

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**\*PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM HELD DUE TO THE ELECTION OF A CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT\***

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 7:09 p.m. He requested a moment of silence in memory of Bridgeport Police Officer Thomas Lattanzio, who died earlier in the day. Council Member Herron concurred.

Following the conclusion of the moment of silence, Council Member McCarthy also requested a moment of silence in memory of former Council Member Thomas Caco.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim requested that one of the local pastors lead those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Maria Zambrano-Viggiano, Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Karen Jackson, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newtown

A quorum was present.

After the Roll Call, Council Member Newton said that he had served with Mr. Caco, who had worked very hard for the City and he would be truly missed. He added that Mr. Caco served the Council well during his tenure.

Council Member Newton said that he had a young woman by the name of Judy seated next to him who had asked to come and watch the Council in action.

Council Member McCarthy then recognized a number of former council members present at the meeting including Anthony Paoletto, Robert Halstead and John Olson along with a number of Board of Education members.

### **ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RULES**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL RULES.**

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

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

### **ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO REFER THE RULES OF ORDER TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR REVIEW.**

Mayor Ganim said that he would like to wait on that motion until the Council President and Standing Committees were elected first.

**\*\* MR. SPAIN WITHDREW HIS MOTION.**

Mayor Ganim then opened the floor for nominations for Council President.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO NOMINATE COUNCIL MEMBER AIDEE NIEVES AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO NOMINATE HERSELF AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO NOMINATE HERSELF AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

There was no immediate second. Mayor Ganim asked Attorney Anastasi if a second was needed for a Council President nomination. Attorney Anastasi said that no second was needed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER NIEVES AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BROWN, LANGAN, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON); TWO (2) FOR TAYLOR-MOYE (TAYLOR-MOYE, MCBRIDE-LEE); AND TWO (2) FOR VIZZO-PANICCIA (VIZZO-PANICCIA AND JACKSON).**

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES**

Council President Nieves thanked everyone for their support and said that she was humbled and honored. She said that everyone that was elected to the body had something unique to bring to the Council and to the City. She said that it was important to move the City forward and asked for God's guidance as the Council moves forward.

**RECESS**

Council President Nieves then requested a recess. Mayor Ganim announced a recess at 7:20 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPE: DENESE TAYLOR-MOYE**

**MAJORITY LEADER: ENEIDA MARTINEZ**

**DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER/SGT AT ARMS: ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY**

**DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER: MICHELLE LYONS**

**DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER: JEANETTE HERRON**

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS: DENESE TAYLOR-MOYE, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, JEANETTE HERRON, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, THOMAS MCCARTHY, CHRISTINA SMITH, NESSAH SMITH**

**CONTRACTS: JEANETTE HERRON, ERNEST NEWTON, JACK O. BANTA, ALFREDO CASTILLO, THOMAS MCCARTHY, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT: MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, MARIA VALLE, ALFREDO CASTILLO, JEANETTE HERRON, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, ENEIDA MARTINEZ, NESSAH SMITH**

**EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES: KYLE LANGAN, CHRISTINA SMITH, KAREN JACKSON, MICHELLE LYONS, MARY MCBRIDE LEE, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, PETE SPAIN.**

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA, NESSAH SMITH, MARCUS BROWN, THOMAS MCCARTHY, KYLE LANGAN DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO**

**ORDINANCE: ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARCUS BROWN, MICHELLE LYONS, ERNEST NEWTON, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, PETE SPAIN, MARIE VALLE.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION: MICHELLE LYONS, JACK O. BANTA, KAREN JACKSON, KYLE LANGAN, ENEIDA MARTINEZ, ERNEST NEWTON, MARIA VALLE.**

**LIAISON TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: PETE SPAIN**

**LIAISON TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION: MARY MCBRIDE-LEE**

**LIAISON TO THE HISTORIC COMMISSION: KAREN JACKSON**

**LIAISON TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY: ALFREDO CASTILLO, ENEIDA MARTINEZ AND DENESE TAYLOR-MOYE**

**LIAISON TO THE FIRE COMMISSION: JEANETTE HERRON**

**LIAISON TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL: CHRISTINA SMITH**

**LIAISON TO THE LIBRARY: ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY**

**LIAISON TO THE PARKS COMMISSION: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA**

**LIAISON TO THE POLICE COMMISSION: MARIA VALLE, ENEIDA MARTINEZ**

**LIAISON TO THE PORT AUTHORITY: JACK O. BANTA**

**LIAISON TO THE WPCA: ERNEST NEWTON**

**LIAISON TO THE ZOO: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA**

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: AIDEE NIEVES, MARCUS BROWN, CHRISTINA SMITH.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton asked for a general summary about the various committees. Mayor gave a brief overview. Council President Nieves said that the only committee that would be passing final votes was the School Building Committee.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL OFFICERS, AND THE COMMITTEE AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: October 30, 2017 (Public Hearing) & November 6, 2017**

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Ganim announced that only those Council Members who were part of the previous Council (Taylor-Moye, McCarthy, Herron, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, McBride-Lee, Castillo, Nieves, and Martinez) would be voting on the minutes from the October 30th Public Hearing and the November 6th Council Meeting.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2017 (PUBLIC HEARING) AND THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING.**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**01-17 COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION RE: GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION WORK AT TO BE DONE AT BASSICK HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT 1181 FAIRFIELD AVENUE TO RENOVATE AS NEW, REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.**

**02-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH LESLIE ROSE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**03-17 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.**

**04-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING AND**

**CUSTODIAL OWNERSHIP OF REGIONAL ASSETS IN DEMHS REGION 1, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**05-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED MASTER POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ATTACHMENTS WITH THE UNITED ILLUMINATING (UI) COMPANY AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**08-17 A & B COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: PROPOSED BUDGET MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND BUDGET: (A) APPROPRIATION INCREASE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LINE ITEM 01899000-56180 (\$25,708,035) AND INCREASE THE EDUCATION COST SHARING (ECS) REVENUE LINE ITEM 01863000-44520 (\$25,708,035) TO COMPLY WITH STATE MANDATED EDUCATION (MBR) AND (B) MOTOR VEHICLE MILL RATE CHANGE FROM 37.00 TO 39.00 MILLS, REVENUE INCREASE LINE ITEM 01040000-41693 (\$933,131) AND REVENUE DECREASE LINE ITEM 01040000-41346 (\$933,131) TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE ADOPTED BUDGET, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING REFERRING THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR REVIEW.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO REFER THE COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR REVIEW.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #09-17)**

**ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

**06-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation with Eligio Rodriguez, David Ortiz and Joanna Rodriguez referred FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**07-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation with Carla DeAngelis, referred FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

Council Member McCarthy requested that Attorney Anastasi come forward and explain why these two items were being presented for immediate consideration. Attorney Anastasi explained

that these items were time sensitive because of the court deadlines involved. There would not be another full Council meeting before the deadlines.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TWO PENDING LEGAL ISSUES.**

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

Council Member Newton asked why this was being done on the Council floor and not being referred to Committee. Attorney Anastasi explained that these items were time sensitive because of the court deadlines involved. There would not be another full Council meeting before the deadlines.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TWO PENDING LEGAL ISSUES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Mayor Ganim left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.*

The Council Members, City Attorney Meyer, Atty. Anastasi, Atty. Mitola, and Atty. Ouellette entered into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. They returned to public session at 8:45 p.m.

*Council President Nieves assumed the chairmanship and called the meeting back to order at 8:46 p.m.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AGENDA ITEM 06-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH ELIGIO RODRIGUEZ, DAVID ORTIZ AND JOANNA RODRIGUEZ FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

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

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 06-17 BASED ON THE TIME SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE PENDING LITIGATION WITH ELIGIO RODRIGUEZ, DAVID ORTIZ AND JOANNA RODRIGUEZ FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

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

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE AS PER EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PENDING LITIGATION WITH ELIGIO RODRIGUEZ, DAVID ORTIZ AND JOANNA RODRIGUEZ.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

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



**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AGENDA ITEM 07-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH CARLA DEANGELIS, REFERRED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 07-17 BASED ON THE TIME SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE PENDING LITIGATION WITH CARLA DEANGELIS, REFERRED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE AS PER EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PENDING LITIGATION WITH CARLA DEANGELIS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Service