

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 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 6:33 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: John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy  
134<sup>th</sup> District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Michelle Lyons  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee  
136<sup>th</sup> District:  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: James Holloway

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

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>Bob Keeley</b> 2156 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604	Reverse Robin Hood Syndrome – Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

Mr. Bob Keeley came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that he had attended a meeting recently about the Boys and Girls Clubs and their effect on the youth.

*Council Members Herron, Salter and Casco joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.*

Mr. Keeley spoke about the fact he felt the Public Facilities Director did not have the authority that he appeared to have. He said that the ordinance should not have been approved and that the Council needs to make their own decisions.

*Council Member Feliciano joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.*

**Cecil C. Young**  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Councilman James Holloway stepping  
down.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward to address the Council. He distributed copies of a letter dated March 20, 2006 from Dr. Marian Evans of the City of Bridgeport Department of Health and Social services terminating his employment. Mr. Young said that this was a violation of his civil rights and that he had reported this to the State of Connecticut and a number of other agencies. Mr. Young then blew on a shrill whistle and said that he was a whistle blower. He then used the whistle again. Mr. Young then began to raise his voice regarding his claim about his termination which he claims was illegal. He then said that Council Member Holloway would not help him with this situation and proceeded to state Council Member Holloway did not deserve his position as a Council Member.

*Council Member Castillo joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.*

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

City Finances.

Mr. Lee came forward and read the following statement into the record:

Council members, greetings. I mean that sincerely because you have at least one historic decision facing you shortly.... that is the approval of an Operating Budget for the City.

You reviewed the Capital budget as you do each year. I notice that one or more of you voiced a complaint this year similar to one I have made in the past. Where is a 10-year report listing all of the incomplete capital projects that were once approved by previous councils? Such a list would be organized by authorization year, then a department code, and finally a project name. Other info could be included in a brief description noting, geographic, technical, or other factors or assumptions considered. Over the years the amount funded through a bond issue, when activity begins, and hopefully becomes complete, within budget, or not. But you have a reference to the initial Capital budget approval (and so does the public) as well as the development over time and the priorities represented by action. Is that a better way to render informed decisions?

Other City issues require monitoring and review. Can you do that without tools?? What information do you routinely receive that informs you as to any City side grant funds, especially those that support salaries for personnel? In your review with the Library and BOE, questions were asked about whether the BOE had sought grants funds. That shows you are aware of potential sources, but use no formal, accessible information for you to prepare. The BOE does post such info on line with the balance of their financial info. But the Finance Department has no comparable tool regarding the City available to you and to taxpayers. Why not? If you ask for such, would it become available because of the campaign pledges of open and accountable?

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Did you notice how rapidly the concept of purchasing the Catholic Center for potential school siting has taken hold? School renovation while limiting funding of what goes on within those walls? And I then ask myself, how is it possible that the sale of certain harbor front property is kept secret from the public at the same moment? No more such property is currently being created. Official property owners have been ignored by the mayor's office. The values of property being transferred have not been addressed publicly in an open process. The entire routine shows the City of Bridgeport, hijacking an independent authorized body, more than eight years ago and continuing to run the entity without posting any financial reports. How can that be? This was an agency that had its own independent attorney and accounting firm to keep track of business. The last administration "converted" it almost to a City department (but without posting any relevant fiscal information, responsible professionals were terminated). Ganim2 has continued the darkness. Any potential for significant harbor front businesses, offering large workforce employment with living wages and benefits, which would pay City taxes in a foreseeable future were not welcome with open arms. Why not? What are the results? Where is the procession of legal documents, deadlines, and big picture commentary? What if a closer inspection causes court actions to become likely? Watchdogs?

Back to operating budget time, your major effort as a committee. Have you pursued a close look at the Print Shop to see whether privatizing might save \$250,000 per year? Who remembers the RFP for the Transfer Station last year? Isn't this another candidate for slimming down to half its expense, or privatization? Seriously, why in 2017 is carrying a flag to direct traffic around a road cut worthy of earning overtime? Isn't it an oversight of old Ordinances and opportunistic union representation? Where was the taxpayer represented at the table? Save another \$2 Million? Your Legislative budget should make a contribution, and there are other brand new budget items from this 2017 budget where no funds have been spent in eight months. Show us all City revenues. Knock expenses down by \$4 Million or more.

It's up to you. You are in charge and you cannot do enough at this moment in time, especially if you choose to run again. Get some real help throughout the year, and provide time to really listen those who speak to you respectfully, please? Time will tell.

Council Member Martinez requested that City show the Council all the revenue amounts and sources of origin.

**Peter D. Spain**  
280 Grovers Ave  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Sanctuary City Status for Bridgeport.

Good evening, Council President McCarthy and members of the Council, I'm Pete Spain. I live at 280 Grovers Ave. Eighty seven days ago, in a brief letter I wrote to the Council, I urged you to pass a resolution to make Bridgeport a "Sanctuary City." You have not done so. And, from what we saw at last Wednesday's meeting of the Public Safety Committee -- where various "Sanctuary City" drafts have been stalled for months -- I'm beginning to wonder.

We've come out on this May Day ... a bit of America's melting pot ... to celebrate some of our most cherished American values... justice for all, equal opportunity, and fairness across our

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diverse community. Many of us have also come tonight to call on you to pass both A resolution AND an ordinance to make Bridgeport a “Sanctuary City”.

So what do I mean by “Sanctuary City”?

FIRST: Our Bridgeport Police do not and will not act as an arm of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

SECOND: We do not and will not target families and individuals in our community because of their immigration status.

FINALLY: We do not and will not shield from justice -- any violent offender or person who poses a serious threat -- for any reason -- certainly not based on immigration status.

In the big picture: Congress’ failure to pass comprehensive immigration reform over the past several decades is not something that Bridgeport can or must resolve now through our local police.

Bridgeport has always been a sanctuary city of sorts. It’s opened its arms to generations of immigrants from all over the world.

And since the abolition of slavery in our state in 1848, Bridgeport has been a sanctuary for tens of thousands of African American’s fleeing from slavery, then the post-Civil War South, and Jim Crow.

A good friend of mine is a labor historian and sociology professor at Trinity College. He explained to me that Bridgeport’s political establishment ‘back in the day’ was often ruling in the interest of a few at the cost of the many. But DESPITE THIS – as he tells it -- Bridgeport’s May Day celebrations starting in the late 19th century through the middle of the 20th century DEMONSTRATED that the “people” of Bridgeport, “in all their different races, religions, and voices and with their competing concerns,” came together to push the political establishment to bend toward justice and fairness.

And on this May Day, that is a tradition that we honor – one of progress and sanctuary. It is a tradition that we can more fully realize when you pass a resolution and an ordinance to make Bridgeport a “Sanctuary City”.

It is estimated that there are approximately 15,000 undocumented immigrants in Bridgeport. Many of them are growing increasingly afraid of ICE raids and deportation. Some of their children aren’t attending school as frequently. Some of them are avoiding the courts, medical centers, and the police.

Yesterday’s NY Times ran a front-page article ... entitled ...Too Scared to Report Sexual Abuse. The Fear: Deportation.

[[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/30/us/immigrants-deportation-sexual-abuse.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/30/us/immigrants-deportation-sexual-abuse.html?_r=0)]

The article states: “Since the presidential election, there has been a sharp downturn in reports of sexual assault and domestic violence among Latinos throughout the country...”

For example, the number of Latinos reporting rapes in Houston has fallen by more than 40 percent this year from the same period last year. The drop, according to Houston's Police Chief, "Looks like the beginnings of people not reporting crime."

BTW, Houston's mayor says his city is a "welcoming city." But Houston is not a "Sanctuary City" officially. "

[<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/lifestyle/calle-houston/article/Sylvester-Turner-on-Houston-and-the-attack-on-10918281.php?t=b679052047438d9cbb>]

In other words: Let fear of Trump's saber-rattling dictate how you represent your constituents' interests. Fear wins. That's the Trump approach.

But it does NOT have to be ours. Especially when we look at the hard data

Economies are stronger in sanctuary jurisdictions.

[<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/reports/2017/01/26/297366/the-effects-of-sanctuary-policies-on-crime-and-the-economy/>]

Crime is lower in sanctuary jurisdictions.

[<http://www.citylab.com/crime/2017/01/sanctuary-cities-are-safer-and-more-productive/514508/>]

AND, no surprise, a majority of POLICE CHIEFS are in favor of Sanctuary jurisdictions.  
<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-sanctuary-cities-trump-20170202-story.html>]

New Haven knows this. Hartford knows it too. They are "Sanctuary Cities".

Along with more than 100 American municipalities and 360 counties today, which have official "Sanctuary" policies.

Why not Bridgeport? Last week a federal judge ruled that Trump's order was illegal — because a president cannot place conditions on federal funding, only Congress can. Indeed, as the CT Post Editorial Board, wrote in response to the ruling:

More workable immigration laws are needed, but threats to withhold federal grants to communities is neither the proper — nor the legal — way to do it.

[<http://www.ctpost.com/opinion/article/Editorial-Block-of-Trump-s-sanctuary-cities-11101378.php>]

That judge's ruling echoes the earlier opinions of two Yale Law School graduates and prominent elected leaders in CT— Senator Blumenthal and Hartford Mayor Bronin.

[<https://ctmirror.org/2017/01/27/blumenthal-stripping-federal-funds-from-sanctuary-cities-would-be-illegal/>]

[<http://www.courant.com/politics/hc-trump-connecticut-immigration-20170125-story.html>]

And like Blumenthal and Bronin, all 20 of you on our City Council are Democrats.

Your 2016 Democratic Party platform states: "We must ... defend against those who would ... denigrate immigrants. Those immigrants already living in the United States, who are assets to their communities and contribute so much to our country, should be incorporated completely into our society through legal processes that give meaning to our national motto: E Pluribus Unum."

-- 2016 Democratic Party Platform July 21, 2016

[[http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/papers\\_pdf/117717.pdf](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/papers_pdf/117717.pdf)]

On this May Day, honor our community and our Constitution and our NATION, and show some courage by standing up and saying “Not on my watch. Not in my city. I won’t let the Trump administration use baseless fear-mongering to drive a wedge between our immigrant communities and our police. Not in my SANCTUARY CITY.”

**Anne Gribbon**  
School Volunteer Association  
of Bridgeport, Inc.  
900 Boston Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

50th Anniversary Celebration of the School  
Volunteer Association of Bridgeport, Inc.

*Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

Ms. Gribbon came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said that this year was the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the School Volunteer Association of Bridgeport. Ms. Gribbon informed the Council Members that many of the volunteers come to Bridgeport from the surrounding towns. There are about 160 volunteers who tutor and an additional 120 people that mentor students. They also donate books. She said that the group would be holding a 50-year celebration on May 17, 2017. The special guest speaker will be Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots wide receiver Malcolm Mitchell. After the event he will go to one of the schools for a meet and greet with the students.

**Luis Luna**  
Make the Road CT  
850 State Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Sanctuary City Resolution.

Mr. Luis Luna came forward and gave his time to a young woman who was named Ms. Melendez. She is a youth leader and attends Fairchild Wheeler. Ms. Melendez said that her mother has four children and worked hard. Her mother did not speak English and was working a full-time job but only being paid part time wages. Now she has to work two part-time jobs, but it isn't enough for the family. Ms. Melendez said that she believes that everyone deserves to live in a city where they are welcomed and protected. They are taxpayer, students and workers.

Ms. Melendez then turned to the audience and asked what they wanted. The audience screamed ""Sanctuary City!". She then asked when they wanted it. The audience shouted "Now!". They repeated this chant three times at full volume.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

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

**Bridgeport, Connecticut**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Council President McCarthy requested Council Member McBride-Lee lead those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President McCarthy then requested Junior Council Member Brianna Davis to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

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  
134<sup>th</sup> District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Michelle Lyons  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Alfredo Castillo, Jose Casco  
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

A quorum was present.

**Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Winifred Timberlake as the first African-American Woman on the City Council and Service to the City and the 131st District.**

Council President McCarthy gave a brief overview of the reasons for these types of ceremonial recognition.

Council Member Banta said that Council Member Herron had suggested that Ms. Timberlake be recognized by the Council Members. Council Member Taylor-Moye expressed her thanks for Ms. Timberlake's work in her District. Council Member Herron then accepted the copies of the City Citation on behalf of Ms. Timberlake and said that she would deliver them to Ms. Timberlake.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: April 3, 2017**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2017.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2017 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO COMBINE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**65-16 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED "2017" NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**66-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH ASHLEE COMSTOCK, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**68-16 COMMUNICATION FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT RE: PROPOSED MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON CREDIT INC. REGARDING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE, FIRE AND EOC DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE NEXGEN SOFTWARE PURCHASE, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**69-16 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS RE: PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF, LOCAL 834 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**70-16 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: (REF. #119-15) PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF RENTAL SPACE FOR**



**THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN CENTER AS PART OF THE FEDERAL COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS – 7 MIDDLE STREET, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

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

**67-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE & BUKOVSKY RE: REQUEST THAT THE CITY'S TREE WARDEN REQUIRE ALL UTILITY COMPANIES WORKING IN THE CITY TO INCLUDE IN THEIR ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN A LANGUAGE WITH CLEAR SIGNAGE REGARDING POSTINGS ON ANY TREE EARMARKED FOR PRUNING OR REMOVAL, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**71-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BUKOVSKY, BURNS & LYONS RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.02 – ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS GENERALLY, AMEND TO ADD NEW SECTION 2.02.080 – RESIDENCY REPORTING OF ALL MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

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

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

**\*50-16 Contracts Committee Report re: Assignment of Tax Liens for Fiscal Year 2017.**

**\*53-16 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with the Bridgeport School Crossing Guards Association regarding their Bargaining Unit Contract for the Term of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2021.**

**\*06-16 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution requesting the Adoption of a Waterfront Master Plan.**

**\*42-16 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Certain City-Owned Properties by Auction, Sale to Abutter or by sale to Community Based Housing Development Corporations.**

**\*44-16 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Property in Accordance with the Lower East End Municipal Development Plan.**

**\*217-15 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program.**

**\*07-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Appointment of Hector Diaz (D) to the Board of Police Commissioners.**

**\*26-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Earmark, CT 115, Construction of Intermodal Transportation Facility in Bridgeport.**

**\*47-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Letter of Commitment for State Project No. L050-0002, Bridge No. 4225 – Bridge Replacement Commerce Drive/State Street Extension over Ash Creek – Town of Fairfield/City of Bridgeport Utilizing Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Funding.**

**\*49-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary Street Naming of a Portion of Lexington Avenue as “Jose A. Salgado Way”.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Item 217-15 and Agenda Item 49-16 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council President McCarthy requested City Clerk Martinez to read the remaining Consent Calendar Item in to the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS:**

**\*50-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: ASSIGNMENT OF TAX LIENS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.**

**\*53-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS ASSOCIATION REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT FOR THE TERM OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021.**

**\*06-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF A WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN.**

**\*42-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.**

**\*44-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOWER EAST END MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

**\*07-16 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
RE: APPOINTMENT OF HECTOR DIAZ (D) TO THE BOARD OF POLICE  
COMMISSIONERS.**

**\*26-16 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)  
EARMARK, CT 115, CONSTRUCTION OF INTERMODAL  
TRANSPORTATION FACILITY IN BRIDGEPORT.**

**\*47-16 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR STATE  
PROJECT NO. L050-0002, BRIDGE NO. 4225 – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
COMMERCE DRIVE/STATE STREET EXTENSION OVER ASH CREEK –  
TOWN OF FAIRFIELD/CITY OF BRIDGEPORT UTILIZING LOCAL  
TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP)  
FUNDING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) VOTES IN VOTES IN FAVOR AND  
ONE (1) ABSTENTION (NIEVES, AGENDA ITEM #53-16).**

**217-15 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding  
Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED AGENDA ITEM 217-15 PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION  
REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS,  
BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS,  
MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO,  
SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-  
PANICCIA).**

**49-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary Street Naming  
of a Portion of Lexington Avenue as “Jose A. Salgado Way”.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 49-16 PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: HONORARY STREET  
NAMING OF A PORTION OF LEXINGTON AVENUE AS “JOSE A. SALGADO WAY”.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said there was no policy or procedure in place. She said that there were signs upon signs and it is confusing. For these reasons, she was opposed to the item.

Council Member Holloway said that he was not going to oppose the vote, but pointed out that on Route 130, there were numerous signs and one sign was removed by the State and dedicated to someone else without notifying the City.

Council Member Brantley said that she understood this and said it should be brought to the Stratford Council and to the State. It is wrong but she did not see why they should not provide the honor to someone who served the community, but it needs to be done correctly.

Council Member Casco said that he had questions about whether the people from the community could not just decide to remove a sign or add one.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (PAOLETTO AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**56-16 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Lonnie Blackwell.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY); TWO (2) OPPOSED (PAOLETTO AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MCCARTHY).**

**57-16 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Jesus Manuel Perez.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**46-16 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Grant Application Authorization for School Construction Work and Design Initiation at the Catholic Center located at 238 Jewett Avenue.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

Council Member Lyons said that there were concerns about there was no final. Cost estimate; the street was too narrow and if there was extra money, it should be given to the BOE to fix the existing schools. She said that it was inevitable that some of the homes would be taken by eminent domain on the street because it was the only entrance to the building. She added that they had only seen the larger building and did not see the smaller building where Special Education would go. Council Member Lyons said that she could not be responsible for voting for this measure knowing the state of the existing schools.

Council Member Holloway said that in the 134th District Sacred Heart was buying homes and renting houses. He felt that the houses near this particular parcel should go forward.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she was for education and would like to hear from those who own homes near the location felt. They have the right to give input. She wanted to know how this would affect the taxpayers.

Council Member Olson said that he would like the principal to speak to the Council. Council President McCarthy explained that the council was in the middle of a vote and the public could not participate. Council Member Olson said that right now the academy was divided into two separate building and this would provide a space for 36 students with special needs. Right now, the City does not have the space to address these children's needs. It costs up to \$100,000 per student. He said that he did not have a problem with Council Member Lyons concerns, and agreed that it was location, location, location. While he was in favor of it, he realized there were issues to be resolved.

Council Member Holloway said that when you open a can of worms, they scatter. That is what happens with the 134th. He said that he had warned the Council Members about various locations and now Sacred Heart had put a large building at a particular location. The college students party every night and this has become a problem.

Council Member Lyons said that she was in the process of redoing the parking in the area. She said that there were over 200 signatures from residents who were concerned about their property being taken or losing property values.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there was no such plan showing room for cars, buses, playgrounds or additional traffic. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she would be voting against this. It will be important to have a plan in place and show that they could support it.

Council Member Bukovsky said that she would like to thank Council Member Olson for the information that he distributed. Since she was not a member of the Education and Social Services Committee and Council Member Olson's hand out was the only information she had received on this major project. She would have to vote against this item until there was more information. She said that she was not against education but felt there was more that needed to be done.

Council Member Herron said that when Superintendent Vallas was here, the discussion was about providing services for the Special Education students by the District, but it never happened. Council Member Herron was concerned about bringing Special Education students back to Bridgeport when they are laying off teachers.

Council Member Martinez said that right now there are two schools that need serious work and they do not have the funds to complete those projects. There are rats running across the floor and mold. It is important to finish what they started. The City of Bridgeport needs to deal with the projects it has underway.

Council Member Brantley asked Council President McCarthy if this was based on funding from a grant and there needs to be permission to purchase the property. Council President McCarthy said that this was so. Council Member Brantley asked if there was a traffic study done. She said that her concern was about how they would be moving students around. She said that when she visited the school, she could not find a place to park and had to park some distance away. If the school was approved, the next thing that would happen would be that the school would be back asking the Council for money for transportation. The Council needs to be on top of the game. While she would love to see the Classical Studies Academy be established, this location was problematic.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she endorsed what Council Member Brantley and Council Member Martinez said. She said that not only are Special Education spaces needed, but teachers are needed. It will be important to have a location for these children that is able to accommodate the students and provide the services. With this she could not support the item.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 46-16.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE FAILED TO PASS WITH SEVEN (7) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BRANTLEY, OLSON, NIEVES, PAOLETTO AND SMITH) AND THIRTEEN (13) OPPOSED (BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, FELICIANO, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY).**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 46-16 FAILED TO PASS WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR (BURNS, BRANTLEY, OLSON, NIEVES, PAOLETTO AND SMITH) AND FOURTEEN (14) AGAINST (BUKOVSKY, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, FELICIANO, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY).**

### RECESS

Council President McCarthy called for a recess at 8:10 p.m. He called the meeting back into order at 8:15 p.m.

*Council Member Holloway left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET (AGENDA ITEM 43-16).**

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

Council Member Feliciano stated that she had not received a copy of the proposed Capital Budget. Council President McCarthy stated that updated copies have been placed on the Council Members' desks before the meeting started.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET (AGENDA ITEM 43-16) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 43-16 THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2020 BAC CAPITAL BUDGET.**

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

Council Member Lyons said that since the previous vote had been taken and the motion to include the purchase of the Catholic Center had failed, she was proposing that the \$7,392,000 be removed and reallocated to the existing schools.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia said that it should be noted that the previous vote had not passed, but wanted the item to go back to Committee.

Council Member Burns then clarified some of the details of the allocations. He pointed out that regarding Bassick, the renovations depended on the completion of the work at Harding.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PLAN BY REMOVING THE LINE "BOE ACQUIRE & RENOVATE CATHOLIC CENTER (21% CITY SHARE) WITH \$5,000,000 ALLOCATED FOR FY 2018 AND \$2,392,000 FOR 2019 AND A GRAND TOTAL OF \$7,392,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2020 BAC CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PLAN BY REMOVING THE LINE ITEM "BOE ACQUIRE & RENOVATE CATHOLIC CENTER (21% CITY SHARE) WITH \$5,000,000 ALLOCATED FOR FY 2018 AND \$2,392,000 FOR 2019 AND A GRAND TOTAL OF \$7,392,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2020 BAC CAPITAL BUDGET PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (BANTA, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, FELICIANO AND MARTINEZ) AND EIGHT (8) OPPOSED (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, NIEVES, PAOLETTO, AND SMITH).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 43-16 THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2020 BAC CAPITAL BUDGET WITH THE ADJUSTED TOTALS AS FOLLOWS:**

**FY 2018 – \$15,393,475.00;  
FY 2019 – \$54,765,000.00;  
AND A GRAND TOTAL OF \$166,094,475.00.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 43-16 THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2020 BAC CAPITAL BUDGET AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Brantley requested a moment of silence for Peter Clark, a former City of Bridgeport employee.

Council President McCarthy noted that Mayor Ganim was not present because his uncle, Greg Ganim, had also passed away.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that a young man, Noel Diaz, had passed away due to complications of asthma.

Council Member Olson requested that everyone remember those who were victims of violence in the City. Those present then stood in respectful silence in memory of the various individuals who had recently passed away.

Council Olson reminded everyone that on May 6th, the Council would be voting on the City budget. He spoke about the importance of that decision and the need to find more money for the Board of Education. Education reduces crime and helps our children.

Council President McCarthy encouraged people to attend the budget meetings. He said that he had been doing the budget meetings for many years and never remembered a year like this one when they simply did not know what the State Budget was going to be.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia encouraged people to send their questions about the budget via email.

Council Member Feliciano thanked the administration for allowing the budget consultant. She said that he was very helpful.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia commented that there had been representation seven years ago and that last year, there was a sudden change.

Council Member Feliciano stated that the consultant last year had not been helpful.

Council Member Paoletto suggested that they check the minutes about this.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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