

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking session to order at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz called the roll.

130th District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jack Banta
132nd District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy
134th District: Michelle Lyons
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee
136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Maria Zambrano Viggiano
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle
138th District: Karen Jackson, Nessah Smith
139th District: Ernest Newton, Eneida Martinez

A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Steven Auerbach
151 Kennedy Drive
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Sacred Heart/Classical
Academy.

Mr. Auerbach came forward and said that he had lived across the street from a group of Sacred Heart students. Previously there hadn't been a problem but now in the North End, parking has become a problem. He said that since he had moved to another location, he can't find any parking, even at 2 a.m. Mr. Auerbach said that this issue had to be addressed, along with the frequent parties and the increase in crime. Frequently, there were six vehicles parked at each residence. It is time to work with Sacred Heart and have the police work with them. While Sacred Heart was a great asset to the City, but it is important to have them address this issue.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Dr. M. L. King and Civil
Rights.

Mr. Young came forward and said that he was asking why this issue was so difficult. He said that he was asking that the head of Labor Relations be told to reopen his unjust termination. He said that his medical benefits had been terminated. Mr. Young said that he had been coming to the Council about this for 12 years. The Council Members talk about representing their constituents, but they are not representing him. He spoke about the people who have gone through foreclosures and those who had large water bills. He then displayed a photo of himself, his family and Mayor Ganim when his daughter was 10 years old.

Council Member McCarthy joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Young said that Council Member McCarthy knew about the situation and could tell everyone about it since he no longer works for the City. God is watching.

Helen Olga Losak
304 Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Street Paving for Upper East Side.

Council President Nieves called Ms. Losak's name. There was no response. She called it two more times. There was no response.

Tony Barr
141 Pennsylvania Ave., Apt. 8
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Policing, guns and small Business

Council President Nieves called Mr. Barr's name. There was no response. She called it two more times. There was no response.

James O'Donnell
Bridgeport Public Library
925 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Library Update.

Mr. O'Donnell said that he wanted to thank the Council for the opportunity to speak tonight. He was happy to have Council Member Roman Christy on the Council as the liaison.

Mr. O'Donnell said that the library was in the final stretch of the search for the city-wide librarian. The recent election had resulted in the residents giving 1.3 mills to the library. He spoke about how in the past a few branch libraries had to close because there was no funding. Those branches are open and he said that the library is moving towards owning their own buildings and not having to pay rent.

Mr. O'Donnell said that they would like to find a way to meet more regularly to update the Council about the library's new services.

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Thomas Errichetti
Public Library
925 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Update on Library Branch Bridgeport
Construction/ Relocation.

Mr. Errichetti came forward and said that he was the Treasurer for the Bridgeport Library.

The Newfield project is waiting for one signature from the State for the funding to go forward on the new library. Everything else is in place. He spoke about how they were looking forward to a ground breaking in the next few months. Mr. Errichetti also said that they were looking to take over the old Salvation Army facility. They will be working on that building in phases. The first floor will be configured and fast tracked so that the East Side residents will have access to the library and its services. The second floor and the lower level will be handled later.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves closed the public speaking portion at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PRAYER

Council Member McBride-Lee was then asked to lead those present in prayer. Following the conclusion of her prayer, there was a request for a moment of silence in memory of Judge Howard Owens, who recently passed away, and for the Registrar of Voters who had lost her mother. Another request was for City Clerk Martinez who had lost her son recently.

City Clerk Martinez then thanked everyone for their kind thoughts during this difficult time, particularly Mayor Ganim and Council Member Taylor-Moye

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Spain was then asked to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

Council President Nieves announced that Council Member Herron was not present due to illness and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia was dealing with flooding issues.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Approval of City Council Minutes: March 19, 2018.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED THE MARCH 19, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 19, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

79-17 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Cesar August Cordero (D) to the Commission on Planning and Zoning, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

80-17 Communication from Fire Department re: Proposed Request by the Fire Chief Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Robert Whitbread having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

81-17 Communication from Fire Department re: Proposed Request by the Fire Chief Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Daniel Magri having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

82-17 Communication from Fire Department re: Proposed Request by the Fire Chief Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Kevin Higgins having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

83-17 Communication from Fire Department re: Proposed Request by the Fire Chief Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Clayton Jurgens having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

85-17 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the amended Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 86-17** Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the amended South End Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 87-17** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Lonnie Dervil Trotman and Nicole Trotman, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 89-17** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Sandra D. Carmichael (D) to the Ethics Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 90-17** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Edward J. McClaine (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 91-17** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Wayne A. Mazzoni (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 92-17** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Martha Santiago (D) to the Board of Park Commissioners, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 93-17** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Osiba A. Nelson (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 94-17** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Nina Thomas (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

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

- 84-17** Resolution presented by Council Member(s): Banta & Taylor-Moye re: Proposed resolution requesting that an “All-Way” Stop be designated at the intersection of John Street and West Avenue with appropriate signage, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.
- 88-17** Resolution presented by Council Member(s): Castillo, Viggiano & Nieves re: Proposed resolution requesting the Honorary naming of a portion of Calhoun Street between Lexington Avenue and Pequonnock Street as “Val Esteves Way” with appropriate signage at the requested corners, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO MOVED TO COMBINE THE COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC. FOR APPROVAL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Council Member Langan said that there had been a number of candidates that were supposed to be appointed to the various Commissions. He wanted to know if the new candidates named in Agenda Items 89-17 thru Agenda Item 94-17 were ready to be presented to the Committee. Council Member Lyons stated that she had been told that the current hold up was because the Ethics Committee did not have quorum.

Council Member Newton said that he had been told that the Committee had been given the names first. Council Member Lyons said that the Public Safety Committee had not received all the paper work on the candidates.

Council Member Newton said that the major hurdle for getting the candidates through the committee has been simply getting the candidates cleared by Ethics. He said that he would like to know if there was another way. The biggest problem is having the Ethics Committee streamline this process so they can get candidates appointed to the Committees and Commissions.

Council Member Langan said that he did not want to refer any candidates unless the candidates were through the process and ready to go before the Committee. He said that his original question had not been answered.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC. PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (SMITH, SPAIN, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZABRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (BROWN, LYONS, AND LANGAN).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***36-17 Joint Committee on Ordinance and Economic and Community Development and Environment Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 8 – Health and Safety, amend to add New Chapter 8.09 – Prohibition on Waste Associated with Natural Gas and Oil Extraction.**

***46-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program Cost Estimates (Second Round).**

***51-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary naming of a portion of John Street from Courtland Street to West Avenue as “Linda T. Cervero Way” with appropriate signage.**

***75-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement for the City’s Master Plan.**

Mayor Ganim announced that the Council was now considering the Consent Calendar and requested anyone who wished to remove an item to raise their hand.

Council Member Spain requested that Agenda Item 36-17 be removed from the Consent Calendar. City Clerk Martinez then read the remaining agenda items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED THE FOLLOWING REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***46-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM COST ESTIMATES (SECOND ROUND).**

***51-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: HONORARY NAMING OF A PORTION OF JOHN STREET FROM COURTLAND STREET TO WEST AVENUE AS “LINDA T. CERVERO WAY” WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE.**

***75-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY’S MASTER PLAN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

36-17 Joint Committee on Ordinance and Economic and Community Development and Environment Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 8 – Health and Safety, amend to add New Chapter 8.09 – Prohibition on Waste Associated with Natural Gas and Oil Extraction.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 36-17 BY SUBSTITUTION.**

Council Member Spain said that the figures in the updated resolution had been revised and the penalties had been adjusted to be in line with the State.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 36-17 AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA REGARDING REFERRING A WPCA MATTER TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #95-17)**

Refer Item 95-17 Appointment of Cynthia Hayes (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

Council Member Langan said that he wanted to commend the Committees in their efforts to fill the vacancies on the Boards and Commissions. However, his question regarding whether the candidates had all their paperwork ready for Committee had not been answered earlier. Mayor Ganim replied that he had been told by the Atty. Anastasi that the tradition was to have the items moved to Committee and then Committee would table the items until the paperwork was completed.

Mayor Ganim then called for a vote.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 95-17 TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (SMITH, SPAIN, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZABRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (BROWN AND LANGAN).**

Mayoral Proclamation: In Recognition of “National Volunteer Week” and all the volunteers who make a difference in our community.

City Council Citation: In Recognition of “National Volunteer Week” and all the volunteers who make a difference in our community.

The various volunteers were called forward and presented with both Mayoral and City Council Citations recognizing their contributions to City residents.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service