

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM  
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

Council President Nieves called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jorge Cruz  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: Marcus Brown, M. Evette Brantley  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Jeanette Herron  
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136<sup>th</sup> District:  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Maria Valle, Aidee Nieves  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Ernest Newton

There was a quorum was present.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO  
ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

The following named person may dial into this meeting to speak by calling the following  
conference line and then entering the conference code:

Dial-in Number#: (929) 436-2866  
Meeting ID#: 381 083 245

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Gemeem Davis**

Bridgeport Generation Now  
1115 Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

The resolution being referred  
to the Public Safety Committee  
concerning policing.

Ms. Davis of 1115 Main Street said that on July 15th, GenNow had released a letter with nine points about police issues. The murder of George Floyd showed that there were common items

that need to be addressed. She said that there should be reallocation of funds from the police to education and community programs and listed a variety of other changes.

Ms. Davis thanked the Council for taking the time to listen to the people and taking on a role of leadership. She thanked numerous Council Members and stated that racism was a public health crisis. She was looking forward to working with the Contracts Committee. early in the negotiation process and also mentioned her work with the Committee on the four resolutions that are being proposed. She thanked everyone for listening and moving the proposals forward.

Council President Nieves said that several people had tried to sign up after the Public Speaking deadline and encouraged them to send written statements to the City Clerk.

Council President Nieves closed the Public Speaking portion of the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services.

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

This meeting was conducted by teleconference.

Mayor Ganim said that Ms. Albertina Baptista had worked for the Bridgeport Health Department for 20 years and retired on June 30, 2020.

Council Member Herron said that Ms. Baptista lived in her district and was exemplary. Her expertise was unimaginable and is a major loss to the City. She has always been available to the Council Members. Council Member Herron said that her respect for Ms. Baptista was immense. She also noted that Ms. Baptista had taken over the Health Department as the Acting Health Director due to the Health Director leaving on three separate occasions, including the recent COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Mayor Ganim then read the Proclamation declaring July 6, 2020 as Albertina Baptista Day.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ganim called the Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee to lead everyone in a prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

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

A quorum was present.

**126-19 Public Hearing re: Resolution Making Findings Per Connecticut City and Town Development Act (Precursor to Consideration of a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for 515 West Avenue).**

Mayor Ganim opened the hearing on Agenda Item 126-19 -- Resolution Making Findings Per Connecticut City and Town Development Act (Precursor to Consideration of a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for 515 West Avenue) at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Ganim asked if there were anyone present who wished to speak to the Council.

Council Member Pereira said that she wished to be heard.

Council Member Newton objected because the hearing was for the public. Council Members have ample opportunity to discuss the matter at Committee meetings and during Council Meetings.

Council Member Pereira stated that she was a member of the public.

Council Member Pereira said that in reviewing the proposed 10 or 15 year abatement, that what was being proposed would only require 6% of the taxes. All the other taxpayers are expected to pay 100% of their taxes with the exception of some seniors. The City stands to lose over \$2 million dollars over the next twenty years based on the current tax rate. She noted that there had been a ribbon cutting over two years ago and the management did not file the appropriate paperwork.

Mayor Ganim asked if there were anyone else present who wished to speak to the Council. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 126-19 at 7:12 p.m.

**127-19 Public Hearing re: Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for 515 West Avenue.**

Mayor Ganim opened the hearing on Agenda Item Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for 515 West Avenue.

Council Member Brantley said that she would like Mr. Coleman to respond to Council Member Pereira's comments. Mayor Ganim said that this item would be presented to the Council for discussion.

Mr. Coleman said that he would attend the Committee meeting. Mayor Ganim said that Council Member Pereira should submit her questions to the Chair prior to the meeting.

Mayor Ganim asked if there were anyone else present who wished to speak to the Council. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 127-19 at 7:13 p.m.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: June 1, 2020**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2020.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

The following correction was noted:

Page 14, please change the following vote from:

**\*\* THE MOTION FOR 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-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**TO:**

**\*\* THE MOTION FOR 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 SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR ( BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) ONE (1)ABSTENTION (LYONS) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 1, 2020 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**133-19                   Communication from OPED re: (Ref. #70-18) Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 PY45 City’s Annual Action Plan as it relates to the Emergency Solution Grant and Community Development Block Grant, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

Mayor Ganim said that the Council would be considered Agenda item 133-19 at the end of the meeting because there were a number of Council Members who had conflicts and would be leaving the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**128-19** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Frances Nunez, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**134-19** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Resolution regarding an Agreement with Fairfield Fire Department to perform Training Activities with the City of Bridgeport Fire Department, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

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

**129-19** Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Cruz, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Herron, McBride-Lee, Silva, Castillo, Pereira, Martinez & Newton re: Proposed resolution declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis in Bridgeport, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**130-19** Resolution presented by Council President Nieves re: Proposed resolution committing to reallocating certain funds from the Police Department to address the safety, security, educational and social services needs of Bridgeport residents, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

**131-19** Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Nieves, Burns, Taylor-Moye, Herron, Martinez, Valle & Newton re: Proposed resolution for the City Attorney to draft a Racial Equity Assistance Fund Ordinance, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**132-19** Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Pereira & Co-Sponsor Cruz re: Proposed resolution concerning Termination and Collection of Taxpayer funded payments for criminal defense attorneys representing Mayor Ganim, Dan Shamas, David Dunn and Chief A. J. Perez, referred to Contracts Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES:**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**128-19** COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH FRANCES NUNEZ, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

**134-19** COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM TRAINING ACTIVITIES WITH THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

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

**129-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) CRUZ, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, CASTILLO, PEREIRA, MARTINEZ & NEWTON RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECLARING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN BRIDGEPORT, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**130-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO REALLOCATING CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE SAFETY, SECURITY, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS OF BRIDGEPORT RESIDENTS, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**131-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) NIEVES, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, HERRON, MARTINEZ, VALLE & NEWTON RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A RACIAL EQUITY ASSISTANCE FUND ORDINANCE, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**132-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) PEREIRA & CO-SPONSOR CRUZ RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING TERMINATION AND COLLECTION OF TAXPAYER FUNDED PAYMENTS FOR CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING MAYOR GANIM, DAN SHAMAS, DAVID DUNN AND CHIEF A. J. PEREZ, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

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

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

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

**\*101-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing entry into an Environmental Land Use Restriction (“ELUR”) regarding the Family Dollar Store Property located at 1197 State Street.**

**\*111-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: 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.**

Mayor Ganim asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. There was no response.

Assistant City Clerk Ortiz read the items into the record.

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

**\*101-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAND USE RESTRICTION (“ELUR”) REGARDING THE FAMILY DOLLAR STORE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1197 STATE STREET.**

**\*111-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

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

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**16-19 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution for the Development of a Policy for Early Inclusion of the City Council in the Collective Bargaining Process.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 16-19 19 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY FOR EARLY INCLUSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton said that for far too long, the Council only could approve or reject a contract. This will allow the Contracts Committee Co-chairs to give input to the Labor Department on the various contracts. He thanked his fellow Council Members for voting it out of Committee

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 16-19 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY FOR EARLY INCLUSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**96-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic, amend Chapter 10.16 – Parking. (Motion to Rescind and / or Repeal the action taken at the City Council's June 15, 2020 meeting concerning Item No. 96-19 Ordinance Committee Report.)**



Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she wants to send the Parking Division back to the Police Department.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 96-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 10 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, AMEND CHAPTER 10.16 – PARKING. (MOTION TO RESCIND AND / OR REPEAL THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL'S JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING CONCERNING ITEM NO. 96-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Cruz said that with all due respect to the Council Members, he was disappointed that they were still fighting about the transfer of the Parking Authority back to the Police Department. He said that with all the shootings out there, he could not understand why they would send it back to the Police Department. He is against the move.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that the Parking officers would continue in their jobs. No one will lose their positions.

Council Member Martinez said that at the last meeting, her phone froze during the vote. She said that she was in favor of this transfer. She said that the Parking Division should be presenting documentation to the Council during the budget process.

Council Member Newton said that in the Charter states that the Parking Authority should be under the Police Department. This was changed for political reasons. It is time to follow the Charter. Council Member Newton said that he was surprised that there were those who did not want to do what they were supposed to do.

Council Member Brown said that there was national movement to defund Police Departments and now they were asking it to take on more work. He said that he disagrees with Council Member Taylor-Moye and felt that they should be divesting the department.

Council Member Pereira said that she agreed with Council Member Newton. It states in Chapter 13 that the Parking Authority was under the Police Commission.

Council Member Pereira asked if the rescinded vote would require a simple majority or a 2/3rd. Mayor Ganim said that this would be a simple majority to approve.

Council Member Brantley said that she felt that less that the Police were involved, the better for everyone.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO RESCIND AND / OR REPEAL THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL'S JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING CONCERNING ITEM NO. 96-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, PEREIRA, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (CRUZ, BROWN AND DEFILIPPO).**

Council Member Newton said that they had voted to rescind the June vote. Now they had to vote to approve the item. Mayor Ganim noted that the approval was not listed on the agenda. Council Member Newton said he would call a City Attorney to verify the correct procedure. Mayor Ganim asked the Council to proceed with the agenda until Council Member Newton was able to verify the correct procedure with a City Attorney.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA REGARDING A SPECIAL FREE ADMISSION DAY PASS FOR TRANSIENT NON-CITY RESIDENT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH COVID-19 PATIENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRAL TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BRANTLEY, BROWN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**Proposal to establish a special free day pass for admission to the Beardsley or Seaside Park for transient non-city resident medical professionals working with COVID-19 Patients**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE MOVED TO REFER A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FREE DAY PASS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BEARDSLEY OR SEASIDE PARK FOR TRANSIENT NON-CITY RESIDENT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH COVID-19 PATIENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED. (ITEM #135-19)**

Council Member McBride-Lee said that this would allow those medical professionals who worked with COVID-19 patients to have a day pass at Beardsley or Seaside Park as a thank you for their hard work.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BRANTLEY, BROWN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Herron and Council Member Cruz asked to be added on as co-sponsors.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THREE (3) RESOLUTIONS FOR REFERRAL: A RESOLUTION REGARDING POLICE REFORM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO BE REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (ITEM #138-19), A SECOND RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT POLICING IN BRIDGEPORT (ITEM #136-19) AND A THIRD RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO**

**EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGARDING THE ROLE OF POLICE OFFICERS. (ITEM #137-19)**

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

Council Member Pereira asked for copies of the resolution. Council President Nieves said that she would give copies to the City Clerk, who would provide the Council Members with the documents.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE ITEMS TO THE AGENDA PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO REFER A RESOLUTION REGARDING POLICE REFORM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, A SECOND RESOLUTION TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT POLICING IN BRIDGEPORT AND THE THIRD RESOLUTION TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGARDING THE ROLE OF POLICE OFFICERS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BRANTLEY, BROWN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Newton said that he spoken with a City Attorney about the second vote to approve the approval of the transfer of the Parking Division back to the Police Department.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE ITEM CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM NO. 96-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO TRANSFER THE PARKING DIVISION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION CONCERNING ITEM NO. 96-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, PEREIRA, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (CRUZ, BROWN AND DEFILIPPO).**

Council Member Pereira said that they would have to vote on transferring the budget. Council Member Newton said that at the last Council Meeting, that Mr. Nkwo would be transferring the line item based on past practices.

## **ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

At this point in time a number of Council Members left the meeting due to conflicts of interest: Council Member Martinez, Council Member Newton, Council Member Brown, Council Member Burns, Council President Nieves, Council Member Brantley, Council Member Valle and Council Member Taylor-Moye.

The remaining eight Council Members were: Council Member McCarthy, Council Member DeFilippo, Council Member Herron, Council Member McBride-Lee, Council Member Silva, Council Member Castillo, Council Member Pereira, and Council Member Suliman.

**133-19 Communication from OPED re: (Ref. #70-18) Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 PY45 City's Annual Action Plan as it relates to the Emergency Solution Grant and Community Development Block Grant, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 133-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: (REF. #70-18) PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 PY45 CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.**

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

Council Member Pereira stated that under the CARES Act, there was a five day notice for the public and there was no public notice. She asked where it was published.

Mr. Gill said that it was sent to the CT Post on June 19th. Council Member Pereira said that she did not see it on the site. She then asked if it was posted on the department and notice in the library websites. Discussion followed.

Council Member Pereira said that the Citizen Union's had already been approved. She spoke about an agency, REACH, that had a 98% success rate and was only being given \$20,000.

Council Member Pereira spoke about the lowered amount for CDBG allocation based on the CARES acts and the money was not allocated.

Council Member Cruz said that he did not see P-46 and wanted to know why it was not up for a vote. Mr. Gill said that they had to amend the plan and it was suggested that P-45 be amended. Council Member Cruz said that he wanted to know why they had not been voting on P-46.

Council Member Pereira said that she was concerned about the \$1 million being allocated to the Small Business and Minority Business Office. She said that there was \$1 million of unspent funds. She said that this item had been presented to the Citizen Union but was not presented to the CDBG Committee. She wanted to know why the Policy and Procedures were not being followed. Discussion followed.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 133-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPEL RE: (REF. #70-18) PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 PY45 CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR (HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASTILLO, SILVA AND MCCARTHY) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO, PEREIRA, AND CRUZ).**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services