

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

6:30 PM

**Geraldine W. Johnson School, Auditorium
475 Lexington Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking session to order at 6:38 p.m.

The City Clerk called the roll.

ROLL CALL.

130th District: Scott Burns
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: John Olson
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District:
136th District: José Casco
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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M., AT GERALDINE W. JOHNSON SCHOOL, AUDITORIUM, 475 LEXINGTON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.

NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Termination cover-up.

Mr. Young came forward and said that he wanted justice because he was a whistle blower. He said that he was a former employee and a life-long Democrat. It was a shame that a black man should be treated this way. He then said that Mayor Ganim should have his former FBI agent look into Mr. Young's injustice termination. Mr. Young claimed he was fired because he pointed out a pile of dirt in a housing project. He said shame on everyone for ignoring his plight. If Mayor Ganim is elected as Governor, he should look into the fraud that was committed and named two men that he claimed were responsible. He asked what the Council's problem was

because this had been going on for 12 years. He told the truth but no one looked into the issue. He stated that he has appealed to the FBI, and the State to look into his injustice termination.

Ethan Book
144 Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Freedom of information matters and
WPCA.

Mr. Book came forward and said that he was the president of the Hollow and a Republican.

He spoke about the fact that in the past, Mr. John Marshall Lee had pointed out that there were problems with the Print Shop that did some printing jobs for private charities, which he listed. These groups included the NAACP, a number of churches and the Elks Club. There is a problem if there were no payments made. He said that there were a small group of privileged Democrats that were able to use the Print Shop.

Mr. Book said that he had requested a listing about the billing for Pullman and Comley but was only given information from 2014 and forward because the remaining information was lost when the computer system was changed. However, the MUNIS system was installed in 2007.

Mr. Book said that he had requested some information on the WPCA from the City Attorney's Office more than 5 months ago and still had not received the information. Justice delayed is justice denied.

Mr. Book then spoke about issues with the City Council Members and City Attorney's that had not been resolved yet.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Financial Issues.

Mr. Lee came forward and made the following statement:

Good Evening Council Members. Next Tuesday September 12, there are Democratic primaries in nine of the ten districts. Citizen candidates in nine districts decided to run, not because they were organized by the historically influential, politically crafty, but publicly unaccountable association like the one most of you represent, called the DTC. But City wide, enough folks, young and old, of all colors, cultures and political persuasions have had enough. They are taxpayers who have had their pockets picked without explanation too often by decreased property values and increasing taxes. They are families with youths lacking proper education or programs from the City to advance them to a place better than where their families are today. It's a wave with building energy. It will grow larger.

Nearly 18 years ago, the City realized they had ignored funding retirement plans for public safety employees. Joe Ganim set before them a concept that would solve the whole problem: Borrow \$350 Million over 30 years; invest that money at risk prudently; retirement benefits would flow for the life of those members. What was the whole price tag? Of course it was more than \$350

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Million because interest expense over \$550 Million was to be paid until 2029 and the total paid by then would be over \$900 Million. Before we finish paying the price will be more than ONE BILLION DOLLARS.

For years Plan A has sucked \$30 Million annually from the Police and Fire budgets. How is that working out? Tonight Ganim2 offers another bond concept, for MERS UNFUNDED ACRUED liability. That's the price tag that the City will pay for moving police and fire personnel to MERS from Plan B. Have you yet been shown the whole price tag by which you as taxpayer representatives can evaluate a right course? Ganim and others indicate that bonding will take care of the whole expense. Is that the whole truth or even partly honest?

Council Members Mary McBride Lee; and Richard Salter joined the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Well the September 2017 quarterly meeting of Plan A was canceled. How much is left in that plan? Anyone? How much have we been adding annually to keep Plan A going in recent years? Have actuaries asked for \$15 Million more that we paid? What is the net liability remaining from the original Plan A \$350 Million? The Finance Director indicated that it was \$250 Million net of pension assets and assuming 7% earnings!! See how we tax payments can exceed ONE BILLION?

Plan A is a plan that has not gone according to plan. Why doesn't Ganim tell you that annually? What provides confidence that the vote you are asked to make tonight for nearly \$100 Million plus interest to fund MERS isn't just another concept, certainly not a guarantee, and will require added interest expense if you approve this tonight, and a lot more future funding? How much? Simply stated CT MERS is not providing the 8% return everyone assumes. In the past 10 years earnings have averaged below 5%. Why did we move from Plan B to MERS? What was the public told? Where did your Council Public Safety Sub-Committee review such proposal before referring it to Budget with a recommendation and a PRICE TAG? Any thoughts? Why do you make decisions binding the taxpayer when you have not been thorough in your research, following your own Council process? Is the price tag for public safety retirement benefits including overtime another billion dollars when actual earnings rates are used?

I love "second chances" but Ganim's bonding concept for MERS is just an extra expense, not a savings. It does not deserve your vote until you tell the price-tag projection with 5% earnings assumed to the voters. When you buy a car Federal law says that the price of the vehicle including interest must be set out for you, the consumer. When it comes to City benefits and compensation and the financing of same, there is no such law. But don't forget the angry taxpayer. Come Primary Day and Election Day this year, they will remember your prideful ignorance of how you have committed their money without full investigation and knowledge.

Refer the MERS bonding to Public Safety TONIGHT as it is Public Safety contracts that have created "the past service liability" of \$207 Million assuming 8% earnings. You are not running for Governor and few of you have an option of living in Easton, either. When you vote on this matter will you really know the price-tag for public safety overtime and its future cost to Bridgeport voters? Time will tell.

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

Dasha Spell
144 Golden Hill Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Classical Studies Magnet Academy
and Education.

Ms. Spell came forward and said she was present as a parent. A few months ago, there was a presentation to the BOE and the Council about the Classical Studies Academy. She said that she would like the Council to reconsider purchasing the Jewett Avenue property. The Classical Academy is the only one that is divided into two building and there are three streets that divide the campus. The Academy is saving the City the city money because they lease. Research was done and Jewett Avenue is the only property available for purchase. She asked then to reconsider the decision not to buy Jewett Avenue. Ms. Spell said that it was ironical that there are a number of city employees that make six figures, but the City doesn't have enough money to buy this parcel for its students.

Council Member Alfredo Castillo joined the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Glenn Marshall
375 Glendale Ave., Unit D4
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Land Disposition Agreement.

Mr. Marshall came forward and said that he was present to speak about the LDA. He said that he was the president of Carpenter 's Union Local 210. There were number of union members present. One of the concerns was that in Stamford, there was a Harbor project where there were promises made that the local residents would be hired. However, once the developers got their approvals, they brought in people from as far away as Texas. He asked that the Council make sure that the local unions are included when the LDA comes up for a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy adjourned the Public Speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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7:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested the Rev. to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

Mayoral Proclamation(s) and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Bridgeport Police Detective Vincent Lariccia and Police Sergeant Gilberto Valentin for their Exemplary Professionalism displayed at a community event at Newfield Park on July 21, 2017.

Council Member Martinez said that two of the officers had taken time to come to Newfield Movie Night and be with the Community. Council President McCarthy then presented Detective Vincent Lariccia with his certificate along with one for his fellow officer Sgt. Gilberto Valentin. Mayor Ganim then read the Mayoral Proclamations.

Mayoral Proclamation and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Bridgeport Police Officer Ryan Mullenax and his K9 Partner Zeus for their Extraordinary Response in locating a missing child on July 9, 2017.

Council Member McBride-Lee then came forward to speak about a recent event regarding a missing a child. As a first-grade teacher, events that involve children are dear to her heart. She said that she had heard about Officer Ryan Mullenax and K-9 Partner Zeus and did some research on the pair. She discovered that they had been involved in a number of cases and she was proud to recommend them for these citations. Mayor Ganim then read the Mayoral Proclamations.

Mayoral Proclamation and City Council Citation: Recognizing “Black Wall Street Bridgeport” for the years of providing the founding for unity for minority businesses and organizations with events such as “Black Wall Street 5” on September 3, 2017.

Council Member Martinez spoke about the Black Wall Street and how a Bridgeport resident had organized a minority group of Business owners for the event on September 3, 2017. She added that the representatives of the group had not been able to attend the meeting so she would present the City Council Citation and Mayoral Proclamation to them.

Presentation by Terron Jones re: Change of City Flag.

Mr. Terron Jones came forward to speak about changing the City Flag. He distributed potential suggestions and said that he wants to work with the BOE to have student submit suggestions. The City seal would not be changed, but there would be potential suggestions.

Council Member Brantley asked what prompted this change. Mr. Jones said that he had seen a TeD talk about having more symbolism represented in municipal flags.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked where this project would start. Mr. Jones said that he would be working with the Mayor's office.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that while this was an interesting idea, but there was no written text or explanation on the hand out. She also pointed out several other issues she had with the proposal.

Council Member McBride-Lee asked who would be designing the flag. Mr. Jones said that the flag would be designed by the students of Bridgeport.

Council Member Taylor-Moye commended him for bringing this to the Council's attention.

Council Member Olson said with all due respect that Mr. Jones should have started the project by talking to the City Council first and then had designs done.

Council Member Lyons pointed out that every generation might want to change the flag. She added that everything in the City seal represents something about the City.

115-16 Public Hearing re: (Ref. #88-16) Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Land Development Agreement (“LDA”) for the Downtown Theatre Buildings and Adjacent Vacant Properties.

Mayor Ganim said that he would allow each speaker 2 minutes to address the Council. He opened the Public Hearing on Agenda Item 115-16 at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Ganim stated that they would welcome anyone who wishes to speak. He added this was a wonderful project for Bridgeport and that it will change the downtown for the better. The last number he heard was that the project would be in excess of \$400,000,000. He said that he was in favor of local hiring and appreciates the support from the private sector.

Mr. Ernie Newton came forward and said he was a resident of Bridgeport. He said that he had read the LDA and found out that a number of Council Members had not read the agreement. He said that often was that the Council would approve things and then find out what was involved in it.

There were things that he liked and didn't like in the agreement. He then spoke about one of the things he did not like.

It is the job of the Council to protect the taxpayers. There are a lot of people in the City that needs jobs. He asked the Mayor to take this into consideration.

Mr. Jorge Cruz came forward and said that he lives on Black Rock Avenue. He said he was proud of Bridgeport and remembered the days of the Majestic Theater. He said he was hoping that the theaters will be restored and that the unions will be fair and hire people who need jobs. There are residents who are coming out of prison and others that just need jobs. He expressed concerns about the senior citizens that live in that area. He said that making sure the traffic and transportation isn't interrupted for them.

Mr. Cruz said that he had concerns about the Black Wall Street and that there shouldn't be only one person recognized for the event on September 3th.

Mayor Ganim reminded everyone that the public hearing was on the LDA and all the comments should be about the LDA.

A Bridgeport resident said that he had not seen a Community Benefits Agreement and there should be no tax breaks. He added that there should be a donation to Harding High School.

Rev. James Logan, the pastor of the Messiah Baptist Church came forward and requested that the members of his congregation stand. There were about 20 people from his congregation present. He said that his church was at 210 Congress street and the theater abuts their property. They have services and funerals and are concerned about the parking and noise. He asked for a place at the table in order to work out these details.

A University of Bridgeport student came forward and said that there needs to be things to keep people involved in Bridgeport. This will help decrease the crime.

Mr. Peter Carroll, a union official, came forward and said that his group had built a number of schools in Bridgeport. His projects come in on time and on budget. He also spoke about the number of local residents who worked on his jobs and other details of the agreements.

An East End resident named Carol came forward and said that anyone can work on the project and it is not limited to just union jobs. Non-union groups can bid. She said that she was working at one of the high schools, had worked at Fairchild Wheeler and other major projects. She loves the City and has seen the City thrive. Her health care is covered through the union. Minorities are welcomed in the union. She added she was a journeyman electrician with the unions.

Another Bridgeport resident named Peter, came forward and spoke about the meeting held on the 23rd about the LDA. He said that the City Council rules, particularly Rule 13 says that all references to a Committee must provide an executive summary. He then read the rule in full to the Committee and said that there was no executive summary done and the Council needs to follow their own rules.

A union member named Jordan came forward and said that she was a fourth year journey electrical. She said that she talks to students and advises them to go to Bullard Haven to learn various trades. The union is a family and Bridgeport is part of that family.

Mr. Calvin Yards, a Bridgeport resident came forward and he runs a few programs. This is not a simple project. He pointed out that the market rates were lower in Bridgeport than they were in Norwalk. The City is not business friendly. The City does not market itself well. He implored the Council to look at the LDA carefully.

A contractor named Chris said that open shop represents about 80% of the City. While he understands the desire to have local help, and they write into the contract the local hiring, it doesn't always happen. He listed a number of projects that had local employees hired. Open contractors are available but they do not usually bid on the union projects.

Mr. Robert Halstead came forward and spoke about his concerns about the project such as who was going to pay for the services. He said that he was not in favor of this and mentioned an upcoming election campaign.

Mr. Edmund Evers, a Bridgeport resident came forward and said that he had worked on his own for a time. He said that since becoming a union member he has learned a great deal. He said that everyone was welcomed in the union.

A resident of Brooklawn Place named John came forward to say he was in favor of this.

Another resident said that he had two brothers working in the trade, one is union and one is not. He spoke about their pay and said that if they get a living wage, the City won't have to worry about affordable housing.

Another union member came forward and said that he was pleased to have a good job and working with local companies. He doesn't want to see the jobs go to people from far away. He said that local residents have pride in their work. When he was on the job in Stamford, he saw a number of out of state license plates in the parking lot.

A member of Local 478 and New Haven resident came forward to say he had joined the union. He has since been able to get numerous certification and has taken his second chance seriously.

Mr. Dwayne Gates, came forward and said that the previous speaker was one of his employees. The Union gives second chances and train people to work on heavy equipment. Union pension money has been used to invest in this project. He urged the Mayor and Council to support this project.

Mr. McBride, president of the contractors came forward and said that McBride electrics started three years ago. He now has 25 employees, 18 of which are minorities and many are Bridgeport residents. The unions try to get local people involved. He said that he worked on Central High School and other major projects.

Mr. Jason Dawson, a newly elected union official, came forward and said he was present to support the unions and the projects.

Mr. Glenn Marshall came forward and pointed out that not everyone is cut out for college and this is a way to get into the trades and move up. Many of the new jobs that are being created don't have benefits. He clarified that the union has benefits.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Council as part of the public hearing. No one came forward. He repeated his questions. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 115-16 at 8:16 p.m.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: July 3, 2017

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2017.**
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2017 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

126-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH DENNIS J. HUDSON, ET AL, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

127-16 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES (5) 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.

129-16 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS RE: UPDATED RANGES FOR OFFICERS' AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEE SALARIES PURSUANT TO AND AS REQUIRED BY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.36.010, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

131-16 COMMUNICATION FROM HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 8 – HEALTH AND SAFETY, AMEND CHAPTER 8.88 – MUNICIPAL CLINICS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

132-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR FY 2018 CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION AWARDS (#18305), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

133-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT (#18221), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

134-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT POLICE AND YOUTH PROGRAM FOR URBAN COMMUNITIES (#18283), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

135-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM FY 2017 LOCAL SOLICITATION (#18312), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

136-16 COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES RE: (REF. #217-15) PROPOSED SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING COST ESTIMATE REPORT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

137-16 COMMUNICATION FROM ENGINEERING RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING LETTER OF COMMITMENT – FEMA NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

138-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH KYLE J. HAMPTON, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

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

128-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BURNS, BUKOVSKY, BANTA AND TAYLOR-MOYE RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 3 – REVENUE AND FINANCE, CHAPTER 3.70 – EVENT ADMISSIONS SURCHARGE, AMEND TO ADD NEW SECTION 3.70.015 – EXEMPTION, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

130-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE AND HERRON RE: REQUEST THAT THE HONORARY STREET NAMING OF “WINIFRED TIMBERLAKE WAY” BE DESIGNATED WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE TO BE PLACED ON THE CORNER STREET SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAFAYETTE STREET WITH SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD, ALLEN STREET AND RAILROAD AVENUE, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***111-16 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution for Family Reentry, Inc./Shared_Studios Family Reunification Community Services Portal.**

***100-16(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for September 18, 2017: Disposition of Certain City-Owned Properties (11) within the Seaview Avenue Industrial Park.**

***120-16 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation – Community Connectivity Grant Program (#18341).**

***125-16 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Connecticut State Library for a Public Library Construction Grant (#18268).**

***116-16 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligations Bonds – To Fund the Unfunded Accrued Liability due to the Connecticut Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS).**

***117-16 (A) Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects.**

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***117-16 (B) Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Refund Certain General Obligation Bonds.**

***118-16 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS) – To Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City – FY 2018.**

***124-16 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of Additional Capital Project Authorization to the 2018-2022 Capital Plan.**

***122-16 Special Committee on CDBG Report re: (Ref. #93-16) Resolution regarding Program Year 43 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested Agenda Items 111-16 and 116-16 be removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Burns requested that Agenda Item 117-16 (A) be removed. Council President McCarthy requested that Agenda Item 122-16 be removed.

Mayor Ganim requested that the City Clerk read the remaining Consent Calendar items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***100-16(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2017: DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES (11) WITHIN THE SEAVIEW AVENUE INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

***120-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM (#18341).**

***125-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT (#18268).**

***117-16 (B) BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO REFUND CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.**

***118-16 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TANS) – TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY – FY 2018.**

***124-16 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE:
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION TO
THE 2018-2022 CAPITAL PLAN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***111-16 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution for Family Reentry, Inc./Shared_Studios Family Reunification Community Services Portal.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM
111-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR FAMILY
REENTRY, INC./SHARED_STUDIOS FAMILY REUNIFICATION COMMUNITY
SERVICES PORTAL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

**116-16 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General
Obligations Bonds – To Fund the Unfunded Accrued Liability due to the Connecticut
Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM
116-16 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL
OF GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS – TO FUND THE UNFUNDED ACCRUED
LIABILITY DUE TO THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’
RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

**117-16 (A) Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General
Obligation Bonds – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects.**

Council Member Burns explained that there were some projects that were being removed from the Capital Plan, which he listed. He stated that he would submit a corrected copy to the City Clerk’s Office.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 117-16 (A)
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS AS DISCUSSED AND FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 117-16 (A) BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

122-16 Special Committee on CDBG Report re: (Ref. #93-16) Resolution regarding Program Year 43 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

Council Members Brantley, Herron, Lyons, and Martinez recused themselves from the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 122-16 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CDBG REPORT RE: (REF. #93-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING PROGRAM YEAR 43 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
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