

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jack O. Banta
132nd District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan
133rd District: Michael Defilippo, Jeannette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Rosalina Roman-Christy
136th District: Maria Zambrano Viggiano, Alfredo Castillo
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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Cover-up by Labor Relations.

Mr. Young came forward to speak about assault weapons and drones. He added that the schools should have suggestion boxes in the school where the students can give suggestions and ideas.

Mr. Young then spoke about his 27 and 1/2 years of service and how he was unjustly terminated. He said that the Labor Board was not able to produce evidence that he was justly fired. He mentioned a Bridgeport attorney who Mr. Young claimed committed fraud. The Labor Board has too much power. He said that the Council should instruct the head of the Labor Department to produce the evidence that he was justly terminated. He does not want her opinion, but the

evidence. She is protecting the City, but who is protecting the residents, the tax payers. He is outraged that she can't produce evidence, but only an opinion.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Financial.

Bridgeport City Council Members, summer sessions are over, and in Bridgeport the City closed its books in June with a \$2 Million unaudited surplus in the City Operating Budget. Schools have opened including the new \$100 Million Harding H.S. fields and building. \$100 Million was the operating budget for the Police Department this past year...\$50,000,000 for salaries, operational expenses and special services and \$50,000,000 for fringe benefits and bond financing of fringe benefits. It pays for you to look at the numbers, the estimates from labor relations and other negotiators, that will have financial impact today and into the future, like the Fire Department approval sought tonight. Open, Accountable, Transparent and Honest...

Frankly, though, I am more concerned with your vote tonight for the Acting Chair of the Police Commission, a man who has served that body for 20 years. His most recent term expired in 2009. Why the rush to re-appoint him in 2018? The file used by researchers in the Police Department offered to Public Safety members contained little or no cautionary current information. Secrecy and accountability cannot co-exist.

In Bridgeport what do I reference? A young attractive woman gained a political appointment as City Attorney receptionist. She had worked with other party stalwarts on Joe Ganim's "second chance" campaign. She had been noticed. Fast forward from 2015 when "noticed" to 2018 when the acting Police commissioner, also a Ganim political appointee found him in his Annex office with two women, 1. His wife and 2. The other woman. Words escalated as they can and do, police were called, and the "other woman" suffered a meltdown, such that a special medical report calling for 72 hour watch at a hospital was issued. Where is this report? Why has any incident report gone undiscovered by the PD, when the story is so well told in City conversations?

The "other woman" is not working for the City at this time, but she is receiving a regular pay check as she did before. Is this sick pay or normal disability treatment? Who authorized taxpayer funds to be spent this way?

Some of you may have heard that "the wife", in this case, visited my home after dark the evening of August 23. She informed me that the story elements were ruining her marriage. She claimed the story untrue. She also revealed that she knew I had been at Police Department records room reviewing incident and action reports. How did she know this? Do some folks in the City have access to levels of service and info that others do not? A short time after she returned to her car that was blocking a traffic lane, Police Sergeant Bruno and other officers came to my door to talk about what had happened.

One week later I visited the PD records desk once again to seek the incident report of the happenings at my home on August 23. A 'call summary report' was filed but the location

indicated was a street corner two lots from my home. The ‘call type’ was Breach of Peace/Disorderly but there was no indication of complainant-caller, phone # or reporting party, or identity of “involved party”. There is a last note, “advised to avoid contact” that was part of Sgt. Bruno’s conversation that he was going to advise the wife in question. Open, Accountable, Transparent and Honest????

We are no longer talking about Little League coaching or PTA representation, are we? Rather it is an attraction or affair that persisted too long and has the public paying for something that was politically motivated initially. Today the story has taken on different motivation. But the recorded responses of, incomplete researching by or observation of other Police Department protocols are called into question profoundly. Compromise? Can I trust that my treatment is equal to that of the Acting chair of the Police Commission? Do I have police officer numbers on speed dial to avoid being tracked and reported in the system? Has someone pulled all files from the system of people involved?

Deny this action tonight with your vote. This is one necessary step to assist reform of Police Department issues. Time will tell.

Christopher J. Taylor
155 Davenport Street
Bridgeport, CT 06607

General Info.

Mr. Taylor came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that he was present to let the Council know that he was willing to participate on a Board or Commission. He submitted his resume in late July but had not heard anything back.

Gemeem Davis
1115 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Good Governance.

Ms. Gemeem Davis and Ms. Callie Heilmann came forward. Ms. Davis said that she would like Ms. Heilmann to speak in her stead.

Ms. Heilmann said that she was present to thank the Council for passing the anti-corruption resolution. She said that Council Member Newton's resolution for term limits was currently before the Ordinance Committee for consideration.

Ms. Heilmann said that the fact that Mr. Roach holds a six-figure salary position in the current administration and also be a Police Commissioner is a problem. His allegiance is to the Mayor and his job. The Mayor oversees the Police Chief and this is a conflict of interest.

Concentrated power is a sign of an authoritarian government While the Committee thanks Mr. Roach for his service to the City, they request that the Council deny Mr. Roach his re-appointment to the Police Commission.

Michael Garrett
49 Weber Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610

The Candidate for ZBA.

Mr. Michael Garrett came forward to speak in opposition of the appointment of Edward J McLaine to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said that he had distributed copies of a packet of information. The first item was from page 2 of the March 28th Miscellaneous Matters Committee meeting, which had an item regarding the appointment of Mr. McLaine to the Water Pollution Control Commission. Mr. Garrett said that the local Republican party officials were not informed of his intentions. This was a problem because Mr. McLaine was a City Sheriff, which is a conflict of interest since he would be serving summons to residents who were being sued by the WPCA. This was uncovered by the City Attorney's Office.

The Miscellaneous Matters Committee rescheduled their meeting for May 19th and Mr. McLaine was listed as a candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Garrett said that during that meeting, Council Member McCarthy had asked Mr. McLaine if he had any zoning issues in the past. Mr. McLaine had responded that there were no issues. However, during the background check, a zoning issue was discovered at his place of business. Mr. McLaine then went to the ZBA to request a variance for his business in August of 2018. Mr. Garrett then outlined the events that occurred during the ZBA hearing and reviewed the definition of a hardship with the Council Members. He went on to claim that the ZBA decision had nothing to do with the hardship. Mr. Garrett then said that in summary, the ZBA was required to review the land use of every application.

Mr. Garrett said that the Republican Party does not recognize Mr. McLaine as their candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. He concluded by saying that he hoped that the Council would not approve the appointment of Mr. McLaine to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jacquelyn Cauthen
397 Charles Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Support and space for
D.I.V.A.S. Program.

Council President Nieves called Ms. Cauthen's name. There was no response. She repeated her call two more times with no response.

Jorge Cruz
Black Rock Avenue
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Jorge Cruz came forward and spoke about the fact that the residents are putting their garbage cans on the streets or on the sidewalks. They are not being picked up from the street and are full to overflowing.

Mr. Cruz then spoke about an issue concerning Mr. Danny Pizzaro and the removal of a 30-foot long trash container. Mr. Cruz said that they were living in a City that was basically dirty. Mr. Cruz said that he was still waiting for Mr. Pizzaro to call him back about this problem. The

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garbage cans in the street are blocking parking and traffic. Mr. Cruz said that when the Traffic Division spoke with someone that had the cans in the street, the police officer told the individual that Mr. Cruz was the one who had complained. No wonder people don't want to call the police about drug deals or other issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves closed the public speaking portion at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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7:00 PM

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

Council President Nieves called the City Council to order at 7:25 p.m.

PRAYER

Council President Nieves requested Council Member Newton to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Nieves requested Council Member Langan 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.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing the Bridgeport Caribe 12U Baseball Team for Winning the State Cal Ripken Tournament and representing Connecticut in the Cal Ripken Regional Tournament.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing the 15th Anniversary of the Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders (BCYL).

The representatives of the “Bridgeport Caribe 12U Baseball Team” and “Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders (BCYL)” were called forward and presented with both Mayoral and City Council Citations recognizing their contributions to the City of Bridgeport.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing PSEG Power Connecticut for its Commitment to the Community and Economic Leadership with Construction of the New State-of-the-Art Unit 5 Project and PSEG Ready2Work Program.

The representatives of the “PSEG Ready2Work Program” were called forward and presented with both Mayoral and City Council Citations recognizing their contributions to the City with Construction of the New State-of-the-Art Unit 5 Project and PSEG Ready2Work Program.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: July 2, 2018

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 2, 2018.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 2, 2018 AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, NEWTON AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (C. SMITH).**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

157-17 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing Disposition of City-Owned Properties (5) by Auction, by 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.

158-17 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Re: LERETA, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

162-17 Communication from Public Facilities re: Resolution regarding Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program Cost Estimates (Fourth Round), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

163-17 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Subrecipient Agreement with City of Stamford for a 2015 U.S. Department of Justice Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program (#16315), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

164-17 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for FY 2018 Local Solicitation (#19312), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

165-17 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution concerning the Purchase of Bridgeport Housing Authority Property located on Broad Street and Bounded by South Frontage Road, Lafayette Street and the former Allen Street, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

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

159-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Smith and Newton re: Proposed request that proper signage be installed in the area of Evers Street at its intersection with Regency Street, Priscilla Street and Sturtevant Place warning pet owners to properly clean-up pet waste or face a \$150.00 fine under Ordinance Section 6.04.040, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

160-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Valle and Nieves re: Proposed request that the intersection of Kossuth and Jane Street be designated as an “All-Way-Stop” with appropriate signage, referred to Board of Police Commission.

161-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Langan, Brown, Taylor-Moye, Herron, Spain, Lyons, Martinez & Jackson re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 6 – Animals, amend to add new Chapter 6.08 – Wild and Exotic Animal Acts, Rides, Performances and Traveling Exhibitions Prohibited, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO COMBINE BOTH THE COMMUNICATION TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC. FOR APPROVAL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***146-17** CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #67-13 & 69-16) ADDENDUM TO THE CURRENT BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 834.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***147-17** Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution for the Utilization of Approved Capital Funding to Hire Federal Engineering, Inc. for the City’s Land, Mobile and Radio (LMR) Infrastructure Project.

***140-17** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Anne M. Cunningham (R) to the Library Board of Directors.

***141-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Eric Torres (U) to the Library Board of Directors.**

***143-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Thomas R. Errichetti (D) to the Library Board of Directors.**

***118-17 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Municipal Suspense Tax Book.**

Council President Nieves asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Martinez requested that Agenda Items 140-17 and 141-17 be removed. Council Member Newton requested that Agenda Item 143-17 be removed. Council Member Spain requested that Agenda Item 146-17 be removed.

146-17 Contracts Committee Report re: (Ref. #67-13 & 69-16) Addendum to the Current Bargaining Unit Contract with the Bridgeport Firefighters IAFF Local 834.

Council Member Spain asked what the price tag was for the item. Council Member Newton said that it was his understanding that there were three or four fire fighters that would like to be a part of the State program. The City negotiated a contract allowing these individuals to be part of the larger group. Chief Thode said that this was part of a negotiated contract and this had been agreed upon. It is not an opened ended agreement.

Council Member Spain asked how many firefighters would be involved. Chief Thode said there were 17 individuals involved. All the eligible firefighters are in their late 50's. Previously, someone could be hired and work for 5 years before retiring with the State mandated pension.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO RETURN AGENDA ITEM 146-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #67-13 & 69-16) ADDENDUM TO THE CURRENT BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 834 ONTO THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The City Clerk then read the remaining consent agenda items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN CHRISTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

118-17 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.

146-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #67-13 & 69-16) ADDENDUM TO THE CURRENT BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 834.

147-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE UTILIZATION OF APPROVED CAPITAL FUNDING TO HIRE FEDERAL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE CITY'S LAND, MOBILE AND RADIO (LMR) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

140-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Anne M. Cunningham (R) to the Library Board of Directors.

141-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Eric Torres (U) to the Library Board of Directors.

143-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Thomas R. Errichetti (D) to the Library Board of Directors.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that all three candidates were present at the Miscellaneous Matters Committee meeting and that many questions were asked and answered.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she had been at the meeting also and all of the candidates had answered everything they were asked.

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that she felt that while the individuals were very qualified but there was no bench of developing leadership. She said that she wanted to challenge the Board Members to continue using the excuse that there were no candidates that were willing to serve. The City deserves better.

Council Member Roman-Christy said that she had been a member of the Library Board for a year and a half and knew how much time these individuals had put in large amounts of time for the projects.

Council Member Newton said that it was not about the amount of time that individuals put into a board or commission. Council Member Newton said that it was not a judgeship and the City has the most antiquated system. The City Council has to come up with a system that is fair and the current system has been broken for a long time. The question is not about someone doing their job, but how long someone should serve. There are Commissioners who haven't been re-appointed in 10, 15 or 20 years. Someone has to do something.

A roll call vote was requested. Attorney Anastasi cited the Council Rules regarding the roll call votes and reminded everyone that the Council has no role in selecting Library Board candidates.

Council Member Taylor-Moye then said she knew that her district had done its due diligence in bringing people forward and added that when a candidate fails to be re-elected, it limits his or her terms.

140-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Anne M. Cunningham (R) to the Library Board of Directors.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 140-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE M. CUNNINGHAM (R) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 140-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE M. CUNNINGHAM (R) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (NEWTON).**

141-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Eric Torres (U) to the Library Board of Directors.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 141-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ERIC TORRES (U) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

143-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Thomas R. Errichetti (D) to the Library Board of Directors.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 143-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS R. ERRICHETTI (D) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 143-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS R. ERRICHETTI (D) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (NEWTON).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

22-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Reappointment of Daniel S. Roach (D) to the Board of Police Commissioners.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED AGENDA ITEM 22-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL S. ROACH (D) TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Attorney Anastasi said that there was no vote required to request a roll call vote. Council Member Langan said that he was present when Mr. Roach was questioned during the Public Safety and Transportation Committee but did not get to ask all of his questions. He then said that he believed that the Commission should be extremely pro-active, but Mr. Roach said that the purpose of the Commission was a role of review.

Council Member Langan said there are massive conflicts of interest. He is receiving a significant salary from the City and there is a search for the Police Chief underway. Council Member Langan stated that Atty. Anastasi said at the meeting that the Commission did not have a role in this, but later corrected himself in an email. Attorney Anastasi explained in a subsequent email that the Charter states that if the Mayor does not take action within 60 or 90 days, it will start to come to the Commission for approval.

There are plenty of people who want to participate, but the Commission continues to re-appoint. Council Member Langan's constituents want change in the police department, but there are four Commissioners who are being re-appointment. 20 years is too long to serve. He stated that while he would applaud Mr. Roach's desire to serve, he would be voting against this appointment.

Attorney Anastasi said he wanted to clarify that Connecticut General Statutes expressly permits employees to serve on Commissions and Committees with some clearly limited exceptions – Land Use bodies, the Board of Finance, or Boards and Commission that supervise the employee, such as having an active police officer on the Police Commission.

Attorney Anastasi said that the Mayor's authority to make an appointment within 60 days of selection. He said that he could not understand why the Mayor would not appoint a Chief and have the Police Commission Chairman do it. Council Member Langan objected as this was Attorney Anastasi's opinion. Council Member Lyons said that she would like to have a conversation with the potential candidates for the various Commissions.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she agreed with Council Member Lyons that this appears to be focused on one commission and one individual. The Council Members need to sit down and set some goals for the Commission before re-appointments happen.

Council Member Martinez said that she wanted to move the question. Council President Nieves said that she would take the two last questions.

Council Member Newton said that just because the State says one can do something doesn't make it right. While Council Member Taylor-Moye mentioned God, but Scripture says that you cannot serve two masters. He wanted to know what would justify re-appointing an individual for 20 years. There is nothing that anyone on the Council that could justify someone making six figures and serving on the Police Commission.

A Charter revision change should be done that indicates once someone is appointed they serve until they die. This is not a judgeship. They should change the title to Judgeship instead of Commissioner. Council Member Langan said that everyone has to take off their blinders. The public outcry has been unusually. He added that he was speaking out against the Trumpian witch hunt. Every Commissioner is involved in the same process.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE 22-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL S. ROACH (D) TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, N. SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND SEVEN (7) OPPOSED (C. SMITH, SPAIN, LANGAN, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, VALLE, JACKSON, AND NEWTON).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO REFER TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO REFER TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO REFER A REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. 7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834, THAT ZYGMUNT MYSLIWIEC, NOW HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, REMAIN EMPLOYED IN THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN SECONDED. (ITEM #166-17)**

Chief Thode came forward and explained that this particular issue arose because one of the firefighters was away on vacation and then his physician was also out of town. The paperwork was cleared earlier in the day. The approval must be done before the firefighter's birthday which is in early October.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

90-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Edward J. McLaine (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

34-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #141-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.20 – Tax Incentive Development Program of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

35-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #142-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.24 – Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Program of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

117-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution requesting the creation of an Ordinance for the Establishment of the Bridgeport “Percent for Art” Development Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND TABLE AND REFER THEM BACK TO COMMITTEE:**

90-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD J. MCLAINE (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

34-17 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #141-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVERSAL OF THE 2017 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3.20 – TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

35-17 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #142-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVERSAL OF THE 2017 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3.24 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

117-17 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRIDGEPORT “PERCENT FOR ART” DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (SPAIN, BROWN, AND LANGAN).**

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service

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