

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

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

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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 7:35 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member Brantley to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested that Council Member Zambrano Viggiano lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jorge Cruz
132nd District: Marcus Brown, M. Evette Brantley
133rd District: Michael DeFilippo, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee
136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Maria Zambrano Viggiano
137th District: Maria Valle, Aidee Nieves
138th District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman
139th District: Ernest Newton, Eneida Martinez

ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RULES

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADOPT THE CITY COUNCIL RULES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NIEVES SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira stated she would not be voting to approve the adoption of the Council Rules based on conflicts with the Connecticut General Statutes.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN-CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASTILLO, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, NEWTON AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO OPEN THE NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO NOMINATE COUNCIL MEMBER NIEVES AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there were any other nominations for Council President from the floor. There were none.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

Attorney Anastasi requested a roll call vote. Council Member Pereira challenged this. Mayor Ganim replied that the City Attorney felt a roll call vote was needed. Mayor Ganim then directed the City Clerk to conduct a roll call vote.

**** THE MOTION TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER AIDEE NIEVES AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE 2019-2020 SESSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Council President Nieves thanked everyone for their support and said that she was humbled and honored.

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

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT: AIDEE NIEVES

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPE: MARCUS BROWN

MAJORITY LEADER: ENEIDA MARTINEZ

DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER: JEANETTE HERRON

DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER: ERNEST NEWTON

DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER: MICHELLE LYONS

SGT AT ARMS: ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS: MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, JEANETTE HERRON, MATT MCCARTHY, JORGE CRUZ, AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA.

ORDINANCE: ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARCUS BROWN, MICHELLE LYONS, ERNEST NEWTON, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, SAMIA SULIMAN, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION: MICHELLE LYONS, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARIA PEREIRA, ERNEST NEWTON, M. EVETTE BRANTLEY, MARIA VALLE.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT: M. EVETTE BRANTLEY, MARIA VALLE, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, JEANETTE HERRON, ALFREDO CASTILLO, SCOTT BURNS.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA, SCOTT BURNS, DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, ALFREDO CASTILLO, M. EVETTE BRANTLEY, MATTHEW MCCARTHY, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, SAMIA SULIMAN.

CONTRACTS: JEANETTE HERRON, ERNEST NEWTON, JORGE CRUZ, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, ALFREDO CASTILLO, SCOTT BURNS, AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES: JORGE CRUZ, MATT MCCARTHY, MARIA PEREIRA, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, MICHELLE LYONS, SAMIA SULIMAN, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO

SCHOOL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: AIDEE NIEVES, MARCUS BROWN, ERNEST NEWTON.

LIAISON TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: SCOTT BURNS.

LIAISON TO THE FIRE COMMISSION: JEANETTE HERRON

LIAISON TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION: MATTHEW MCCARTHY

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

LIAISON TO THE LIBRARY: ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY

LIAISON TO THE PARKS COMMISSION: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA

LIAISON TO THE POLICE COMMISSION: MARIA VALLE, ENEIDA MARTINEZ

LIAISON TO THE PORT AUTHORITY: M. EVETTE BRANTLEY

LIAISON TO THE WPCA: MARIA PEREIRA

LIAISON TO THE ZOO: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA

LIAISON TO THE HISTORIC COMMISSION: MARCUS BROWN

LIAISON TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL: MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

Council Member Martinez requested her name be withdrawn as liaison to the WPCA and substitute Council Member Pereira's name as liaison.

Council Member McBride-Lee requested that her name be withdrawn from the Public Safety Committee and the Education and Safety Committee. A brief discussion followed.

RECESS.

Council President Nieves then requested a recess. Mayor Ganim announced a recess at 7:55 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES THEN MOVED TO AMEND THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEES WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:**

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS:

FROM: MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, JEANETTE HERRON, MATT MCCARTHY, JORGE CRUZ, AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA.

TO: MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, JEANETTE HERRON, MATT MCCARTHY, JORGE CRUZ, ERNEST NEWTON.

ORDINANCE:

FROM: ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARCUS BROWN, MICHELLE LYONS, ERNEST NEWTON, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, SAMIA SULIMAN, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO.

TO: ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARCUS BROWN, MICHELLE LYONS, ERNEST NEWTON, ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, MARIA VALLE.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION:

FROM: MICHELLE LYONS, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARIA PEREIRA, ERNEST NEWTON, M. EVETTE BRANTLEY, MARIA VALLE.

TO: MICHELLE LYONS, DENESE TAYLOR-MOYE, ENEIDA MARTINEZ, MARIA PEREIRA, AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, MARIA VALLE.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT: NO CHANGES.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

FROM: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA, SCOTT BURNS, DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, ALFREDO CASTILLO, M. EVETTE BRANTLEY, MATTHEW MCCARTHY, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, SAMIA SULIMAN.

TO: AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA, SCOTT BURNS, DENISE TAYLOR-MOYE, ALFREDO CASTILLO, M. EVETTE BRANTLEY, MATTHEW MCCARTHY, SAMIA SULIMAN.

CONTRACTS:

FROM: JEANETTE HERRON, ERNEST NEWTON, JORGE CRUZ, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, ALFREDO CASTILLO, SCOTT BURNS, AMYMARIE VIZZO-PANICCIA.

TO: JEANETTE HERRON, ERNEST NEWTON, JORGE CRUZ, MICHAEL DEFILIPPO, ALFREDO CASTILLO, SCOTT BURNS, MARIA PEREIRA.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

FROM: JORGE CRUZ, MATT MCCARTHY, MARIA PEREIRA, MARY MCBRIDE-LEE, MICHELLE LYONS, SAMIA SULIMAN, MARIA ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO

**TO: JORGE CRUZ, MATT MCCARTHY, SCOTT BURNS, MARIA PEREIRA,
SAMIA SULIMAN, MARIA ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO**

LIAISON TO THE WPCA:

**FROM: ERNEST NEWTON
TO: MARIA PEREIRA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF
CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES AS AMENDED.
** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: November 4, 2019

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4,
2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 CITY
COUNCIL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR
(TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA,
MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES,
VALLE, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND SIX (6) ABSTENTIONS (BURNS,
MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BRANTLEY, PEREIRA AND SULIMAN).**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**01-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending
Litigation with Sue Ann Paiva, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**02-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending
Litigation with Leona Williams, Admin. and Carnell Williams, referred to Miscellaneous
Matters Committee.**

**03-19 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments –
Riverbank Landing LLC, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**04-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Resolution regarding an
Application for the Acquisition of the Bridgeport Breakwater Lighthouse, referred to
Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

05-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Letter Agreement concerning the Appointment of Captain Rebecca Garcia to the Position of Assistant Chief of Police, referred to Contracts Committee.

06-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed State Lobbying Services Agreement with Reynolds Strategy Group, LLC, referred to Contracts Committee.

07-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with James Nardozi, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

01-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH SUE ANN PAIVA, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

02-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH LEONA WILLIAMS, ADMIN. AND CARNELL WILLIAMS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

03-19 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – RIVERBANK LANDING LLC, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

04-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE BRIDGEPORT BREAKWATER LIGHTHOUSE, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

05-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED LETTER AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN REBECCA GARCIA TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

06-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED STATE LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REYNOLDS STRATEGY GROUP, LLC, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

07-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JAMES NARDOZZI, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER A MATTER TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Lyons said that this was a time sensitive matter and it involved the placement of a stop sign at an intersection.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO DIRECTLY REFER AN ITEM INVOLVING THE PLACEMENT OF A STOP SIGN AT AN INTERSECTION TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS DUE TO THE TIME SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE REQUEST.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #08-19)**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services