommending areas for improvement.

Employee of the Year is an annual initiative of the Employee Morale TQM Team. They will be planning other events throughout the year to improve the working environment and boost employee morale. Its team members include: Milta Feliciano, Tatiana Urena, Robert Miller, Nancy O'Donnell, Grisel Seda, Deborah Brelsford, Tyisha Toms, Deva Caviness and Valerie Sorrentino.

He then presented the recipients with City Council Citations in recognition of their excellent work.

**Presentation re: Junior Council Program by Tammy Papa, Lighthouse Director.**

Ms. Papa came forward to give an overview about the Junior Council Program and asked the Junior Council Members to introduce themselves.

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Council President McCarthy requested a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Barton Waxman, Atty. Lisa Trachtenburg's father. It was also noted that Ernie Treeves and Isabel Torres had passed on recently. Those present stood in respectful silence for a minute.

**PRESENTATION RE: WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN BY OPED.**

Mr. Bill Coleman came forward and gave a PowerPoint presentation about the potential of the Bridgeport waterfront.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: February 6, 2017**

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 MEETING.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**42-16 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AND REQUEST TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE SAME, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**43-16 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2022, REFERRED TO BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**44-16 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOWER EAST END MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**45-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ASPIRE CHALLENGE GRANT (PROJECT #18243), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*31-16 Ordinance Committee Report re: 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.**

**\*39-16 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.16 – Street and Sidewalk Use Regulations, amend Section 12.16.150 – Removal of obstructions, snow and ice from sidewalks.**

**\*41-16 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: (Ref. #35-15) Workers Compensation Settlement/Stipulation Award with Daniel Domkowski.**

**Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.**

Council Member Martinez requested that Agenda Item 39-16 be tabled and referred back to Committee.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Item 31-16 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Ganim requested Assistant City Clerk Ortiz to read the remaining Consent Calendar Item in to the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**\*41-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #35-15) WORKERS COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT/STIPULATION AWARD WITH DANIEL DOMKOWSKI.**

**MAYOR GANIM ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**39-16 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.16 – Street and Sidewalk Use Regulations, amend Section 12.16.150 – Removal of obstructions, snow and ice from sidewalks.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO REFER THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM BACK TO COMMITTEE:**

**39-16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12.16 – STREET AND**



**SIDEWALK USE REGULATIONS, AMEND SECTION 12.16.150 – REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS, SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*31-16 Ordinance Committee Report re: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**31-16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy announced that Council Members Lyons, Salter and Casco were unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services