

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

This meeting was conducted by teleconference.

The public was able to listen to this meeting by calling a conference line.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Newton to lead the Council in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Herron to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz 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: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Alfredo Castillo, Avelino Silva  
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

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: October 5, 2020**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2020.**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

*City Clerk Lydia Martinez announced that she had joined the call.*

Council Member Pereira asked if they were recording the meeting via video or audio as required by the Governor's Executive Order 7B. She stated that the minutes were inaccurate. Council Member Pereira said that she had sent a list of five corrections for the minutes to the City Clerk and the entire Council.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND THE CHANGES TO THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2020.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEFILIPPO SECONDED.**

**\*\* MAYOR GANIM ANNOUNCED THAT THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MINUTES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Brown indicated he was opposed. Council Member Roman-Christy asked for clarification on the vote. Several other Council Members stated they had not received the proposed amendments. Council Member Suliman stated she was out of the country.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FAILED TO PASS WITH TEN (10) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, SILVA, PEREIRA, CASTILLO AND MARTINEZ) AND ELEVEN (11) OPPOSED (TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, NEWTON, ROMAN-CHRISTY AND MAYOR GANIM).**

Mayor Ganim announced that motion to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes as amended failed completely.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**192-19      Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing an Extension for the Administration of a Pilot Program for Shared Mobility Devices, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

**193-19      Communication from OPED re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10.32 – The Operation or Use of Dirt Bikes, All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles, Motor-Driven Cycles or Mini-Cycles, amend Section 10.32.010 – Definitions, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

**194-19      Communication from OPED re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.16 – Street and Sidewalk Use Regulations, amend Section(s) 12.16.245 – Permit to Use City Streets and Sidewalks for the Shared Mobility Pilot Program and 12.16.250 – Miscellaneous Acts Prohibited, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

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

**195-19 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Newton; Co-sponsor(s) Martinez, Burns, Cruz, Herron & Valle re: Proposed Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City Code to restrict selecting, reclassifying or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during period Mayor is a “lame-duck”, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

**196-19 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Brown, Vizzo-Paniccia & Valle; Co-sponsor(s) Burns & Nieves re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add New Chapter 12.17 – Establishing an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**192-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**193-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.32 – THE OPERATION OR USE OF DIRT BIKES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES OR MINI-CYCLES, AMEND SECTION 10.32.010 – DEFINITIONS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**194-19 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12.16 – STREET AND SIDEWALK USE REGULATIONS, AMEND SECTION(S) 12.16.245 – PERMIT TO USE CITY STREETS AND SIDEWALKS FOR THE SHARED MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM AND 12.16.250 – MISCELLANEOUS ACTS PROHIBITED, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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

**195-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) NEWTON; CO-SPONSOR(S) MARTINEZ, BURNS, CRUZ, HERRON & VALLE RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY CODE TO RESTRICT SELECTING, RECLASSIFYING OR OTHERWISE PLACING POLITICAL APPOINTEES/UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE APPOINTEES IN VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE DURING PERIOD MAYOR IS A “LAME-DUCK”, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**196-19 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BROWN, VIZZO-PANICCIA & VALLE; CO-SPONSOR(S) BURNS & NIEVES RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.17 – ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET NAMING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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

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

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

**\*170-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Per Capita Funding Allocation (#21220).**

**\*171-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Subrecipient Agreement with the Ledge Light Health District regarding the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) (#21221) and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) (#21282) Grants.**

**\*172-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) Grant Program (#21372).**

**\*177-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Attorney James E. O’Donnell to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

**\*178-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Judge William Holden to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

**\*179-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Kenya Osborne-Gant to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

**\*181-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Denise Clemons to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

**\*182-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Jeanette Muñoz Allam to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

**\*186-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of John M. Klein (R) to the Water Pollution Control Authority.**

**\*187-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ira Nachem (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate.**

**\*190-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Kai Starn (D) to the Energy Improvement District.**

Mayor Ganim asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Pereira requested to remove the following Agenda Items: 170-19, 171-19, 172-19, 186-19 and 187-19.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**170-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PER CAPITA FUNDING ALLOCATION (#21220).**

**171-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT REGARDING THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP) (#21221) AND MEDICAL RESERVE CORP (MRC) (#21282) GRANTS.**

**172-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) – LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION (LHR) GRANT PROGRAM (#21372).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she did not have an issue with the grants, but by voting for the grants the Council was authorizing the administration to execute the funding documents. She said that according to the Charter, the administration does not have the authority to do this.

Council Member Brantley called the question.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**170-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PER CAPITA FUNDING ALLOCATION (#21220).**

**171-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT REGARDING THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP) (#21221) AND MEDICAL RESERVE CORP (MRC) (#21282) GRANTS.**

**172-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) – LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION (LHR) GRANT PROGRAM (#21372).**

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

**186-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of John M. Klein (R) to the Water Pollution Control Authority.**

**187-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ira Nachem (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**186-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOHN M. KLEIN (R) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.**

**\*187-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF IRA NACHEM (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AS AN ALTERNATE.**

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

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the two items had been unanimously passed in the Miscellaneous Matters Committee meeting. Council Member Pereira stated that she had to leave the Committee meeting early.

Council Member Pereira said that Mr. Klein had a consulting business and asked if there would be a conflict of interest if he consulted for the City. Council Member Burns said that Mr. Klein informed the Committee that he works for a Stamford company.

Council Member Pereira said that Mr. Nachem was a senior vice president for a bank and asked if there would be a conflict of interest with his business. Council Member McCarthy stated that Mr. Nachem was retired. Council Member Brantley, Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia and others confirmed this.

Council Member Newton pointed out that even if Mr. Nachem wasn't retired, he had the right to be a member of the ZBA and could abstain from a vote if he felt that there was a conflict of interest.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

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**187-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF IRA NACHEM (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AS AN ALTERNATE.**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Clerk Martinez read the remaining Consent Calendar items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*177-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY JAMES E. O'DONNELL TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

**\*178-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE WILLIAM HOLDEN TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

**\*179-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF KENYA OSBORNE-GANT TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

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**\*190-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF KAI STARN (D) TO THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services