

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

7:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by teleconference.

***Due to the public health emergency, public speaking
will be by written testimony only***

***Please submit written testimony to PublicTestimony@bridgeportct.gov
by 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4th***

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Council Member McBride-Lee to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Castillo to lead those present in reciting the Pledge.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested a moment of silence in memory of retired Bpt. Police Officer Louis Bruno.

Council Member McBride-Lee requested a moment of silence in memory of Bishop Earnest Epps.

Council Member Cruz requested that those in attendance remember all those who have passed away from COVID-19 and all those who were in the hospital.

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, Avelino Silva
137th District: Maria Valle, Aidee Nieves
138th District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman
139th District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newton

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

April 20, 2020

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED THE APRIL 20, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had submitted changes to the votes. City Clerk verified the votes with the Council Members.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND THE APRIL 20 MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTED CHANGES:**

Page 10 - Second paragraph under (b) should read “each resolution adopted to subsection (a) of this section ~~shall~~ **may** be submitted to the electors of the municipality for their approval.”

Page 10 – Seventh paragraph second sentence reads “ Mr. Gaudett said that he had just received a text informing him ~~that Ms. Losak’s phone had died.~~” Ms. Losak’s phone did not die and I have no idea how Helen Losak would be able to text Thomas Gaudett as she has no phone number for Mr. Gaudett.

Page 14 – Third paragraph last sentence states “~~Another~~ Council Member **Maria Pereira** requested that 79-19 also be removed. “

Page 15 – Third paragraph should read as follows: “Council Member Pereira said that under the Connecticut General Statutes, the City **Council** has the right to **reject this to** ~~turn this down,~~ however Chief Thode ~~had~~ said that there was a ~~memo~~ **provision** in the

contract that did ~~not~~ **allow the City Council to ~~turn~~ vote this down.**

Page 16 – Third paragraph last sentence should state “Bridgeport needs safe, clean, affordable housing for low income residents, ~~and~~ residents with physical disabilities **and veterans.**”

Page 17 – Seventh paragraph first sentence should state “council member ~~Brown~~ **Pereira** stated that she asked Council Member Brown...”

Page 18 – Fourth paragraph should state “Council Member Pereira said that the Connecticut City and Town Development **Act...**”

Page 18 – Fourth paragraph last sentence should read “ Pereira stated that I’m sure we all thought that voters were brilliant when they elected us to serve as their city council members in November and I would hope that we believe they are equally brilliant in deciding by referendum whether they want all these developers to get big tax breaks while making a profit while property owners are paying 100% of their taxes.”

Page 20 –Seventh paragraph first sentence should read “ council member Pereira said that she had received a confidential memorandum ~~from~~ **drafted** by Terry O’Connor regarding the sale of ~~suits~~ **suites** that would not be part of the ticket sales, **therefore the city would receive no ticket sales revenue on these suites and boxed seats including the admissions tax. Over the length of the lease developer Howard Saffon would generate at least \$12,000,000 in the sales of these suites and box seats while the City would receive zero.**”

Page 21 – Seventh paragraph second sentence should read “after ~~weighting~~ **weighing** both sides, he said...”

Page 23 – Fourth paragraph first sentence should read “council member Pereira said that ~~they~~ **she** had ~~moved~~ **reviewed** the agreement extensively.”

Page 25 – The vote to approve Item 59-19- Five members voted against this Ordinance related to the Trust Act Enforcement. Maria Pereira voted to oppose, not in favor. Very important this be corrected.

Page 26 – The Motion to Approve Item 57-19 is incorrect. **Martinez voted no.**

Page 27 & 28- Motion to Approve 61-19 is incorrect. **Burns voted no.**

Page 28 – Third paragraph first sentence should say “Council Member Pereira said that they would have to vote ~~for~~ **by 2/3rd two-thirds to add it to the agenda to suspend the rules for immediate consideration.**”

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND THE APRIL 20 MINUTES WITH THE SUBMITTED CHANGES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S) TO BE ORDERED BY THE FULL COUNCIL:

92-19 Request from OPED to Order a Public Hearing for June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. re: Proposed Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program Applications.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 92-19 REQUEST FROM OPED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 1, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAMS FOR CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira asked for clarification on the public hearing. [Inaudible]

Mr. Perez said that the State Tax Credits for non-profits. The non-profits can sell these to raise funds for whatever projects they are involved in. Council Member Pereira said that she could not find anything about this in her packet.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 92-19 REQUEST FROM OPED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 1, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAMS FOR CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

Mayor Ganim said that Ms. DeJesus was present and these items are being presented for Immediate Consideration involved approvals for grant application submissions.

93-19 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) FY 20 Program, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

94-19 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Regarding the National League of Cities – Census Rapid Response Grant, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

95-19 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Application to the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID – 19 Supplemental (AFG-S), FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO WAIVE THE REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

93-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) FY 20 PROGRAM, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

94-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: REGARDING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES – CENSUS RAPID RESPONSE GRANT, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

95-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FISCAL YEAR 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM – COVID – 19 SUPPLEMENTAL (AFG-S), FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO WAIVE THE REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE FOR THE AGENDA ITEMS 93-19, 94-19 AND 95-19 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO CONSOLIDATED AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

93-19 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) FY 20 PROGRAM, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

91-19 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Software License and Support Agreement with EPR Systems USA Inc. regarding a Software Package called EPR FireWorks for the Fire Department, referred to Contracts Committee.

92-19 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program Applications, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO REFER THE AGENDA ITEMS TO COMMITTEE.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***45-19** Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #34-17 & #141-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.20 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances – Tax Incentive Development Program.

***46-19** Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #35-17 & #142-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances – Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Program.

***72-19** Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20 – Tax Incentive Development Program, amend Section 3.20.060 (G) – Miscellaneous Provisions.

***73-19** Ordinance Committee Report re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.24 – Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Program, amend Section 3.24.040 (F) – Miscellaneous.

***49-19** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of 398, 400, 430, 440, 448 and 454 Bunnell Street (the “Redevelopment Properties”) within the Seaview Avenue Industrial Park.

***56-19** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Wanda Lee Mendez.

***62-19** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Kyle LaBuff (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

***64-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ann Binkley (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.**

***65-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Thomas Austin.**

***66-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Carmelo Mendez.**

***83-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Andrea Garcia to the Board of Assessment Appeals.**

***51-19 Joint Committee on Miscellaneous Matters and Budget and Appropriations Report re: Revision necessitated by OPED noncompliance with Item #176-17 authorizing the Urban Enterprise Zone Assessment Deferral for Qualified Development located at 515 West Avenue.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Pereira requested that Agenda Items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Pereira requested that the following Agenda Items be removed from the Consent Calendar: 45-19; 16-19; 72-19; 73-19; 49-19; 65-19; 66-19 and 51-19.

City Clerk Martinez read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***56-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH WANDA LEE MENDEZ.**

***62-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF KYLE LABUFF (D) TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.**

***64-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ANN BINKLEY (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

***83-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA GARCIA TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

45-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #34-17 & #141-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.20 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances – Tax Incentive Development Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 45-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #34-17 & #141-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVERSAL OF THE 2017 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3.20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES – TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira stated that this was a resolution submitted to the City Clerk on January 9, 2018 from Council Member Newton and Council Member Martinez. The resolution specifically states that they wanted to reverse all the ordinances related to the tax [inaudible] development programs. The City Charter clearly says that in order to do that, every word removed has to be in brackets, every word added has to be underscored. This was not done in any way, shape or form.

In addition, regarding the legal opinion, Pullman and Comley was involved in reviewing the ordinances despite the fact that the City Charter says that only the City Attorney shall do it.

More importantly, it doesn't refer the amendment to the [inaudible] 2017. It actually gives OPED and ultimately, you, significantly more [inaudible]. So this was presented to us in violation to the City Charter and specifically gives more power to OPED to literally make all the decisions related [inaudible] tax incentives and what doesn't. This is no way complies with the [inaudible] sponsored regarding the amendments of these ordinances.

Mayor Ganim said that he was not certain the stenographer or the City Clerk could hear all of Council Member Pereira's comments.

Council Member Pereira repeated that Agenda Item 45-19 had been submitted by Council Member Newton and co-sponsored by Council Member Martinez on January 8, 2018. The ordinance specifically requested that all the [inaudible] amendments adopted in 2017 regarding municipal tax incentive developments programs be reversed. Instead, what is being presented here actually even gives more power and authority to OPED and eventually the Mayor and they omitted [inaudible] in violation of the City Charter where they are required to use brackets. They just lined out whole paragraphs where much of the wording they kept and they wrote whole new paragraphs. So people cannot easily see the changes and the City Charter specifically says that omitted language must be in brackets and new language must be underscored or capitalized. This amendment has two paragraphs that specifically says the public would have a 30 day period before any changes were made to any proposed policies or procedures related to adopting the tax incentive [inaudible] program and the tax [inaudible] personal fine had to submit all of this information; a letter, documentation – all of that has been removed. So this is less power for the public and the City Council and incredible power for OPED and eventually, the Mayor because the Mayor has the sole authority to approve it. So this is not what was proposed in the resolution submitted by Council Member Newton and co-sponsored by Council Member Martinez.

Council Member Brown said that he wanted to be clear that Agenda Items 45-19 and 46-19 were resolutions that were submitted by Council Member Newton and nowhere in the Charter does it state that a resolution needs to have brackets, lines or anything that the Council Member just mentioned. He said that he thought Council Member Pereira was referring to Agenda Items 72-19 and 73-19. Agenda Items 45-19 and 46-19 were just resolutions submitted by Council Member Newton.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 45-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #34-17 & #141-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVERSAL OF THE 2017 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3.20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES – TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Pereira said that she was trying to understand that these resolutions that were already referred to Committee in January of 2018. She did not understand why these resolutions being adopted when the subject of the resolution involved ordinances. She said that it should simply be the ordinances reported out of Committee.

46-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #35-17 & #142-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.24 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances – Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEM 46-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #35-17 & #142-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVERSAL OF THE 2017 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3.24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that there was nothing reversing the proposal in this item.

Council Member Brown said that at the bottom of the page of the resolution there was language that would address her concerns.

Council Member Newton said that the ordinance was changed earlier. He explained that he was not sworn in until December 2017, but the law was changed before. After that, they instructed the City Attorney's Office to change things back. With the amphitheater, OPED realized that they did not have the authority to approve the amphitheater. This was why OPED brought it to the Council.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 46-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #35-17 & #142-16) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REVERSAL OF THE 2017 AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3.24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF**

ORDINANCES – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).

72-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20 – Tax Incentive Development Program, amend Section 3.20.060 (G) – Miscellaneous Provisions.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 72-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.20 – TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AMEND SECTION 3.20.060 (G) – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira objected. [Inaudible]

Council Member Newton said that when the former Council adopted the ordinance, OPM put some perimeters and now they have some criteria for developers. He said that he wants to make sure that OPED does not have the authority to approve PILOTs. With the amphitheater, OPED realized that they did not have the authority to approve the amphitheater. This was why OPED brought it to the Council.

Council Member Lyons said that she had voted against the proposal when it was originally proposed. She said that she would be voting against 72-19 and 73-19 until there is more clarification.

Council Member Castillo said that he had voted for it. The Council never gave OPED power. What they gave OPED the ability to negotiate with the Developers before coming to the Council. The timeline was frustrating the developers. The Council retained the power.

Council Member Burns said that along with Council Member Castillo, he thought this would be instrumental in attracting developers. He said that he had reviewed the item and it returns power to the Council. He pointed out that this was not a PILOT, but a Tax Incentive. Harbor Yard was a totally different situation.

Atty. Anastasi reviewed what was reflected in the ordinance with the Council Members. He explained that OPED does not have any authority, but it helps with the preliminary approval. Either way, the Council has the final say.

Council Member Newton asked Atty. Anastasi if the Council had the final vote. Atty. Anastasi said that the Council would have the final vote.

Council Member Pereira said that she was 100% against this and stated Atty. Anastasi was incorrect.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 72-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.20 – TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AMEND SECTION 3.20.060 (G) – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND FOUR (4) OPPOSED (LYONS, PEREIRA, DEFILIPPO, AND MCCARTHY).**

73-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.24 – Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Program, amend Section 3.24.040 (F) – Miscellaneous

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 73-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.24 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AMEND SECTION 3.24.040 (F) – MISCELLANEOUS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira listed her objections to the Agenda Item.

Council Member Brown said that the language that Council Member Pereira was reading was referring to the previous ordinance.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 73-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.24 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AMEND SECTION 3.24.040 (F) – MISCELLANEOUS PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND FOUR (4) OPPOSED (LYONS, PEREIRA, DEFILIPPO, AND MCCARTHY).**

49-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of 398, 400, 430, 440, 448 and 454 Bunnell Street (the “Redevelopment Properties”) within the Seaview Avenue Industrial Park.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 49-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF 398, 400, 430, 440, 448 AND 454 BUNNELL STREET (THE “REDEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES”) WITHIN THE SEAVIEW AVENUE INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira then spoke about the value of the parcels and questioned the price that was set. Mr. Perez said that they were selling the lots for the appraised value.

Council Member Brantley asked Mr. Perez why they were selling the lots at that price. Mr. Perez explained that they can only sell City property at the appraised value.

Council Member Brantley asked what the anticipated tax revenue was. Mr. Perez said that at the end of the day, it would \$1.5 million and reviewed what the percentages would be for the City. The two smaller lots that McBride was taking was harder to estimate because McBride is part of the larger building.

Council Member Brantley said that this means that this development will be bringing jobs to the East End.

Council Member Newton said that he was supporting this project. Now there are two people willing to put skin in the game and help the community develop jobs in the City. He asked his colleagues to vote in favor of this. This will make that corner become productive and bring in tax revenue.

Council Member Pereira said the appraisal she saw that were significantly higher than the appraised sale price.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 49-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF 398, 400, 430, 440, 448 AND 454 BUNNELL STREET (THE “REDEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES”) WITHIN THE SEAVIEW AVENUE INDUSTRIAL PARK PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

65-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Thomas Austin.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 65-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH THOMAS AUSTIN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira expressed concern about the City having to settle lawsuits with former employees.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 65-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH THOMAS AUSTIN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

66-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Carmelo Mendez.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 66-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH CARMELO MENDEZ.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she will be voting in favor of this settlement. However, if she was the plaintiff, she would be rejecting the settlement and going to trial.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 66-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH CARMELO MENDEZ PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

51-19 Joint Committee on Miscellaneous Matters and Budget and Appropriations Report re: Revision necessitated by OPED noncompliance with Item #176-17 authorizing the Urban Enterprise Zone Assessment Deferral for Qualified Development located at 515 West Avenue.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED AGENDA ITEM 51-19 JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS AND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT RE: REVISION NECESSITATED BY OPED NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ITEM #176-17 AUTHORIZING THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL FOR QUALIFIED DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 515 WEST AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she looked at the tax records and listed the numbers of units. In 2018, they received a credit of over \$3 million and only paid [inaudible] and paid only 8% of the tax bill. [inaudible]For them to save millions and only pay 8% of their taxes while others are struggling to keep their homes is [inaudible] vote against.

Council Member Lyons said that it does not say that in the document. Mr. Coleman said that the project at 515 West Avenue needed the Enterprise Zone designation. Due to a delay in the application, the Tax Assessor announced that they could not apply the designation retroactively. He gave the details of the issue and said that there would be schedules by OPED. Council Member Lyons said that this was the way to set things back on track.

Council Member Newton asked everyone to support this. Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (BNT) has done many projects in the City and they have done great work in his district. When

people want to do things to benefit the City, they need to take a step back. Even though he is a taxpayer, he wants the city to look nice.

Council Member Pereira said that for an entity that has Section 8 and makes [inaudible] full market rate [inaudible] 8.5% percent [inaudible] cannot justify that to her constituents.

Council President Nieves said that the point was not the tax abatement. This is to retroactively fix the ordinance for the BNT. They will be doing the 10, 15, and 20-year payments in a different action. This has to be done in a separate action. She said that this issue dates back to 2015 during the previous administration. Council President Nieves said that she understood the concerns expressed by Council Member Pereira and Council Member Lyons. There will be a second part to this situation. The judge ordered that the matter come back to the City.

Council Member Castillo said that if this is not approved, the property will go into foreclosure and the residents will end up on the streets.

Council Member Brantley said that this had been discussed in Committee. She said that BNT had been a good, positive force in support the youth and preventing young people who are leaving DSS care and others who have been thrown out of their homes from becoming homeless.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 51-19 JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS AND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT RE: REVISION NECESSITATED BY OPED NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ITEM #176-17 AUTHORIZING THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL FOR QUALIFIED DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 515 WEST AVENUE PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (1) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON), ONE (1) ABSTENTION (TAYLOR-MOYE) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

63-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Michael Nastu (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 63-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL NASTU (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had asked what his qualifications were and he has none.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 63-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL NASTU (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR**

(BURNS, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY AND PEREIRA).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ITEM PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

68-19 Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO AMEND 68-19 FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSFERRING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES TO SOCIAL SERVICES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 68-19 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR ADJUSTING THE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION CHANGES REFLECTING THE LINE ITEMS FOR THE TWO DEPARTMENTS DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 68-19 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR ADJUSTING THE REVENUE AND MAKING APPROPRIATION CHANGES REFLECTING THE LINE ITEMS FOR THE TWO DEPARTMENTS DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO, MCCARTHY AND PEREIRA).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO AMEND THE EXPENDITURE DECREASES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira asked if they had received a document about Weights and Measures and Department of Aging.

Council Member Burns said that there had been discussion about moving the Department of Aging and Weights and Measures.

Council Member Pereira asked if there was any documentation sent out to the Council Members today. Mr. Nkwo said that it was on the last page and is noted under Council Member Pereira spoke about the Legislative Intent and asked why this was being done. The Department of Aging had nothing to do with Public Health.

Council Member Newton said that the Department of Aging should be under the Health Department.

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 68-19 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TO AMEND THE EXPENDITURE DECREASES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO, LYONS, AND PEREIRA).**

Revenue increases

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVENUE INCREASES:**

GENERAL FUND INCREASES							
Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council shall have the power to increase any line item in said budget or add new line items to said budget only by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the entire members of the City Council.							
"BAC" VOTE NUMBER (a)							
Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Revenue Increases:							
There are adjustments to the Mayor's Proposed Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the Budget & Appropriations Committee changes.							
Department	Account #	Object	Object / Description	FY2020 Mayor's Proposed	FY2021 BAC Proposed Amount	BAC Increases	Descriptions
Tax Collector	01040000	41693	Current Taxes City Side	314,973,906	316,379,903	1,405,997	Reduce Mayor's Proposed tax cut from .25mill to 0=53.99 mills
Tax Collector	01040000	41265	Personal Property Audit	500,000	750,000	250,000	\$250K City will expand and do more personal property audits
Economic Development	01450000	45138	Annual Pilot Rent-Amphitheater	150,000	250,000	100,000	\$100k rent increase based on revised contract
						0	
Total Revenue Increases				315,623,906	317,379,903	1,755,997	

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVENUE INCREASES PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO, AND PEREIRA).**

Revenue decreases

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVENUE DECREASES:**

GENERAL FUND DECREASES

Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee reports its changes to the City Council as a whole in the form of budget amendment resolution. The City Council has the power to reduce or delete any line item in the budget recommended by the Mayor by a majority vote of the council members present and voting.

REVENUE DECREASES (b)

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Revenue Decreases

Below are adjustments to the Mayor's Proposed Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council's Budget & Appropriations Committee:

Department	Account #	Object / Description	FY2020 Mayor's Proposed Budget	FY2021 BAC Proposed Amount	BAC Decreases	Descriptions
REVENUE DECREASES:						
Board Of Education	01863000	41549 Billed Services	434,000	0	-434,000	The City will let Board of Education use the funds
Comptroller Office	01010000	41562 Debt Service Reimbursement	3,379,690	2,379,690	-1,000,000	Developer might not be able to refinance all their debt
Economic Development	01455000	41527 Non-Residential Additions	1,000,000	900,000	-100,000	Reduction based on economic condition & Covid19 effect
Public Facilities Admin.	01300000	41650 Parking Violations	1,450,000	1,250,000	-200,000	Reduction based on economic condition
Public Facilities Admin.	01300000	41664 Parking Meters Collections	425,000	350,000	-75,000	Reduction based on economic condition
Parks Administration	01355000	41623 Seaside and Beardsley Checkpoint	400,000	350,000	-50,000	Revenue projection too high due to Covid19 effect
Parks Administration	01355000	41635 Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course	1,500,000	1,300,000	-200,000	Revenue projection too high due to Covid19 effect
Total Revenue Decreases			8,588,690	6,529,690	-2,059,000	
Net Revenue Incr.(Decr.)					-303,003	

****COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that the Board of Education never paid for the SROs. They never voted to approve that.

Council Member Lyons said that she did not see anything in the Revenue Decreases that had to do with the Board of Education. Council Member Pereira said that it was on the top of page two.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVENUE DECREASES PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

Appropriations increases

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION INCREASES:**

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Appropriation Increases						
Below are the adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee:						
Department	Account #	Object / Description	FY2020 Mayor's Proposed Budget	FY2021 BAC Proposed Amount	BAC Increases	Descriptions
Police Department	01250000	56180 Other Services	54,000	64,000	-10,000	Increase needed for employees drug testing.
Roadway Maintenance	01320000	51100 P/T Temp/Seasonal Earn Pay	180,800	250,800	-70,000	Reinstate \$70k in seasonal employees account
Parks Maintenance	01356000	51100 P/T Temp/Seasonal Earn Pay	508,000	578,000	-70,000	Reinstate \$70k in seasonal employees account
Public Facilities Admin	01300000	51000 Salary	1,749,236	1,791,684	-42,448	Fund 1 Secretarial Assistant position for Parking Violation collections
Public Facilities Admin	01300000	52360 Medicare	22,470	23,085	-615	Medicare cost for the new Secretarial Assistant position
Public Facilities Admin	01300000	52504 Merf	283,475	290,432	-6,957	Merf/Pension cost for the new Secretarial Assistant position
Public Facilities Admin	01300000	52917 Health Insurance	293,639	316,004	-22,365	Healthcare cost for the new Secretarial Assistant position
Engineering Department	01385000	51000 Salary	723,487	805,897	-82,410	Additional Electrician position for Traffic Light Maintenance
Engineering Department	01385000	52360 Medicare	9,666	10,861	-1,195	Medicare cost relating to additional Electrician position
Engineering Department	01385000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	119,194	132,701	-13,507	Merf Pension cost relating to additional Electrician position
Engineering Department	01385000	52917 Health Insurance	145,745	168,110	-22,365	Health Ins. cost relating to additional Electrician position
Economic Development	01450000	51000 Salary	1,392,877	1,465,655	-72,778	Additional Sr. Economic Development Associate
Economic Development	01450000	52360 Medicare	18,220	19,275	-1,055	Medicare cost relating to adding Sr. Economic Dev. Assoc.
Economic Development	01450000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	218,114	230,042	-11,928	Merf Pension cost relating to adding Sr. Economic Dev. Assoc.
Economic Development	01450000	52917 Health Insurance	310,352	332,717	-22,365	Health Ins. cost relating to adding Sr. Economic Dev. Assoc.
General Purpose Bond	01600000	53205 Debt Refinancing	-2,500,000	-2,000,000	-500,000	Less refinancing Savings due to bond interest rate increase
Other Financing Services	01610000	50700 Attrition	-3,800,000	-1,817,861	-1,982,139	Reduce Attrition. Reduction transferred to Covid19 Line
Light House/Youth Services	01579000	56240 Transportation Services	0	500,000	-500,000	To aide Board of Education in FY21 school transportation cost
Board of Education	01896000	56180 Other Services	40,000	290,000	-250,000	The additional \$250k towards BOE = the Mayor's \$2.00m allocation=\$2.25m
Tax Assessor	01041000	51000 Salary	632,405	657,405	-25,000	Cost of Part Time Clerical Assistant to help with personal property audits
Tax Assessor	01041000	52360 Medicare	8,710	9,072	-362	Medicare cost for the part-time clerical assistant position
WEIGHTS & MEASURES(HEALTH&SOCIAL SERVICES)						
Weights & Measures	0157777	51000 Salary	0	122,782	-122,782	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Pub. Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	51140 Longevity Pay	0	750	-750	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	51156 Unused Vacation Time Payout	0	0	0	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	52360 Medicare	0	1,546	-1,546	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	52360 Social Security	0	3,247	-3,247	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	0	20,248	-20,248	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	52917 Health Insurance	0	31,799	-31,799	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	0157777	54675 Office Supplies	0	466	-466	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights&Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Organization acct# to be created in FY21						
DEPARTMENT OF AGING(HEALTH&SOCIAL SERVICES)						
Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services.						
Department of Aging	0157777	51000 Salary	0	452,829	-452,829	Secretarial Asst. Position eliminated by Committee
Department of Aging	0157777	51099 Contracted Salary	0	1,002	-1,002	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	51100 P/T Temp/Seasonal Earn Pay	0	7,280	-7,280	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	51140 Longevity Pay	0	7,500	-7,500	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	51156 Unused Vacation Time Payout	0	0	0	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	52360 Medicare	0	5,993	-5,993	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	52385 Social Security	0	5,018	-5,018	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	0	59,375	-59,375	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	52917 Health Insurance City Share	0	130,962	-130,962	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	53725 Television Services	0	3,700	-3,700	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	53905 Employee Tuition/Travel Reimb	0	200	-200	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	54675 Office Supplies	0	2,800	-2,800	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	55010 Arts and Crafts Equipment	0	1,200	-1,200	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	56170 Other Maintenance & Repairs	0	100	-100	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	0157777	59500 Supportive Contribution	0	1,000	-1,000	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Organization acct# to be created in FY21						
Total Expenditure Increases			410,390	4,977,676	-4,567,286	

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Burns said that the amendment would change the final figures.

Council Member Pereira asked how the number would have changed from 2:00 o'clock that afternoon. Council Member Burns said that they were transferring two departments from one group to another. When they zero out the department the transfer is coming from and there will be a change. He outlined the details.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION INCREASES PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND FOUR (4) OPPOSED (BURNS, PEREIRA, DEFILIPPO, AND MCCARTHY).**

Appropriations decreases

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION DECREASES:**

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote Of General Fund Appropriation Decreases						
Below are the adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee:						
Department	Account #	Object / Description	FY2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget	FY2021 BAC Proposed Amount	BAC Decreases	Descriptions
Registrar of Voters	01050000	51000 Full Time Salary	421,703	379,255	42,448	Unfund one Clerical Assistant position
Registrar of Voters	01050000	52360 Medicare	4,237	3,622	615	Medicare savings associated with unfunding Clerical Asst.
Registrar of Voters	01050000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	50,298	43,341	6,957	Merf savings associated with unfunding Clerical Assistants
Registrar of Voters	01050000	52917 Health Insurance	47,595	25,230	22,365	Health Ins. savings associated with unfunding Clerical Asst.
City Attorney	01060000	53010 Personal Property Claims	1,450,000	1,400,000	50,000	Reduce claims account by \$50k due to new attorneys hires
City Attorney	01060000	56130 Legal Services	650,000	625,000	25,000	Reduce Legal Services account by \$25k due to new attorneys hires
Labor Relations	01085000	56180 Other Services	275,000	225,000	50,000	Reduce amount by \$50k due to new attorney hired
Chief Admin. Officer	01105000	51000 Salary	846,661	727,647	119,014	Unfund Vacant Director of Public Safety position in FY21
Chief Admin. Officer	01105000	52360 Medicare	11,464	9,739	1,725	Medicare savings due to unfunding Dir. Of Public Safety
Chief Admin. Officer	01105000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	139,085	119,579	19,506	Merf savings due to unfunding Dir. Of Public Safety
Chief Admin. Officer	01105000	52917 Health Insurance	112,716	90,351	22,365	Health Ins. savings due to unfunding Dir. Of Pub. Safety
Police Department	01250000	51108 Inside Overtime	2,221,959	2,021,959	200,000	Reduce Mayor's recommended overtime by \$200k
Police Department	01250000	54615 Gasoline	570,000	560,000	10,000	Reduced due to one yr. locked lower price negotiated
Police Department	01250000	51318 Personal Day Payout/Retirement	800,040	775,040	25,000	Reduce personal day payout amount by \$25k due to less retirement
Police Department	01250000	51322 Holiday Payout Retirement	1,050,000	1,000,000	50,000	Reduce Holiday payout/retirement payout amount by \$50k less retirement
Fire Department	01260000	51108 Inside Overtime	3,850,000	3,750,000	100,000	Reduce Mayor's recommended overtime by \$100k
Fire Department	01260000	54610 Diesel	100,600	96,000	4,600	Reduced due to one yr. locked lower price negotiated
Municipal Garage	01305000	54610 Diesel	390,000	380,000	10,000	Reduced due to one yr. locked lower price negotiated
Municipal Garage	01305000	54615 Gasoline	159,000	155,000	4,000	Reduced due to one yr. locked lower price negotiated
Roadway Maintenance	01320000	51000 Salary	2,088,499	2,017,025	71,474	Unfund & Transfer 2 filled Maintainer 1(Grade 1) to Parks Maint.
Roadway Maintenance	01320000	52360 Medicare	28,892	27,856	1,036	Medicare savings due to unfunding 2 filled Maintainer 1(Grade 1)
Roadway Maintenance	01320000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	324,555	312,841	11,714	Merf savings due to unfunding 2 filled Maintainer 1(Grade 1)
Roadway Maintenance	01320000	52917 Health Insurance	684,813	640,083	44,730	Health savings due to unfunding 2 filled Maintainer 1(Grade 1)
Roadway Maintenance	01320000	51111 Snow Removal Overtime	250,000	200,000	50,000	Reduce Mayor's Recomm. Snow Removal Overtime budget by \$50k
Municipal Garage	01356000	59005 Vehicle Maintenance Services	287,000	262,000	25,000	Reduce Vehicle Maint. by \$25k due to hiring 2 new Fleet mechanics
Municipal Garage	01305000	51108 Regular 1.5x Overtime Pay	63,100	43,100	20,000	Reduce overtime by \$20k due to hiring 2 new Fleet mechanics
Supportive Contributions	01620000	59500 Supportive Contributions	245,000	225,000	20,000	Reduce Supportive Contributions account, less supportive Contributions
Sanitation/Recycling	01325000	59005 Vehicle Maintenance Services	68,400	63,400	5,000	Reduced due to hiring 2 new mechanics
Transfer Station	01330000	59005 Vehicle Maintenance Services	55,000	50,000	5,000	Reduced due to hiring 2 new mechanics
Parks Maintenance	01356000	51000 Salary	755,198	719,461	35,737	Unfund 1 Maintainer 1(Grade 1) position in FY21
Parks Maintenance	01356000	52360 Medicare	16,505	15,987	518	Medicare savings due to unfunding 1 Maintainer 1 Grade 1
Parks Maintenance	01356000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	112,122	106,265	5,857	Merf savings due to unfunding 1 Maintainer 1 Grade 1
Parks Maintenance	01356000	52917 Health Insurance	299,673	277,308	22,365	Health Ins. savings due to unfunding 1 Maintainer 1 Grade 1
Parks Maintenance	01356000	56125 Landscaping Services	320,000	260,000	60,000	City will do some tree stump grinding in house
Economic Development	01450000	51000 Salary	1,392,877	1,300,517	92,360	Unfund vacant project manager position
Economic Development	01450000	52360 Medicare	18,220	16,881	1,339	Medicare savings for unfunding Project Manager Position
Economic Development	01450000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	218,114	202,977	15,137	Merf pension savings for unfunding Project Manager Position
Economic Development	01450000	52917 Health Insurance	310,352	287,987	22,365	Health Ins. savings for unfunding Project Manager Position
Economic Development	01450000	56160 Marketing Services	365,000	275,000	90,000	Majority intent is to reduce proposed amount by \$100k
Other Financing Services	01610000	56777 Mayor's Initiative Covid19	0	-2,000,000	2,000,000	Majorsal Actions due to Covid19 Effect/Impact
Pensions	01086000	52917 Health Insurance City Share	0	-600,000	600,000	Anticipated Health Insurance Savings due to lag in filling vacant positions
WEIGHTS & MEASURES(PUBLIC SAFETY)						
Weights & Measures	01285000	51000 Salary	122,782	0	122,782	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	51140 Longevity Pay	750	0	750	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	51156 Unused Vacation Time Payout	0	0	0	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	52360 Medicare	1,546	0	1,546	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	52360 Social Security	3,247	0	3,247	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	20,248	0	20,248	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	52917 Health Insurance	31,799	0	31,799	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
Weights & Measures	01285000	54675 Office Supplies	466	0	466	Legislative intent is to transfer Weights& Measures from Public Safety to Health& Soc. Services
DEPARTMENT OF AGING(PUBLIC FACILITY)						
Department of Aging	01351000	51000 Salary	500,094	0	500,094	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	51099 Contracted Salary	1,002	0	1,002	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	51100 P/T Temp/Seasonal Earn Pay	7,280	0	7,280	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	51140 Longevity Pay	7,500	0	7,500	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	51156 Unused Vacation Time Payout	0	0	0	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	52360 Medicare	5,993	0	5,993	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	52385 Social Security	5,018	0	5,018	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	52504 Merf Pension Contribution	59,375	0	59,375	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	52917 Health Insurance City Share	130,962	0	130,962	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	53725 Television Services	3,700	0	3,700	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	53905 Employee Tuition/Travel Reimb	200	0	200	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	54675 Office Supplies	2,800	0	2,800	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	55010 Arts and Crafts Equipment	1,200	0	1,200	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	56170 Other Maintenance & Repairs	100	0	100	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Department of Aging	01351000	59500 Supportive Contribution	1,000	0	1,000	Legislative Intent is to transfer Dpt of Aging from Public Facility to Health&Social Services
Total Expenditure Decreases			21,960,740	17,090,451	4,870,289	
Net Expenditure Incr.(Decr.)					303,003	
Overall Surplus/(Deficit)					0	
DEPARTMENT OF AGING LEGISLATIVE INTENT						
In addition to the above Budget and Appropriations Committee adopted changes to the Mayor's FY21 Proposed Budget, the Committee also adopted to transfer the entire FY21 Mayor's proposed Department of Aging budget appropriations from Public Facilities division into the Health and Social Services division in FY2021.						
Effective July 1, 2020, all Department of Aging salaries, personnel,fringes and operational accounts that were proposed in the Mayor's FY21 budget will be transferred out of the Public Facilities division into Health and Social Services division in FY2021.						
Also, note that the Budget and Appropriations Committee eliminated the funding of 1 Secretarial Assistant position in the Department of Aging FY21 salary budget in the amount of \$47,265.						
DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES LEGISLATIVE INTENT						
In addition to the above Budget and Appropriations Committee adopted changes to the Mayor's FY21 Proposed Budget, the Committee also adopted to transfer the entire FY21 Mayor's proposed Weights & Measures budget appropriations from Public Safety division into the Health and Social Services division in FY2021.						
Effective July 1, 2020, all Weights & Measures salaries, personnel,fringes and operational accounts that were proposed in the Mayor's FY21 budget will be transferred out of the Public Safety division into Health and Social Services division in FY2021.						

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira asked for the adjusted figure, which Council Member Burns provided for her.

Council Member Pereira said that they should have received this properly and correctly rather than in the middle of the meeting.

Assistant City Clerk Ortiz asked for an updated copy of the documentation.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO, AND PEREIRA).**

Final vote on the Budget as amended.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2020/2021 BUDGET AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she would like to be heard. She said that she would be asking for a number of amendments.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND THE PROPOSED 2021 CITY BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:**

- UNDER THE OFFICE OF MAYOR ON PAGE 26, TO ELIMINATE THE MAYOR’S COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR \$74,285 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- ELIMINATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE MANAGER POSITION TO REPLACE IT WITH AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION REDUCING THE PROPOSED \$24,734 RAISE TO \$13,339 RAISE SAVING \$11,395, AND TO ADJUST THE CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS TO GENERATE CORRESPONDING SERVICES**
- TO ELIMINATE THE PROPOSED \$5,040 RAISE FOR THE PART-TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT THAT RECEIVED A \$4,640 RAISE IN THE CURRENT BUDGET AND THE CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- UNDER THE COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE ON PAGE 43 TO ELIMINATE THE NEWLY PROPOSED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/MANAGER FOR \$106,639 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- UNDER THE PRINT SHOP ON PAGE 55, TO ELIMINATE THE PRINT SHOP AIDE FOR \$21,746 AND MESSENGER FOR \$44,728 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- UNDER CITY ATTORNEY ON PAGES 94 & 95, ADD AN ADDITIONAL FT ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY FOR A TOTAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 INCLUDING FRINGE BENEFITS AND REDUCE THE “CONTRACTED SALARIES” LINE BY THE FULL \$300,000 SAVING \$200,000**

- **UNDER CIVIL SERVICE ON PAGE 106, ELIMINATE THE CLERICAL ASSISTANT FOR \$51,575 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- **UNDER GRANTS PERSONNEL/BENEFITS ON PAGE 112, ELIMINATE CLERK A FOR \$29,000 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- **UNDER LABOR RELATIONS ON PAGE 121, FURTHER REDUCE THE SPECIAL SERVICES LINE BY THE REMAINING \$225,000 AS OUR HIGHLY COMPENSATED 11 FT ATTORNEYS SHOULD BE PROVIDING ALL LEGAL SERVICES**
- **UNDER LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT ON PAGE 132, ELIMINATE EMPLOYEE TUITION AND/OR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR \$200, \$750 FOR LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES, \$1,500 IN FOOD SERVICES, \$1,813 ON MANAGEMENT SERVICES, \$30,000 IN UNDEFINED OTHER SERVICES, AND \$45,000 IN CITY COUNCIL STIPENDS WHICH STILL LEAVES EACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WITH \$6,750 ANNUALLY**
- **UNDER THE CAO OFFICE ON PAGE 141, ELIMINATE AN UNAUTHORIZED SECOND ASSISTANT CAO AND RE-ESTABLISH THE DEPUTY CAO POSITION WITH THE REQUIRED SUPERVISOR'S UNION RAISE OF 2% THEREBY SAVING \$40,932 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- **UNDER THE MAYOR'S INITIATIVE RE-ENTRY AFFAIRS ON PAGE 144, THE ELIMINATION OF THE ENTIRE OFFICE WHICH HAS BEEN RIFE WITH ISSUES AND COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$277,285**
- **UNDER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON PAGE 167, WITH BY FAR THE LARGEST EXPENSE OF THE CITY AT \$102,000,000 ANNUALLY, TO ELIMINATE \$300,000 IN THE INCREASE IN REGULAR TIME AND A HALF**
- **UNDER WEIGHTS & MEASURES ON PAGE 193, ELIMINATE THE DEPUTY SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, WHICH IS NOT MANDATED, FOR \$42,181 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS**
- **UNDER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS CENTER ON PAGE 198, ELIMINATE 2 OF THE 5 VACANT PUBLIC SAFETY TCOS FOR \$103,524 WITH CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS AND TO ELIMINATE THE ADDITIONAL PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST POSITION TOTALING \$3,212 WHILE ALLOWING FOR THE CONTRACTUAL RAISE**

- UNDER RECREATION PROGRAMS ON PAGE 268, REDUCE ONE FT RECREATION COORDINATOR AND REPLACE IT WITH A PT RECREATION COORDINATOR FOR THE SPRING/SUMER/FALL SEASON WITH A PROPOSED SAVINGS OF \$25,000 WITH CORRESPONDING FRINGE SAVINGS.
- UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ON PAGE 317, A PRESS SECRETARY FROM THE CAO'S OFFICE , WHICH IS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF OUR CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AND A PRESS SECRETARY FROM THE BPD ARE BEING TRANSFERRED INTO THE EDC OFFICE WITH A COMBINED RAISE OF \$32,529 WHICH IS TO BE REDUCED TO CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED RAISES SAVING APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 WITH CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS
- UNDER HOUSING CODE ON PAGE 377, THREE SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATORS COMBINED RAISE OF \$21,183 IS TO BE REDUCED TO ONLY CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED RAISES THEREBY SAVING APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS
- UNDER HUMAN SERVICES ON PAGE 390, THE DATA COORDINATOR'S 11.7% RAISE TOTALING \$5,282 IS TO BE REDUCED TO THE CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED AMOUNT SAVING APPROXIMATELY \$3,282 AND CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS
- UNDER LIGHTHOUSE/YOUTH SERVICES ON PAGE 410 ON LINE 56175, IS A PROPOSED \$275,000 INCREASE WHICH IS TO BE FUNDED OUT OF THE OVER \$900,000 IN COLLECTED PARENT FEES WHICH ARE NOT PROPERLY RECORDED IN THE BUDGET BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND OPM IN VIOLATION OF STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRACTICES
- UNDER SUPPORTIVE/MEMBERSHIPS ON PAGE 421, TO REDUCE THIS DEPARTMENT BY \$40,000FOR A SAVINGS OF \$1,999,087 WITH A ADDITIONAL SAVINGS TO BE DETERMINED IN CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON BEHALF OF OUR DESERVING 20,400 STUDENTS.

**** THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2020/2021 BUDGET AS AMENDED PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, DEFILIPPO HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY,**

SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND FOUR (4) OPPOSED (BURNS, LYONS, MCCARTHY, AND PEREIRA).

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she was making a statement about a tit-for-tat text exchange she had with Council Member Pereira. She said that when she had pointed out to Council Member Pereira that sometimes people have misspelled names. Council Member Taylor-Moye went on to warn Council Member Pereira that she would not tolerate being disrespected.

Council Member Suliman said that she has come to the Council not to side with anyone. She said that she was not looking for a fight, but if they bring it to her, she's ready.

Council Member Cruz said that he would second every word that Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council Member Suliman said.

There has been a problem in his District with a pastor who has been using a parking lot for a church service. He asked the Mayor to enforce the Governor's order about people congregating in an area. The police had to be called. Council Member Cruz then read a letter from the developer who gave the pastor permission to have services there on Easter Sunday only.

Council Member Cruz then spoke about Community Liaison and said that the position was useless. The Council Members are the liaison to the Mayor's Office. The taxpayers don't need a Liaison making \$72,000. He asked the Mayor to eliminate that position.

Council Member Newton said that the people that were handling the parking meters downtown should be transferred to the Police Department.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR REFERRAL TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member McCarthy said that during these Zoom calls, the public and the Junior Council Members are listening. The snickering and comments that are being made during a motion is wrong.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR REFERRAL TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CHAPTER 10.16 – PARKING, AMEND SECTION 10.16.040 – DESIGNATION
OF PARKING DIVISION.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION TO REFER THE ITEM TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #96-19)**

Council Member Brantley said that she wanted to thank the Council for their hard work during the process. She said that she agreed with Council Member Cruz about the positions of the Mayoral Liaison was totally useless.

Council Member Brantley said she would like to bring to the Mayor's attention that there was a lot of ticketing occurring around Seaside park. She said that there were students who were ticketed and residents that were laid off their jobs.

Council Member Burns said that as Budget and Appropriations co-chair he wanted to thank everyone for their input. Being involved by Zoom seemed to get more people involved. It is a difficult budget year in that they have no idea of what will happen.

Council President Nieves thanked the entire body for their work. While they may not be able to agree with one another, the art of negotiation is to be able to walk away with dignity and respect. She said that the Council did a great job in moving the City forward. This is a new platform that they are in now and hopefully they will be able to meet back in the Chambers. This is reality of passion, personalities and respect.

Council President Nieves then acknowledged City Clerk Martinez's birthday and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia's birthday in April.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services