

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

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  
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135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee; Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: José Casco, Alfredo Castillo (6:37 p.m.)  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

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

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

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

City Priorities – Fiscal Picture.

City Council members and patient taxpaying public, greetings:

Tonight is my last chance to provide this Council with information that may have escaped notice. It's about facts from your Legislative budget that has not been shared with the voters. I have stated for many years that as elected representatives of the City, you have a role and responsibility to monitor city processes, to know what is going on, and to spend each taxpayer

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dollar looking for effectiveness, being tightfisted about it, as well as to oversee what we own as a municipality; to keep track of what we buy each year so as to gain long term value from such purchases. Of course I expect you to track revenues and City accounts of all kinds to be sure that you know about the flows of revenues for personnel, benefits, outside services, as well as things purchased. It's your duty!

It seems appropriate to ask you about your own expenses as City Council. Three weeks ago I requested info on the past two years of Legislative Stipends. That would be the \$18,000 per Council members that taxpayers appropriated to reimburse your debit cards charges. The City let me know last week that these records would consume 150 pages and cost me \$75 at .50 per page. I practice frugality personally. I asked to see the records before deciding to print.

*Council Member Castillo joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.*

I will ask the next City Council to create a spot on the City web site that will show all taxpayers just what expenses various members of the Council think are necessary to their work as representatives. On that site you can also post reports on the quality "best practices" you claim to be seeking when so many of you attend one or more conferences in a year. You may be learning, but you are not sharing this expertise with those who are funding your junkets.

I have looked at the Legislative account called Other Services and found only one expense, for \$5,400 for legal/financial services of a skilled professional at budget time that seems like a true Council expense for rendered services. I assume you were in agreement on that expense? But what about a multiple of that amount provided to

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| • AAU Basketball Program                              | \$1,000 |
| • United Way of Coastal (table of 13 Mayor's Gala)    | \$1,950 |
| • I Luv BPT LLC – Downtown Thursdays                  | \$5,000 |
| • Anthony Darnell Taylor performer                    | \$1,200 |
| • Bridgeport Regional Bus Council (2 luncheons-16)    | \$980   |
| • Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (\$65 for 10 tickets) | \$650   |
| • Barnum Festival (3 events – 30 tickets)             | \$2,900 |
| • NLC Summit Dinner (19 tickets @ \$65)               | \$1,235 |
| • Boys and Girls Clubs (Orcutt 10 @ \$40)             | \$400   |
| • Juneteenth parade advertisement                     | \$500   |
| • Save Our Babies (10 City Council @ \$50 banquet)    | \$500   |
| • McGivney (10 Council @ \$125 Dinner)                | \$1,250 |
| • Puerto Rican Parade (10 CC @ \$65 plus ad)          | \$950   |

There is one last one listed in this category for FY2016-17. On April 28, 2017 some thrifty soul on the Council filed registrations for 12 City Council members to attend the NLC Summit in Charlotte on November 15-18, 2017? That's within the next two weeks. Did 12 Council members survive the primary or election day tomorrow? The amount requested was \$450.80. Twelve members reserving costs \$5,410. Is this trip a reward? Or to educate representatives? Who will answer? Why did not each representative from their own stipend make such thrifty plans?

None of the above expenditures shows which member(s) of the 20 Council persons filled out these purchase orders? Did all of the Council members meet to discuss such use of taxpayer funds and vote? Where is such record? 128 tickets for events with meals were listed above. Who gets the free lunch? What is the legislative purpose of tens of thousands being spent in this manner annually without public input? Accountability? Is this legal?

As a group you did not represent the 21,000 youth in the school system with much financial assistance. You did not provide \$3 Million of funding above the previous year as some tried to share with the public. The BOE has its own problems after the State cuts, and no doubt, the City will wrestle with its own cuts. Is it too much to hope that the next City Council will look after its own funds in a better manner, share the pain with the tax paying public, and develop a system for understanding who works for the City, what they are doing of value, and how much that costs the taxpayer? Time will tell.

**Dasha Spell**  
144 Golden Hill Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Education & Youth.

Ms. Dasha Spell came forward to address the Council Members. She said that as the residents prepare for the election tomorrow, it is a special night for her. She said that she was putting out a challenge to the Council members and candidates. On November 18th, whoever is sitting in the chambers will have the opportunity to change the law and to do the right thing. Ms. Spell said that the kids need to find a place where they are safe and warm. Legacy has been bad politics and created bad policies. It's time to change. Everyone needs to unite and work with the State Legislature because the legislators don't work with communities that don't work together. She said that she was tired of hearing about all the hatred across the country. Ms. Spell pointed out that while any given person may not like the person seated next to them or the person seated in front of them, it is important to work together. She concluded by wishing everyone the best of luck in the upcoming elections.

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

Unjust termination cover-up.

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

**Christopher J. Taylor**  
155 Davenport Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

General issues concerning  
Bridgeport.

Mr. Taylor came forward and thanked Council President McCarthy for his years of service. While Mr. Taylor said he may not agree with all of Council President McCarthy's thoughts, Council President McCarthy has always dressed the part and acted the part. He also said that Council Member Holloway was leaving after 30 plus years of Council service and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the City.

**Clyde Nicholson**  
54 Wallace Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

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Mr. Clyde Nicholson came forward and said that he was present to speak about the lack of educational funding from the State. If he committed a crime and ended up before a judge, he would not be told that there was no money to lock him up in jail. However, they always talk about the cost of education. The lottery system was started to fund the education system, but the State took the money and put it in the General Fund. He suggested that 10% of the funding be given to the educational system. Someone is making a lot of money off the lottery funds. It will be important to find out where the lottery money is going because the kids not getting their share of education funding are getting ripped off. People complain about this but don't do anything about it.

Mr. Nicholson asked Council President McCarthy if he was retiring, along with Council Member Holloway and Rev. Olson. Council President McCarthy stated that he was retiring. Mr. Nicholson said that it's been quite a ride and thanked everyone for putting up with him. He concluded his remarks with "God bless you all".

**Ethan Book**  
144 Coleman Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Mr. Ethan Book came forward and said that he was shocked that he was being allowed to speak because Mr. Cecil Young did not show up.

He then said that if a country takes away religion, there cannot be enough police hired. Mr. Book then read from an Internet magazine article about the loss of democracy due to the loss of religion.

He said that this was the last meeting of this council and some of the Council Members would be back while others would not. While they may not share the same ideological views, they need to work together.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy adjourned the Public Speaking portion of the Council meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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 7:07 p.m.

**PRAYER.**

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

At the conclusion of Council Member McBride-Lee's prayer, Council Member Brantley requested a moment of silence for the following individuals and their families:

The family of Rev. Roundtree who recently passed away  
The family of 27-year-old Jordan Soares, who tragically died in a car accident  
The families of the October 29th Texas Church shootings

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Following the conclusion of the moment of silence, Council Member Brantley led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

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138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith (7:35 p.m.)  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council President McCarthy announced that there would need to be an executive session regarding the proposed amphitheater.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL ISSUES REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMPHITHEATER PROJECT.**

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

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

The Council Members and some of the City Attorney staff moved into the Democratic Caucus Room to discuss contractual issues regarding the proposed amphitheater project at 7:10 p.m.

*Council Member Smith joined the meeting & the Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.*

They returned to public session at 7:51 p.m. No actions were taken during the Executive Session.

*Mayor Gamin joined the meeting at 7:51 p.m. and assumed the chairmanship.*

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: October 2, 2017 & October 16, 2017**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2, 2017 AND OCTOBER 16, 2017.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2, 2017 AND OCTOBER 16, 2017 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy then requested a point of personal privilege. He then called the Council leadership down and presented all the retiring Council Members with awards of appreciation. At the conclusion of this, Council Member Holloway was also honored for his 30 years of service to the City as a Council Member and Council President McCarthy was also honored for his 16 years of service.

**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. Council Member McBride-Lee requested Agenda Item 147-16 be removed; Council Member Herron requested that Agenda Item 151-16 be removed and Council Member Burns requested that Agenda Item 160-16 be removed.

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*159-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT WITH TANCRETI CONSTRUCTION, LLC. FOR A NEW SPIDER MONKEY EXHIBIT AT BEARDSLEY ZOO.**

**\*119-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU, (PROJECT #18532).**

**\*121-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU ENHANCEMENT, (PROJECT #18540).**

**\*132-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR FY 2018 CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION AWARDS, (PROJECT #18305).**

**\*133-16 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT (PROJECT #18221).**

**\*154-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF SHARON E. LEWIS TO THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

**\*155-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ALMA L. MAYA TO THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

**\*156-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA J. PARROW TO THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

**\*157-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF NIKOLAOS ROUSSAS TO THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

- \*161-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF RAQUEL RIVERA-PABLO (D) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.**
- \*162-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE E. STAFSTROM (D) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.**
- \*163-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ANNA E. GREER (D) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.**
- \*164-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOHN M. HOSIER (U) TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.**
- \*165-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD D. GREENWOOD (D) TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION.**
- \*166-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT/STIPULATE AWARD IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMANT JOSEPH SAVINO.**
- \*71-16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS 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.**
- \*128-16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**
- \*146-16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 13.04 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE II. – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, AMEND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION B TO SECTION 13.04.330 – ALLOWANCE FOR METERED WATER NOT DISCHARGED INTO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.**
- \*158-16 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 9 – PUBLIC PEACE AND WELFARE, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 9.28 – RECOVERY OF COSTS RELATED TO PROPERTIES WITH CHRONIC BREACHES OF THE PEACE, PUBLIC DISTURBANCES AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**



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

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

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**\*147-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary Naming of a Portion of Platt Street from Chopsey Hill Road to Ryon Street as “Reverend William Barber Sr. Way”.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 147-16 BY SUBSTITUTION.**

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

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 147-16 AS AMENDED.**

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

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

**\*151-16 Contracts Committee Report re: Employment Contract with Fire Chief, Richard Thode.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 151-16 WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE III – BENEFITS, SECTION C, INSURANCE POLICY TO:**

**“UPON RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY, THE FIRE CHIEF AND HIS ELIGIBLE SPOUSE AND DEPENDENTS SHALL RECEIVED RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE PROVIDED TO OTHER RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS.”**

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

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE AN AGENDA ITEM 151-16 AS AMENDED.**

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

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

**\*160-16 Contracts Committee Report re: Amphitheater Development and Operating Agreement with Harbor Yard Amphitheater, LLC.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO ENTER DOCUMENT TITLED "FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT VERSION 6 AS EXHIBIT 160-16-1.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO SECONDED.**

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

Council Member Burns said that this new amendment will clarify some points and protect the City. He gave a brief overview of the changes for those present. He said that these changes were included in the contract already. Discussion followed about the details of the updated version. Copies were then given to the City Clerk as part of the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 160-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMPHITHEATER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH HARBOR YARD AMPHITHEATER, LLC BY SUBSTITUTION WITH EXHIBIT 160-16-1 AND INCLUDING THE ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 160-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMPHITHEATER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH HARBOR YARD AMPHITHEATER, LLC AS AMENDED AND CONTINGENT ON THE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.**

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

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

**153-16 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Kathleen A. Donovan to the Bridgeport Environmental Task Force.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 153-16 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN A. DONOVAN TO THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

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

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

Council President McCarthy addressed everyone and said that although he had one more Council Meeting to go, this was his last meeting with the current Council Members. He thanked his colleagues and all those who had served with him over the years. There have been many good Council Members who have served with him over the years. The reality has been that 99.9% of the Council Members he has served with have been decent, hard-working people. While they may disagree, fight or say nasty things about one another, but it was family. He said that he was very proud of all those he served with during his 16 years on the Council.

Council President McCarthy said that he would like to thank all the Mayors that he had served with over the years. He started serving with Mayor Gamin in his first term and was mentored by then Council President John Fabrizi. He thanked former Mayor Fabrizi and Mayor Finch.

Council President McCarthy then thanked his family for all their support and said he had the best parents in the world. He also thanked the Bridgeport residents and those who were his constituents in the 133rd District for giving him the greatest opportunity of his life. It was an honor and a privilege to serve. He said that he tried very hard to do good things for the City. While all of his efforts may not have worked out as well as he hoped, he said he would like to think that he was leaving the City's service in better shape than it was 16 years ago. Council President McCarthy said that he was proud to be from Bridgeport and it is a great place.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services