

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT  
CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain.  
131st District:  
132nd District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan  
133rd District: Michael Defilippo  
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy  
136th District: Alfredo Castillo  
137th District: Aidee Nieves  
138th District: 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 1, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Dasha Spell**

284 Beechwood Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

CSMA/BOE and Community.

Ms. Spell came forward and said that she had a suggestion for the budget. With all the recent things that have happened, she said that she was tired of asking for funds. She asked the Mayor to take 10% of his salary and put it in Invest In Bridgeport. Ms. Spell said that the Council Members should think about giving \$1,000 from their stipend to Invest in Bridgeport and then ask all the department directors to do the same.

Ms. Spell said that the police substations should also be a community substation with a wrap-around service, and this could provide a safe haven for the kids on the street. She said that at the

last meeting, there was a debate about a proposed development, but she did not see the same type of debate for school budgets. It is time to invest in our youth because some day, they may be the ones sitting in the Council chairs.

She reminded everyone that one of the Council Members had found out what it is like to feel some of the violence that is occurring in the streets.

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

Fiscal Governance.

It is April 1 and we are at the public speaking section of the City Council meeting. Many of you are routinely present at these sessions. It is a courtesy to the public whom you represent. However, I fail to see active listening at work on your part enough of the time. Listening followed by some action that benefits all of the public, the City itself and you also as politicians to a WIN WIN WIN.

Let me explain. Last June at a Council meeting I invited my grandson, a HS Freshman, and a local graduating eighth grade student whom I serve as mentor to attend as guests. I wanted them to have a feel for the variety of civic comment set out before you. I listened to a speaker from the East End who complained about the stickering and rapid towing of her van that was not an “abandoned vehicle” like others on her street. I introduced her to Chief Perez. They had a good conversation. He took her name, phone and some notes. She assumed he would attend to her problem the next day.

By December you learned that neither the whereabouts nor disposition method was ever revealed. You also learned that a claim was made at the City Clerk office later denied by City Attorney Office. I kept the issue alive at Council meetings and on a blog. Questioning Police Department process had little effect. Councilman Newton took some interest relative to Police. But a curious attorney came into the picture, reopened the incident and suddenly Ms. Lee got around \$5,000 while the attorney earned thousands additional with approval by the CAO. The City was on the hook and taxpayers paid more than was necessary when I was keeping the issue alive. Was police-towing process any different? How did the first complaint come about and target an operating vehicle when others on the street had not moved in months? How does any of this build trust and respect for Police functions and City operations?

Council persons you have recently heard a City man, Myron D. Dukes, come before you and protest his handling at a City event meant to share Black History Month, hip hop performance, gun violence in the City, etc... As I heard him share with you, after he walked into the Margaret Morton Center gathering, a member of the police department asked him to leave the room and ultimately leave the building. With minimal conversation between the citizen and representative of our Police Department he was not able to share the tension he registered at being singled out, without explanation, for removal from the public space and public gathering.

When he returned with a friend with a camera, he did not get far but was asked to leave again which he did without resistance. He has asked you and I raise the same question after interviewing him for an article for the NAACP Newsletter, why were his civil rights abridged,

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why was he denied participation in the Black History Month presentation, and who felt the need to ask the PD to serve as a personal security service? What is the real story behind this unequal treatment under the law? In his eyes his very public civil rights to participate in a public event were limited without cause or explanation? He has filed a claim also at the City Clerk office. How will this claim by an African American man attempting to peacefully participate in a City event on City property be handled? Will we learn more about PD behavior? Who will investigate this citizen complaint? Will it take two years for a response? Will this “crime” be solved on “overtime” as the old saw goes?

Which Council person can feel for this story? Who will track it down and restore sanity, public trust and respect for credible authority? And perhaps save the City the expense of dollars for a settlement? Time will tell.

**Beth Lazar**

1241 Main Street, Apt. 728  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Plan Bridgeport Development.

Ms. Beth Lazar then came forward and read the following statement into the record:

Two Actions needed by City Council Members or Value Nature

Value Nature is on the of the six guiding principles of Plan of Conservation & Development -- Plan Bridgeport. There are two actions the City Council can take to support natures and access to nature in Bridgeport.

1. Removed language about developing Remington Woods from Plan Bridgeport and add language about protecting, preserving and conserving Remington Woods. You can do this by supporting amendments to Plan Bridgeport that were approved unanimously by Economic and Community Development and Environments Committee on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Background -- Plan Bridgeport states that it "Values Nature" and wants to "Protect and expand the City's Urban Forest". The Urban Forest is Remington Woods -- 422 acres of Forest encompassing a 23 acre lake, wetlands and meadows. It is the home to deer, fox, turtles, thousands of birds including a bald eagle. The plan contradicts itself by then calling for the development of Remington Woods.

On March 19 at the Economic and Community development and Environment Committee meeting, OPED Deputy Director William Coleman suggested amendments to Plan Bridgeport that removed language about developing the woods and added "Work with interested conservation groups... To advance the environmental cleanup and reuse of this site in ways that may advance the preservation of and public access to the Urban Forest." The committee accepted the amendments unanimously. I urge the full City Council to accept the amendments to Plan Bridgeport.

I would like to add another amendment: "Remington Woods should be preserved and conserved entirely and forever as a living forest and an oasis for wildlife and humans alike, with walking trails and protected habitat."

Number two – Oppose and protest a permit for PSEG Gas Plant to dump its waste in the waters of Seaside Park/Long Island Sound. Speak out at the April 10th, 5 p.m. hearing of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace.

Bridgeport residents use the waters of Seaside Park for swimming and fishing. If PSEG Gas Plant, which sits on the edge of Seaside Park, is permitted to dump its waste into Seaside's water, the fish will die or be too contaminated to eat. It would not be healthy to swim there. The waste will raise the water temperature which will contribute to climate change. Plan Bridgeport states "Support the needs of all residents to live in a clean environment". I urge all City Council members to attend and speak up at the April 10th, 5 p.m. DEEP hearing. I urge all Bridgeport residents who go to Seaside Park to attend the April 10th hearing and protest the PSEG permit to pollute.

Value Nature. Protect Mother Earth.

**Kenneth Moore**

BOE Funding.

Faith Acts for Education  
80 University Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Mr. Moore came to the podium accompanied by approximately 20 individuals. He said that education is the most important tool for the youth. He said that for the last 40 years, Bridgeport has been flat funded and this is wrong. It creates a school to prison pipeline. Mr. Moore asked for \$16 million for the school system. He said that he has obtained his degree here in Bridgeport and wants to give back to the community.

Don't give any excuses when it comes to funding the children because the children are the future.

**Kenneth Moales**

BOE Funding.

Faith Acts for Education  
851 Central Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Rev. Kenneth Moales came forward and said that he was the Senior Pastor at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Moales said that he had formerly served on the Bridgeport Board of Education. He said that he recalled coming to the Council to beg for money for education. For four decades, the City has only met the MBE and not given a dollar more. He said that it was the City Council that approved knocking down all the housing at Steele Point 15 years ago and this resulted in a loss of many years of tax revenue. Rev. Moales said that this all has to do with options and when it comes to education, only a third of the schools have air conditioning. During the summer, the

students are sweating. 48% of the budget does not mean anything when the City has been failing to fund the Board of Education for 40 years. He said that he sees the results of this failure in his church. his parishioners can't read the Bibles that he is preaching from.

**Francis Nunez**  
Faith Acts for Education  
159 Grove Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

BOE Funding.

Ms. Nunez came forward and said that she was the mother of a three-year-old boy and was involved in Faith Acts for Education. She said that for the past 40 years, the City has not done anything for education. She said that the City was robbing the children. The Council does not want to believe in the children because they will not put their money where their mouths are. It was time to do something else and not flat fund education or giving the Board the barest minimum. She said that all the people who were standing with her were from all the Districts in Bridgeport. This is why they were standing there. Now they are advocating for the children and it is important to provide for the children.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves adjourned the Public Speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Ganim called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:11 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim requested Rev. William McCullough, Pastor, Russell Temple CME Church and Board Chair, Faith Acts for Education to lead those present in the prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member Alfredo Castillo 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 Member Brown said that Council Member Taylor-Moye was not present due to illness, but she also wished to thank all those who had expressed concern about her son who was injured in a recent shooting in Bridgeport. He has been discharged from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Council President Nieves said that a number of the Council Members were absent due to illness.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: March 4, 2019**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**58-18           Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Maria Grace Goncalves, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**59-18           Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Corelogic Commercial Tax Services, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**60-18           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 Contracts Committee.**

**61-18           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 Contracts Committee.**

**62-18           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.**

**RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

**63-18           Resolution presented by Council Member Jackson re: Proposed resolution supporting General Assembly Legislation SB 874 – An Act concerning Education Initiatives and Services in Connecticut and HB 7192 – An Act concerning Municipal and Regional Opportunities and Efficiencies, referred to Education and Social Services Committee.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO COMBINE AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES WITH THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**58-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARIA GRACE GONCALVES, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**59-18 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – CORELOGIC COMMERCIAL TAX SERVICES, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**60-18 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 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

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**62-18 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.**

**RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

**63-18 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION SB 874 – AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT AND HB 7192 – AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EFFICIENCIES, REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.**

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



**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*13-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to appropriately express the City council's support for local hiring and local contracting on the Bridgeport Thermal Loop Project.**

**\*32-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to Adopt Plan of Conservation & Development – Plan Bridgeport.**

**\*57-18 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Trade Agreement with Smith & Wesson for the Upgrade of Firearms in Exchange for Receiving Older Firearms and Magazines at no cost to the City.**

**\*29-18 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution in support of Proposed Bill No. 6918 to Expand Ages for Minors to be Employed.**

**\*199-17 Contracts Committee Report re: 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 Manuel Firpi having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.**

**\*41-18 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Company for a Group Medicare Advantage Plan for a Twenty-One-Month Term.**

**\*42-18 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for a Group Life Insurance Policy for a Three-Year Term.**

**\*44-18 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Langan CT, Inc. regarding Harbor Yard Traffic Management.**

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 that Agenda Item 13-18, Agenda Item 29-18 and Agenda Item 199-17 be removed. Council Member Langan requested that Agenda Item 44-18 be removed.

City Clerk Martinez then read the remaining items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**\*32-18 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT – PLAN BRIDGEPORT.**

**\*57-18 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: TRADE AGREEMENT WITH SMITH & WESSON FOR THE UPGRADE OF FIREARMS IN EXCHANGE FOR RECEIVING OLDER FIREARMS AND MAGAZINES AT NO COST TO THE CITY.**

**\*41-18 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A GROUP MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN FOR A TWENTY-ONE-MONTH TERM.**

**\*42-18 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.**

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

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

**13-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to appropriately express the City council's support for local hiring and local contracting on the Bridgeport Thermal Loop Project.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE MOVED THE ITEM.**

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

Council Member Castillo explained that the name of company stated in the resolution was incorrect and needed to be changed from "Pequot Corp." to "Pequot Group, LLC".

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 13-18 IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS FROM "PEQUOT CORP." TO "PEQUOT GROUP, LLC" IN THE RESOLUTION.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 13-18 AS AMENDED.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*29-18 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution in support of Proposed Bill No. 6918 to Expand Ages for Minors to be Employed.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*199-17 Contracts Committee Report re: 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 Manuel Firpi having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) ONE ABSTENTION (LYONS) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*44-18 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Langan CT, Inc. regarding Harbor Yard Traffic Management.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE ITEM.**

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

Council Member Langan said that he was not able to attend the Committee meeting regarding the Traffic Consultant. He noted that Police Chief Perez had made a comment about the traffic by the Harbor. His concern was about how this might impact the Police overtime. Council President Nieves said that the issue had come up during the discussion and went on to list a number of topics that were included in the discussion.

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

Mayor Ganim announced that the Council Members would be receiving their copy of the Mayor's Proposed Budget on the following day, which is required by Charter.

Mayor Ganim then proceed to read the transmittal letter that Mr. Nestor Nkwo, the OPM Budget Director had sent to the City Clerk earlier in the day regarding the submission of the 2019-2020 City of Bridgeport Budget.

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Honorable Members and  
Honorable City Clerk Martinez,

On behalf of Mayor Joseph P. Ganim, please refer FY 2019-2020 Mayor's Proposed General Operating Fund Budget to the Budget and Appropriations Committee at the City Council Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Council President Nieves said that normally, the Budget and Appropriation Co-chairs would make the motion to refer the Mayor's Proposed Budget to the Budget and Appropriation Committee, however, both of them are absent due to illness.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE MAYOR'S FY 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR REFERRAL TO THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #64-18)**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO REFER THE MAYOR'S FY 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

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

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

Council President Nieves stated that Council Member Taylor-Moye, Council Member Herron, Council Member Zambrano-Viggiano and Council Member Jackson were all absent due to illness. She added that Council Member Valle was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

Council President Nieves announced that Council Member Newton had recently been named as the Northeast Director (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, and CT) for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) organization.

### ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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