

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Aidee Nieves called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

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

A quorum was present. Council President Nieves announced that Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia and Council Member Castillo had excused absences.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Helen O. Losak
304 Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Stipend Investigations.

Ms. Losak came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said that the City Ordinances indicate the Council stipends are to be used for the benefit of the community.

On August 11, 2019, the Connecticut Post printed a listing of the stipend purchases from Council Member Jackson's account, which were for personal uses, including tires, fuel and other items.

Ms. Losak said that she had been on the Neighborhood Watch for over 20 years and notice items like this. The administration should have been aware that several times Council Member Jackson used her stipend for meals at a restaurant. She indicated that there should be charges against Council Member Jackson for larceny.

Clyde Nicholson
396 Madison Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Guns.

Mr. Nicholson came forward and spoke about a recent shooting of a resident who was sitting on her front porch.

Mr. Nicholson then said that if the residents needed a ride to the polls, they should have a number to call. This would eliminate the need to hand out absentee votes. This should be a service that City of Bridgeport offers. Those who are handicapped or disabled manage to get a ride to church on Sunday or to the casinos. He said that the City can't get the sidewalks fixed, the streets fixed or for the schools to have the money that they need. He offered to donate \$20.00 and suggested others do the same to raise the money so they could provide everyone with a ride to the polls by dialing 9-4-4.

Cecil Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Taxes.

Mr. Young said that he would like to thank Council Member Newton for looking into the person who was parking in front of his house for the last nine years and watching him. Now there is someone walking around the block. This is violating Mr. Young's rights.

Mr. Young said that he had contacted the State Labor Board about corruption. He said that he had asked the Council Members to check into his termination and determine whether it was justified. As a 69-year-old African American, he was tired of being treated as a second-class citizen. He said that he was an American citizen and had contacted the Assistant Attorney General about this and his rights were violated. He demanded to know why. As an American citizen and a home owner, he wanted to know if his termination was justified. He asked Council Member Newton to continue to look into the situation.

Stephen Nelson
24A Stoneridge Road
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Summer Youth Group saying "Thank You"
to Mayor Ganim and
City Council Members.

Mr. Nelson came forward accompanied by eight City youth to thank the Council for the Summer Youth Group program opportunity.

One of the young men came forward and read a statement printed in Braille about how volunteering for a Community project help the youth by planting the flowers and cleaning the parks. He then concluded his remarks by quoting Proverbs 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Mr. Nelson said that it was critical for the City Council to understand how important it was to have these types of programs. The last shooting in Trumbull Gardens was terrible and this is a way to stop the violence.

Dasha Spell
284 Beechwood Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

BOE.

Ms. Spell said that she was on the petition for election in 2019. She said that she had previously asked for more funding and then said that if they couldn't give funds to the BOE, then provide resources. She said that she was asking the Council to please put the resources in the schools for the students so they will have a fighting chance. It is time to give back to the community and address issues like mental health and education. It is important to let people know they are here for the residents. She said that she was tired of hearing "Only in Bridgeport" or "I'm sorry, it was Bridgeport". She's worked in Hartford and New Britain and not encountered that kind of attitude. Give the resources to the schools in the districts that need it. Regardless of race, they all have the same goal of educating the children.

Cynthia Ravschert
Public Library
East Side Branch
1174 E. Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Introducing proposed circus troupe
program on the East Side to
Council members.

Ms. Ravschert came forward and said that she had been a service educator for about 12 years. She recently moved back to the East Coast from California. She is now working with the East Side Branch and will be starting up a PILOT circus group program at the East Side. She displayed a photo of some teenage boys doing a human pyramid and of some girls walking around on stilts at the International High School. Ms. Ravschert said that these groups help the teens with their emotional and social growth. In New Jersey, they have a troupe from the Juvenile Justice system that started in 2014. She said that she would be happy to provide the Council Members with more information about the program.

Council Member Valle said that history repeats itself because the Council President had been the leader of Clowning Around troupe. Council Member Roman-Christy was also involved in similar programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2019

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 7:10 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member McBride-Lee to lead those present in prayer. Council Member Newton asked that former City Associate Attorney Greg Conte be remembered as he had recently passed away. Council Member McBride-Lee also requested that her ex-husband and her son be remembered during the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested that Council President Nieves lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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Mayor Ganim left the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Council President Nieves assumed the chair.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: September 3, 2019

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, ROMAN-CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, VALLE, NIEVES, N. SMITH, NEWTON AND MARTINEZ) AND THREE ABSTAINING (C. SMITH, LANGAN AND JACKSON).**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

150-18 Communication from City Clerk re: Items Pending before City Council Committees Pursuant to City Council Rules Ch. XIII (11), ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

151-18 Communication from Emergency Management & Homeland Security re: Proposed Agreement concerning Operational Budget to Hire Independent Security Contractors for Municipal Security Services, referred to Contracts Committee.

152-18 Communication from City Attorney re: Twenty Day Notice to Settle Pending Litigation Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.10.130 with Juana Rosa, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

153-18 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with American Empire Surplus Lines, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

154-18 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation – Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) (#0T002, #0T003, #0T004), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

155-18 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut Department of Public Health – Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) in Connecticut Communities, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

157-18 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Nichola Hall (D) to the Food Policy Council, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

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

158-18 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Vizzo-Paniccia, Roman-Christy, Herron, Lyons, Brown & McBride-Lee re: Proposed resolution regarding Amendments to Bridgeport Zoning Regulations concerning Occupancy of Dwellings by Unrelated Persons, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO COMBINE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

150-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK RE: ITEMS PENDING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL RULES CH. XIII (11), ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

151-18 COMMUNICATION FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY RE: PROPOSED AGREEMENT CONCERNING OPERATIONAL BUDGET TO HIRE INDEPENDENT SECURITY CONTRACTORS FOR MUNICIPAL SECURITY SERVICES, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

152-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH JUANA ROSA, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

153-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH AMERICAN EMPIRE SURPLUS LINES, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

154-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) (#0T002, #0T003, #0T004), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

155-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION (OD2A) IN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

157-18 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLA HALL (D) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

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

158-18 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HERRON, LYONS, BROWN & MCBRIDE-LEE RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO BRIDGEPORT ZONING REGULATIONS CONCERNING OCCUPANCY OF

DWELLINGS BY UNRELATED PERSONS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

Council Member Lyons said that Agenda Item 158-18 would be going before the Planning and Zoning Commission and that the Council Members should support this resolution.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSION, ETC. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

156-18 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Education – 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Lighthouse After- School Program), FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD A TIME SENSITIVE ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN MOVED TO WAIVE REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE AND TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 156-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION, FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (LIGHTHOUSE AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAM).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Papa came forward to speak about the grant and explained that it would provide educational programming at Central as a PILOT Program on Friday night. There is only 4 weeks window to submit the application.

Council Member Jackson asked about the particular department that was issuing the funding. Ms. Papa reviewed the details and listed a number of stakeholders. She said that she would have to find some additional funding for the program.

Council Member Herron said that she wanted to commend everyone involved in the program because they need programs for the older youth. She said that she was in full support of this.

Council Member Taylor-Moye thanked Ms. Papa and mentioned that she had discussed this type of program for the older youth with Ms. Papa five years ago. She said that Ms. Papa had stayed on top of the internships and other services.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked how Ms. Papa was reaching out to various businesses to arrange internships. Ms. Papa said that they had realized that the summer internship program needed to extend into the regular school year. They reach out to the business community, but it will take a larger effort to secure more internships. She gave the details of the potential types of internships.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she was glad to see that this was happening now. She then asked about the hours that the program would be available. Ms. Papa said it would be on Tuesdays and Thursday's from 2:30 to 5:30 and some hours on Friday.

Council Member Taylor-Moye noted for her fellow Council Members that this was now a reality.

Council Member Brown asked about the fact that \$200,000 would not be enough and that the Superintendent of Schools had agreed to help support this program. Ms. Papa said that the Superintendent was in support to the program and had agreed to cover the Security costs, but she could not speak to the cost.

Council Member Lyons said that she had heard about the program and was in favor of the program. She said that it would be nice to have some programs for the older youth.

Council Member Jackson asked about the registration of the program. Ms. Papa said that Lt. Grech had recommended that only Central High students be allowed to register for the beginning.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 156-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION, FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS (LIGHTHOUSE AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAM).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***137-18 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (#20312).**

***138-18 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Court Support Services Division – Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (#20399).**

***139-18 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation – FY 2019 Grant Program (#20274).**

Council President Nieves asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. There were no requests from the Council Members to remove any item at that time.

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

***137-18 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FY 2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (#20312).**

***138-18 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE (#20399).**

***139-18 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION – FY 2019 GRANT PROGRAM (#20274).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President Nieves announced that the reason the Council Members were wearing pink t-shirts was because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and there are two Breast Cancer survivors who were Council Members. The University of Bridgeport soccer team will be honoring them on October 8th.

Council Member Lyons said that she was pleased to have been a breast cancer survivor for the last nine years. Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she had also been fighting breast cancer the same time that Council Member Lyons had. The chemo and the radiation took a toll on her. She said that she had remained positive throughout the entire treatment and to encourage other cancer patients during her recovery.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

132-18 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary Street Naming of Ferry Access Road at Main Street with appropriate signage to be designated as “Lou Rinaldo Way”.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 132-18 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE:**

HONORARY STREET NAMING OF FERRY ACCESS ROAD AT MAIN STREET WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE TO BE DESIGNATED AS “LOU RINALDO WAY”.

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

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, NIEVES, N. SMITH, JACKSON, NEWTON AND MARTINEZ) AND THREE OPPOSED (BROWN, LANGAN AND VALLE).**

Council Member Martinez left the meeting.

147-18 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Petition from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) Connecticut for Access Authorization to City-Owned Light Poles and Traffic Signals pursuant to a Non-Exclusive Agreement that will improve and Enhance 5G Wireless Networks.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

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

Council Member Lyons said she would not be in favor of voting for this and as a breast cancer survivor, she lives in a district with the largest cell tower. This is her personal opinion.

Council Member Jackson said that she would be voting against this because they were unsure about the effects of the electrical transmissions. She said that there were many towns and cities that were doing five-year studies on 5G. The units will be on every light pole and residents will be saturated. The insurance underwriters will be not be supporting the 5G network.

Council Member Newton said he wanted to set the record straight. This is not cell towers, but small units that will be placed on utilities. The Committee felt safe enough approving this because AT&T was simply asking for permission to install the units on city-owned poles if necessary. The AT&T representatives said that the level of transmission was so low, the Federal government is not worried. He said that if he had thought it would be a problem, he would not vote for it.

Council Member Roman-Christy asked what the definition of Non-Exclusive Agreement was. Atty. Anastasi said that AT&T would not have an exclusive right to any City-owned poles where the units were located.

Council Member Roman-Christy asked if there would be a fee paid to the City for the installation on the poles. Atty. Anastasi said that this would only be for City-owned poles, not the ones that were owned by UI.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON MAKE A MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 147-18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: PETITION FROM NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) CONNECTICUT FOR ACCESS AUTHORIZATION TO CITY-OWNED LIGHT POLES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS PURSUANT TO A NON-**

EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT THAT WILL IMPROVE AND ENHANCE 5G WIRELESS NETWORK AND REFER IT BACK TO COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 147-18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: PETITION FROM NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) CONNECTICUT FOR ACCESS AUTHORIZATION TO CITY-OWNED LIGHT POLES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS PURSUANT TO A NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT THAT WILL IMPROVE AND ENHANCE 5G WIRELESS NETWORK AND REFER IT BACK TO COMMITTEE FAILED TO PASS WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, LANGAN, LYONS, VALLE AND JACKSON) AND ELEVEN (11) OPPOSED (TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, ROMAN-CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, NIEVES, N. SMITH, AND NEWTON).**

Council Member DeFilippo said that the City does not own any light poles.

Council Member Newton said that the company has contracts with other companies such as UI, the gas company or any other companies that have poles. This is just to give the company the ability to come to the Council for the opportunity to install a unit on a city-owned pole. It is just a little box that they may have to install on a city owned pole.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she was thinking about the cancer concerns, but pointed out that residents eat, drink and use things that are potentially cancer causing. She said that she looks at Bridgeport and does not want to stop progress. The Council has to make the best decision they can.

Council Member Herron said she respects everyone's opinion but the City has to move forward. The City wants to provide WiFi to all the students in their homes. Libraries cannot handle the volume of 22,000 students. The Council has to monitor everything. She said that the company did not have to come to the City and she would prefer they come to the Council for permission. She said that she was for this.

Council Member Jackson said that this was her last issue and she spoke about the fact that only one side had been presented. She said that she wanted to have the City move forward. At the HELO conference there was a speaker who talked about how they made a deal with the communications companies to install fiber optic instead of low frequency units.

Council Member Lyons said that she was not implying that they would be installing towers all over the City. She said that she was the Chair of Public Safety and did not have a vote. When there is a company that can do whatever they want to do, it is concerning for her. She asked why they wanted to put in fiber optics in Steel Point, but won't do it for the entire City.

Council Member Lyons said that she had the right to speak up for the health of the children and to voice her concerns. She asked why Trumbull doesn't have 5G service yet. The Council has the right to discuss this.

Council Member Viggiano-Zambrano left the meeting.

Council Member Roman-Christy said that her concern was that the company could come into the City and install the units on the poles owned by other utilities. She said that she would like to see how much money the companies would be giving to Bridgeport in writing.

Council President Nieves said that they would be paying \$270 per unit per pole. The City could reject the application based on weight and size. There are already two units on Stratford Avenue. Council President Nieves said that her biggest issue is that the Council Members have the information since September, but people did not read the information in the packets. She attended the joint meeting to make quorum because not enough of the Committee members were present to have a quorum.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 147-18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: PETITION FROM NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) CONNECTICUT FOR ACCESS AUTHORIZATION TO CITY-OWNED LIGHT POLES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS PURSUANT TO A NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT THAT WILL IMPROVE AND ENHANCE 5G WIRELESS NETWORK AND REFER IT BACK TO COMMITTEE PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR(SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, LANGAN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, NIEVES, N. SMITH, AND VALLE) AND FIVE (5) OPPOSED (C. SMITH, , BROWN, LYONS, JACKSON AND NEWTON).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ITEM 09-17 REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER (LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

Atty. Anastasi said that there would be an updated version of the Council Rules sent to the Council Members and that they would be voting on the Rules at the next Council Meeting.

**** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ITEM 09-17 REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER (LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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