

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC TESTIMONY
JUNE 1, 2020**

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

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by 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1st***

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following statement was received by the City Clerk from Mr. John Marshall Lee for inclusion in the minutes:

OPEN ADDRESS TO City Leadership.....regarding Plan 1

Just heard from my friend Clyde Nicholson, who often addresses the City Council in public sessions. He feels locked out from hearing and being heard, participating in governance. Clyde has sketched the City Hall Council Chamber to indicate that it is large enough to open for the public soon, safely, and regularly to Council sessions. When will we begin to gather again in our spacious City Council chamber? When will the public speaking list be posted? Governor Lamont is taking a step at opening democratic 'polite society' effective May 20, 2020, with Phase 1. I am curious whether a gathering such as a City Council session is contemplated anytime soon by the Council?

There are usually about 25 individuals present in the Council Chamber well area. Planning to clean such area and have it measured for 6-foot social distancing should work within that space. (Retreating to a caucus room for executive session may be more limited, but how often is that breakout necessary when Open, Accountable, Transparent and Honest governance is the objective and the practice?)

As for an audience attending such meetings, once again there should be no problem. Aside from CC meetings discussing the education budget six-foot social distancing is easily practiced. The audience can be limited by Fire officials in any case. City Council meetings are better attended when the City is using the prelude to a meeting to honor or celebrate a group, an act of heroism, or showcase City talent, musical, athletic, or community service, for instance. Perhaps these photo ops might be suspended until social distancing is no longer necessary. The more basic reason for witnessing the actual process of a Council meeting can be on display and that is the point, isn't it?

Is it understood that Council and Committee meetings where the subject matter is heard, seen, and pondered by interested taxpaying citizens is a part of democratic governance? Is it likely for the public or a slice of it to have such expectations and count them reasonable? What has been discussed by the Council in this regard? Time will tell.

John Marshall Lee and Clyde Nicholson

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020

7:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.
The public was able to listen to this meeting by calling a conference line.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim led those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked City Clerk Martinez to lead those present in reciting the Pledge.

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: Ernest Newton

92-19 Public Hearing re: Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program Applications.

Mayor Ganim opened the public hearing on the Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program Applications at 7:14 p.m. He added that if anyone had comments, they could submit them to the City Clerk in writing.

Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard in favor of the measure. There was no response.

Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard in opposition to the measure. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 92-19 Public Hearing re: Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program Applications at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: May 4, 2020

The following edits were submitted by Council Member Pereira.

Page 2 – Second Paragraph - should state “Council Member Pereira said she had **emailed a number of changes to every City Council member and the City Clerk which also included incorrect votes cast by both Scott Burns and Eneida Martinez.**

Page 8 – Third Paragraph – Second Sentence should state “The resolution specifically states that they wanted to reverse all the ordinances related to the **Tax Incentive Development Program. The OPED Department simply lined out entire paragraphs in the existing ordinance regardless of whether existing language remained, and then drafted entirely new paragraphs with much of the existing language from the existing ordinance remaining. This is a flagrant violation of the City Charter.**”

Fifth Paragraph – “More importantly, **the proposed ordinance amendments does the complete opposite of what the January 9, 2018 Resolution submitted by Newton & Martinez requested.** It actually gives OPED & Mayor Ganim significantly more power to **approve tax incentive development agreements without City Council approval.** This in no way complies with the **2018 Resolution submitted by Newton & Martinez. In fact, it does the complete opposite.**”

Sixth Paragraph – sixth sentence - “... The current ordinance has two paragraphs that specifically **state** 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 **development program regulations/criteria and a number of required documents had to be submitted to qualify for the program.** All of **these requirements have been removed in the amended ordinance...**”

Page 9 – Third Paragraph – “Council Member Pereira **stated** that she was trying to understand **why resolutions submitted** in January of 2018 would be voted on the City Council now. **She stated we have not voted on any other resolutions referring an ordinance to the Ordinance Committee.** It should simply be the **actual ordinance amendments adopted by the Ordinance Committee being reported and voted on, not the resolutions from 2018.**”

Page 12 – First Paragraph – “Council Member Pereira **stated that the 4 Bunnell**

Street Lots being sold to Nano Solutions, LLC for \$120,000 were assessed at \$209,110 on Vision Appraisal/Tax Appraiser and the sales price is just 57% of the appraised value. The two Bunnell Street Lots being sold to WC McBride Electrical Contractors, LLC were being sold for \$20,300 while Vision/Bridgeport Tax Appraiser appraised them for \$52,390. The sales price is just 39% of the appraised value. In total, all six lots were being sold for just 46% of their appraised value which is a disservice to taxpayers. Max Perez said they were selling the lots based on an appraisal completed in December. Council Member Pereira stated those independent appraisals were not provided to the City Council.”

Page 12 – Final Paragraph – “Council Member Pereira stated these repeated settlements funded by taxpayers are a reflection on the administration. It is critical that when employees are being discharged, suspended or disciplined that all labor statutes, civil service requirements and labor agreements be adhered to with every “T” crossed and every “I” dotted.”

Page 13 – Fourth Paragraph- Please add a second sentence. “ She further stated that if these huge settlements continue due to police brutality, violating people’s civil rights, and violations of the law; they should be paid out of the exorbitant \$102,000,000 BPD Budget.”

Page 13 – Eighth Paragraph – Second Sentence – “In 2018, they received a tax credit of \$3,860,930 and only paid \$17,748 of their full tax bill of \$227,792 which equates to only 8.5% of their tax bill. At the current rate in ten, fifteen or twenty year tax abatement; we would lose \$1,907,030, \$2,860,545, and \$3,814,050 in taxes respectively. For this organization to save millions and only pay 8% of their taxes while home owners struggling to keep their homes pay 100% of their taxes is insulting, therefore I will be voting against this.”

Page 14 – Paragraph Two- “Council Member Pereira stated that the representative from the organization testified that every tenant earns less than \$20,000 annually and admitted they receive Section 8, which pays 100% of the market value for rent, yet they want to pay only 8.5% of their tax bill while collecting market rate rent on 42 apartment units which is unacceptable, and that she cannot justify that to her constituents who must pay 100% of their taxes.”

Page 14 – Paragraph Nine- “Council Member Pereira stated she had asked Mr. Nastu about his qualifications and based on his lack of qualifications would be voting no on his appointment.”

Page 16 – First Paragraph – “Mr. Know said that it was on the last page as noted.” “Council Member Pereira asked what was the purpose of transferring these two departments under the Department of Health as neither had anything to do with

public health. The Department of Aging simply planned activities for seniors and did not address health screenings or medical advice, and Weights & Measures was responsible for weights & measurement of items such as gas pumps and scales.”

Page 20- Fourth Paragraph – Second Sentence- She stated that she **will be offering an amendment on the budget and requested a roll call vote on both the amendment and the main motion.**

Page 22- Insert 7th Paragraph – “City Council Member Pereira reiterated that she had requested a roll call vote on the main motion as required in the City Charter and Mayor Ganim refused to order a roll call vote. The Mayor only allowed those opposed to state so on the record.”

Page 23 – First Paragraph- Martinez is listed as voting in favor of the 2021 Budget, however she departed the teleconference at 9:03 p.m., therefore she was not present when the vote was taken. She should not be listed as a voting member at all.

Page 23- Second Paragraph- “Council Member Pereira left the ZOOM teleconference immediately after the 2021 Budget was voted on as no other items were listed on the agenda, and although City Council Member Matt McCarthy made it clear Council Member Pereira was no longer on the call; Mayor Ganim allowed Council Members Denise-Taylor Moye and Jorge Cruz to make a number of disparaging remarks about Council Member Pereira in violation of Robert’s Rules of Order and City Council Rule and City Council Rule XXVI Conduct in the City Council which states “In speaking, City Council members shall refrain from mentioning any other member by name, shall confine themselves to the question, shall be courteous and not use unbecoming, abusive, or unparliamentarily language and shall avoid personalities.”

Council Member Herron asked for clarification on whether the minutes were to be a summary of Council Members’ comments or a verbatim transcript.

Council Member Lyons stated that she had voted against the increases in the budget and the vote was incorrectly listed.

Council Member Burns said that he had concerns about Council Member Pereira’s final proposed amendment to page 23 of the minutes which read as follows:

“Council Member Pereira left the ZOOM teleconference immediately after the 2021 Budget was voted on as no other items were listed on the agenda, and although City Council Member Matt McCarthy made it clear Council Member Pereira was no longer on the call; Mayor Ganim allowed Council Members Denise-Taylor Moye and Jorge Cruz to make a number of disparaging remarks about Council Member Pereira in violation of Robert’s Rules of Order and City Council Rule and City Council Rule XXVI Conduct in the City Council which states “In speaking, City Council members shall refrain from mentioning any other member by name, shall confine themselves to the question, shall be

courteous and not use unbecoming, abusive, or unparliamentarily language and shall avoid personalities.”

since most of it had occurred subsequent to the meeting. He stated that the original text contained in the minutes was correct.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO TABLE THE MAY 4, 2020 MINUTES.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

109-19 Request from OPED to Order a Public Hearing for June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. re: Proposed Resolution Making Certain Findings required by the City and Town Development Act (As Precursor to Consideration of a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for Windward Commons located at 20 Johnson Street).

110-19 Request from OPED to Order a Public Hearing for June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for Windward Commons located at 20 Johnson Street.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ORDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

109-19 REQUEST FROM OPED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 15, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED BY THE CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT ACT (AS PRECURSOR TO CONSIDERATION OF A TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR WINDWARD COMMONS LOCATED AT 20 JOHNSON STREET).

110-19 REQUEST FROM OPED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 15, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR WINDWARD COMMONS LOCATED AT 20 JOHNSON STREET.

- ** THERE WAS A SECOND.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

109-19 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Making Certain Findings required by the City and Town Development Act (As Precursor to Consideration of a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for Windward Commons located at 20 Johnson Street), referred to Joint Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment and Contracts.

110-19 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for Windward Commons located at 20 Johnson Street, referred to Joint Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment and Contracts.

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

107-19 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Valle & Co-Sponsor Nieves re: Proposed resolution requesting that the Intersection of Putnam Street and Park Street be designated as an “All-Way” stop intersection with appropriate signage and street markings, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

108-19 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Martinez & Co-Sponsor Newton re: Proposed resolution requesting the City Attorney to draft amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances to Reduce Auto Theft and Break-Ins, referred to Ordinance Committee.

111-19 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Brown & Co-Sponsor(s) Burns and McCarthy re: Proposed resolution regarding Support for a DEEP Bond Offering for Brownfield Cleanup of the West End to Prepare for the Next Phases of the Cherry Street Developments, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

109-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED BY THE CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT ACT (AS PRECURSOR TO CONSIDERATION OF A TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR WINDWARD COMMONS LOCATED AT 20 JOHNSON STREET), REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS.

110-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR WINDWARD COMMONS LOCATED AT 20 JOHNSON STREET, REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS.

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

107-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) VALLE & CO-SPONSOR NIEVES RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT

THE INTERSECTION OF PUTNAM STREET AND PARK STREET BE DESIGNATED AS AN “ALL-WAY” STOP INTERSECTION WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND STREET MARKINGS, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

108-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MARTINEZ & CO-SPONSOR NEWTON RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REDUCE AUTO THEFT AND BREAK-INS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

111-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BROWN & CO-SPONSOR(S) BURNS AND MCCARTHY RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR A DEEP BOND OFFERING FOR BROWNFIELD CLEANUP OF THE WEST END TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT PHASES OF THE CHERRY STREET DEVELOPMENTS, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***89-19 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services 2020 COPS Hiring Program (#21200).**

***92-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program Applications.**

***97-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with William McMahon.**

***102-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Workers’ Compensation Stipulation with Jose Negrón.**

***103-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Workers’ Compensation Stipulation with John M. Evans.**

***52-19 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution creating an Informational Session for the City Council to be briefed on current Youth Development Programming and Practices funded by the City.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Pereira requested Agenda Item 52-19 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Burns requested Agenda Item 102-19 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member McCarthy requested Agenda Item 89-19 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

City Clerk Martinez read the remaining items into the record.

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

***92-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAMS FOR CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS.**

***97-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH WILLIAM MCMAHON.**

***103-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH JOHN M. EVANS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

89-19 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services 2020 COPS Hiring Program (#21200).

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member McCarthy had several questions about the funding for the police officers. Mr. Flatto provided the details of the grant to the Council.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

102-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Workers' Compensation Stipulation with Jose Negrón.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED THE ITEM.**

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

Council Member Burns said that they had spoken with Atty. Yeomans handling the matter during the Executive Session and wished to know if Atty. Yeomans had a status report. Atty. Yeoman said that the client was willing to accept three separate payments over a period of time.

Council Member Lyons asked if the item had gone before the Police Commission. She was told that it had not because it did not involve the Police Department.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

52-19 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution creating an Informational Session for the City Council to be briefed on current Youth Development Programming and Practices funded by the City.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that they had discussed having bi-annual meetings and there was a revised item in the packet. She asked for clarification. Council President Nieves said that they would discuss the item in August. Discussion followed.

Council President McBride-Lee asked about the Youth Program and what items it included. Council Member Cruz gave her the details. Discussion followed.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

86-19 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Blum Shapiro & Company for Fiscal Years 2020-2022 re: Auditing Services and Financial Statement Preparation.

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE CONTRACT:**

UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE INSURING AGAINST CLAIMS OR SUITS BROUGHT FOR ANY PURPOSE BROAD ENOUGH TO INCLUDE PREMISES AND OPERATIONS, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS, GENERAL AND CONTINGENT LIABILITY, CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY, COMPLETED OPERATIONS, BROAD FORM PROPERTY DAMAGE, CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN A MINIMUM OF \$1,000,000.

TO: UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE INSURING AGAINST CLAIMS OR SUITS BROUGHT FOR ANY PURPOSE BROAD ENOUGH TO INCLUDE PREMISES AND OPERATIONS, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS, GENERAL AND CONTINGENT LIABILITY, CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY, COMPLETED OPERATIONS, BROAD FORM PROPERTY DAMAGE, CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN A MINIMUM OF \$5,000,000.

AND TO CHANGE THE EXHIBIT B FIXED COST SCHEDULE, REVISED FOR 3 YEARS MAX TIME LENGTH AS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING CHART:

FIXED FEES

	Proposed # of Hours	Initial Term		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Audit and report on City's entire general purpose financials (I) (II)	920	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 182,750
ED001 (including special Education grants)	150	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,750
Federal & State Single Audit Act statements and reports	320	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 61,500
Total all	1390	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$276,000

- (I) Audit and report includes the Board of Education financials, Nutrition Fund and School Activity funds. The WPCA requires a separate audit report and opinion. (See below.)
- (II) Includes management letter and report on the combined and individual fund financial statements, and assistance with Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting with GFOA. Respondents may view the City 2019 CAFR on the City's website.

Audit Water Pollution Control Authority (Note 1)	80	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,300
Bridgeport Port Authority (Bid optional.)		\$	\$	\$

Note 1: WPCA fees are included in Total All, above

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had asked for the cost factor grid to be corrected. Council Member Newton said that the update had been sent out. Council Member Pereira said that she did not receive it. She was told that Mr. Flatto sent the document to the Committee and the Chairs. The email to the City Clerk was accidentally omitted. Discussion followed.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 86-19 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLUM SHAPIRO & COMPANY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2022 RE: AUDITING SERVICES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION AS AMENDED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE RESOLUTION 96-19.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE RESOLUTION 96-19 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.16 – PARKING, AMEND SECTION 10.16.040 – DESIGNATION OF PARKING DIVISION ON JUNE 15, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira asked whether the item would have to go before Budget & Appropriations if the item was approved. Discussion followed.

**** THE MOTION TO MOVE TO SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE RESOLUTION 96-19 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.16 – PARKING, AMEND SECTION 10.16.040 – DESIGNATION OF PARKING DIVISION ON JUNE 15, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Lyons said that she was putting in a request through the Public Safety Committee for a status report on the Chief Ramsey report.

Council Member Cruz spoke about how proud he was of the Bridgeport Police Officers and the way they recently held their ground in the face of an unruly crowd. The officers were able to maintain their restraint in the face of the protestors' anger. He asked that everyone keep the family of George Floyd in their thoughts.

Council Member Brantley said that she agreed and saw the negative behaviors that were displayed. The officers maintained their composure in the situation. She said that they should commend Chief Perez and the officers. She said she would like to have a discussion with the Chief about determining the point where the officers stop using restraining measures on suspects.

Council Member Lyons said that she wanted clarification on a vote about the amendment to the parking.

Council Member Newton said with all due respect, he had attended the march at McLevy Hall but was not at the Police Station. He did go up the highway and spoke to the young people on the highway. There needs to be a dialog between the youth and the police officers.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services