

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**(Adjourned meeting from March 16, 2020)**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

This meeting has been conducted by teleconference.

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**\*\*\*THE PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION IS CANCELLED**  
**FOR THIS MEETING\*\*\***

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He made the following statement for the record:

This meeting is done with the authority issued by the Governor of the State of Connecticut.

**MAYOR'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**  
**FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2020**

Before we commence this evening's City Council Meeting – I would like to make a few brief Procedural & Public Service announcements.

Tonight's City Council meeting (as the Agenda states) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Monthly Meeting for March – which was ADJOURNED from March 16th.

This meeting is being conducted by electronic means – as authorized by Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B issued on March 14th.

The public has electronic audio access to witness this meeting.

I remind all speakers to clearly state their name and title – on each occasion before speaking – as mandated by Executive Order No 7B.

As Mayor and Presiding Officer – I welcome and applaud our civic-minded citizens who are taking the opportunity in joining us electronically this evening.

In accordance with Executive Order No. 7B – the recording or transcription of this meeting will be posted on the City Clerk's website within seven (7) days.

To the City Council Members and our citizens alike – I again urge everyone to abide by the Governor’s requests and directives contained in his various Executive Orders No. 7 through at least 7J to date, with additional orders to be forthcoming.

**PRAYER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member McCarthy to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

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

A quorum was present.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: March 2, 2020**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2020.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2020 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**61-19 Communication from Finance re: (Ref. #43-19) Proposed Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

**62-19 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Kyle LaBuff (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**63-19** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Michael Nastu (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**64-19** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Ann Binkley (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**65-19** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Thomas Austin, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**61-19 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: (REF. #43-19) PROPOSED APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**62-19 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF KYLE LABUFF (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**63-19 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL NASTU (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**64-19 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF ANN BINKLEY (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**65-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH THOMAS AUSTIN, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

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

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

**\*40-19 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution requesting that June 6 – June 13, 2020 be recognized as “Peace Week” in the City.**

City Clerk Martinez read the single item on the consent calendar into the record.

**40-19 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution requesting that June 6 – June 13, 2020 be recognized as “Peace Week” in the City**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:**

**\*40-19 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT JUNE 6 – JUNE 13, 2020 BE RECOGNIZED AS “PEACE WEEK” IN THE CITY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, MCBRIDE-LEE, VALLE, NIEVES, PEREIRA, SULIMAN AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (NEWTON).**

Council Member Newton asked for a point of personal privilege and said that he was opposed to Agenda Item 36-19 and that Mayor Ganim should never had approved that piece of legislation.

Council Member Brown stated that Agenda Item 36-19 had previously been removed from the agenda due to concerns with the legislative language.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services