

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Black History Month Celebration

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Bridgeport, CT 06604

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Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Complaint regarding the handling of constituents.

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Olson, *Brantley, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, *Silva, Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Baker, *Holloway

ABSENT: Council member: Vizzo-Paniccia

*=arrived late

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 pm.

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Mr. Book stated he has resided in Bridgeport for years. He said he runs a limousine service in Fairfield and he noted that he was a candidate for the senate. He relayed that during the late 1980's; he addressed issues regarding local and state matters concerning CRRA activities. He recalled a police action that occurred on May 5, 2010. He said vehicle was towed and he clarified that it wasn't stolen or reported as being stolen. The vehicle was towed and impounded and it remains parked at Jerry's Auto to this day (the vehicle was owned by Mrs. Corriano and registered by her. Subsequently, a small claims action was filed and Attorney Conte handled it. During January 2012, he said he addressed the city council about this matter and he was in contact with the city attorney. On November 5, 2012, he said he received an email regarding the matter, but he wasn't familiar with the sender who was an elected public official. *Mr. Book submitted his testimony to the city clerk.*

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Cecil C. Young
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Bridgeport, CT 06607

Complaint regarding the handling of
constituents.

Mr. Young mentioned that he is a taxpayer. He relayed the situation about his unjust termination. He questioned if the city council and the mayor are aware that they work for the people. He went on to speak about snow removal. He suggested that if there is another storm, public facilities should make sure that a path is cleared enough to allow cars to get in and out. And when the snow stops; they should then implement the off-side of the street parking; noting that it's unfair to penalize taxpayers. He returned to the topic of his unjust termination and he said he was troubled that as a constituent, he can't get one word from anyone on the city council about his complaint. He said he was tired of being treated like a nigger. Council President McCarthy asked him to refrain from using that word. Mr. Young continued to address the city council with name calling as he further vented about his unjust termination. He emphasized that he was terminated, he didn't resign and he felt the city should be held accountable.

John Marshall Lee – *below is the statement he read before the city council:*

Comments to CITY COUNCIL MARCH 4, 2013

The snow shovel in my hand tonight is a symbol. It is a symbol of the failure of this Council and this administration to look out for the needs of the citizens of Bridgeport two weeks ago specifically. You remember the historic storm for most towns in this area? Perhaps you remember the response in Bridgeport? You were present for critical comments from a variety of citizens I hope? I know there were positive responses by some but those could not have been helpful to your learning curve. What did the City learn? Or are you still processing these comments?

I observed that citizens expected better technology use by City leaders in the hours before the snow came and over the next 48 hours. Could people have been helped by warning about on street parking? They were in New Haven apparently. And what about plans to hire outside firms? What were the plans and who was ready to help early in the storm? And decisions to seek Federal funding for an emergency and allowing the mess to become more of an emergency than it needed to be? So people shoveled like never before and will remember how you let the entire City down.

Are you letting the City down in other areas? The City Operating budget was due Saturday according to the budget outline from page 33 of the CAFR. Where is it? The longer it is withheld from you, the briefer time you will have to review three budgets this year, not just one. And where will the Capital Budget be released and posted? When are the public hearings scheduled? What prevents you from allowing questions to be asked as part of Budget and Appropriations Committee meetings? And will you appoint a replacement to that overwhelmed committee due to the retirement of Bob Curwen?

There is much up in the air at this time. It's true. But you ran for this position and yet many of the people I talk with feel you are running from it in the way you do not talk with the public, do not engage in dialogue or discussion and show no sign of hearing comments about failing close attention to Charter, Ordinance or other directing regulatory language.

There are barely seven months to City Council elections. Will you consider starting your deliberations with a fourth budget request? It would show what needs to be done if you levied no property tax increase this year. We survived the snow storm in our own ways. People started talking to each other. What if some non-essential services were dropped entirely? What if the "ghost position" game ends and department goals and status towards goals are posted on department sites each month? And monthly financial reports as well? How does a taxpayer know what they are getting in terms of service and expense otherwise? It's really that simple. Get out your shovels, and move whatever is blocking a pathway to public knowledge and understanding of City finances. Read the financial reports and tell the people why Police and Fire Overtime continue to cause a projected deficit at year end. Stop wringing your hands. Get your shovels out and use them. Talk with your neighbors and answer questions that others send to you regularly, please, as I do. I am doing this for the benefit of the public and know that you can hear me, yet ignore me. Time is not on your side I suspect in this game of HIDE FROM THE PUBLIC. Time is running out as we come to Capital and Operating budgets. Time will tell.

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Clyde Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson recalled what happened during the blizzard. He questioned how many council persons had their car towed during the storm – *he displayed a sign that read "NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW"*. He made the point that the snow resulted in a blizzard, not just a regular storm. He said he lived on Park Avenue where there is no off-street parking and he didn't have any way to move his car. He stressed that for the city to tow cars was totally illegal and it's not the way the taxpayers of the city should be treated. He said in order for residents to adhere to the off-street parking regulation; he thought they needed to bring the snow plows out and move the snow with the car. He further stressed that the people who incurred towing charges should be reimbursed; especially the citizens with that are struggling financially. He said he personally lost money from the tow and he felt that the city owes him and others.

He went on to speak about the issue of selling illegal guns. He said it was time for the city to step up and take a stand about the issue, because citizens aren't going to take it anymore.

Amos Brown

Mr. Brown spoke about looking at all the young men that were murdered during 2012. He said he has listened to the governor and the mayor about illegal guns and he found that all the paperwork concerning the matter is about assault weapons; but there is no discussion about illegal hand guns that are coming out the back doors. He suggested that the answer to get rid of assault weapons is not to make them and then they can't be sold. He said the same thing applied to hand guns. He emphasized the problem of young black men getting killed by guns. To further make his point, he relayed that the citizens have a right to vote as they wish, noting that in the past, we didn't have a choice but now we do. He recalled a story about a 5-year old that got killed by a gun. He stressed that it was time to run the country with some sense.

The public hearing session closed at 7:10 pm.

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

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7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Olson, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council member: Vizzo-Paniccia

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Prayer - Council member Blunt offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Council member Taylor-Moye.

Roll Call - the city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Mayor Finch briefly addressed the issue of gun control. He clarified that that entire city council is in favor of the governor's gun legislation. He clarified that the city council cannot make laws regarding guns, because they are not a federal governing body. However, he emphasized that they are backing the president, the governor and others to fight the problem because they are all on the same team.

Black History Month Celebration

Council member Blunt introduced the Bridgeport Boys Choir that has been in existence for twenty-six years. The choir began the program by singing the Star Spangled Banner.

The choir director thanked Mayor Finch and the city council for inviting them tonight. The choir sang another song that consisted of melodic harmonies titled "The Sun is Arising in my Soul". The choir concluded by singing a South African folk song – *to applause!*

Mayor Finch commented that the choir director should leave their contact information in case there are other young men that might be interesting in joining.

Council member Blunt spoke on behalf of the American Black and Latino Caucus in honor of Black History Month. He expressed that although they were celebrating it late, they are on time to recognize those past and present that have made accomplishments that are acknowledged in our history. He requested that the members present of the caucus stand to be recognized. He further thanked Mayor Finch and Council President McCarthy. And he thanked the Bridgeport Boys Choir for their magnificent voices.

Council President McCarthy stated that Council member Vizzo-Paniccia was absent tonight because she was still recovering from surgery.

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Mayor Finch, Council President McCarthy and Council members Brantley, Bonney, dePara, Taylor-Moye came forward to present the citations.

Council President McCarthy stated that the city council always likes to recognize positive and great things that happen in Bridgeport. He expressed that there were specifically three people being honored tonight that consisted of a woman and men who have become people of honor in their community. He said it was important to acknowledge these people and continue to encourage the children in our city.

Mayor Finch stated that they have celebrated great cultural events during the month of February. He expressed that it was an exciting time of year to celebrate Black History Month – *he held up the tote bag that was created to highlight Black History Month that consisted of the faces of local and worldwide persons that have made notable contributions to black history.*

The recipients that were present to receive the citation came forward:

Theresa Wilson came forward. Mayor Finch expressed that he and Ms. Wilson have parented their children through the schools together. He relayed that she was a great inspiration to young women in the city – *he read the proclamation that recognized Theresa Wilson for promoting higher education in the community.*

Council member Brantley congratulated Ms. Wilson. She recalled that she had an opportunity to travel to different cities with her on one of the tours. She expressed the amazing work that she does with youth. She mentioned that she also grew up with Theresa and she acknowledged that she personally has been taught by some of the finest people in Bridgeport about what it means to serve the city. She noted that many of the children that Theresa has taught have gone on to achieve great success in their chosen profession.

Council President McCarthy read and presented the citation to Theresa Wilson and congratulated her – *a group picture was taken.*

Ms. Wilson thanked the Mayor and city council for being recognized. She expressed that the citation meant a lot to her, noting that she grew up in the Bridgeport schools. She expressed that she loved what she does because it works. She relayed that when you pose the question of how the children are, they have to be aware; because if the children aren't alright, then the community isn't alright. She spoke about the number of years she and her students have been going on the tours.

Council member Brantley acknowledged Theresa Wilson's mother in the audience. She expressed that she also has been an inspiration and role model to youth also.

Levern Gaskin came forward. Council member Bonney stated that it was an honor to present the citation. He relayed that he has known Mr. Gaskin for most of his life, recalling all the ball games they played together. He relayed a humorous heartfelt story about playing sports. He said Mr. Gaskin always encouraged the youth and tried to teach them. He said he has been a positive influence in many lives. He mentioned some sports figures that were mentored by Mr. Gaskin in the past have gone on to do great things.

Mayor Finch thanked Mr. Gaskin for serving the youth in Bridgeport, noting that he recognizes the importance of sports and athletics to help keep youth on the straight and narrow.

Council President McCarthy asked Larry Osborne to come forward to say a few words about his friend. Mr. Osborne expressed that he has known Mr. Gaskin for fifty years. He spoke of him fondly remembering the ball games they played together and the great impact that he has had on youth sports that have led to championships.

Ernest Parker came forward. Council President McCarthy asked State Representative Clemons to join them up front to speak a few words about Mr. Parker. Representative Clemons deferred to Reverend Moore to speak about Ernest Parker.

Reverend Moore expressed that it was an honor and privilege to say a few words about his best friend for over fifty-five years. He stated that he has been an inspiration to him, Representative Clemons, Council member Blunt and others as a trailblazer when there was no trail and he has made some people that were destined for failure, become positive and successful in their chosen career and profession. He expressed that those persons can lay their success at the feet of Ernest Parker and he couldn't think of a person more deserving to receive the citation.

Ernest Parker recognized Mayor Finch, the city council members and others who have influenced his life. He relayed that he had been a juvenile counselor for years, noting that he used his caseload to recruit kids from all housing projects to attend the program "Upward Bound". He explained that nine (9) groups were formed to identify issues and problems that plague the black community. They also engaged in other activities such as parties and trips to visit colleges. He said he sincerely appreciated the award.

Mayor Finch expressed that Ernest Parker was one of the few people who he felt helped build up the City of Bridgeport person by person and family by family. He recalled that the Upward Bound Program was a good program that not many remember, but he thought they could use another program like it today.

Council President McCarthy read the citation and he congratulated Ernest Parker – a group picture was taken.

Mayor Finch returned to the city council meeting agenda.

Moment of silence – was requested by Council member Lyons for John Stafstrom's mother who passed away.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLOWAY MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar.

There were none heard.

The city clerk read the consent calendar items into the record.

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Announcements:

Council President expressed that today was Mayor Finch's birthday – *the council sang Happy Birthday to the mayor and a cake with candles was brought out.*
Mayor Finch thanked everyone for remembering!

Point of personal privilege –

Council member Brantley mentioned that Delta Sigma Theta celebrated an reenactment of the Women's Suffrage March. She expressed that it was important to acknowledge all the noteworthy accomplishments that all women had achieved and contributed to the women's movement – she said there would be an event held on March 23 and she urged everyone to take the time to come out and honor these women.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER T. PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
**DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL GRANTS AND
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ANDREW J. NUNN
CAO

BILL FINCH
Mayor

COMM. #37-12 Referred to ECD&E Committee on 3/4/2013

TO: Honorable Members of the Bridgeport City Council

FROM: Tyler Fairbairn 
Acting Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Development

RE: 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan;
Program Year 39 Annual Action Plan;
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG);
Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG);
HOME Investment Partnership Program; and
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

DATE: February 21, 2013

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For the upcoming fiscal year, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development ("HUD") requires the City of Bridgeport (the "City") to prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan for Program Year 39 which covers the period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. HUD requires municipalities such as Bridgeport to prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan in order for the City to apply for and receive funds under the following four formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant ("HESG"), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA"), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME"). HUD has notified the City to anticipate the following entitlement awards for the coming fiscal year:

Community Development Block Grant Program	\$2,772,469
Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program	\$260,590
HOME Program	\$864,649
HOPWA Program	\$829,320

The City advertised the anticipated availability of funding on January 6, 2013. Applications became available on January 7, 2013 and the department conducted three technical assistance workshops on January 16, 17 and 22, 2013. Applications were accepted through February 7, 2013. The Citizen's Union will host three public hearings (held on February 25, 26 and 27, 2013), and will conduct their

deliberations on March 5, 2013. The Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee of the City Council will conduct three public hearings (held on March 19, 25 and 26, 2013), and will conduct their deliberations and final allocation vote on March 27, 2013. Staff will be available at all upcoming meetings and hearing to answer questions and to provide you with additional information.

For your consideration, attached please find a draft resolution authorizing the approval of the 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 39 Annual Action Plan. Please keep in mind that additional information will be provided to you as it becomes available, however it is necessary to submit this draft resolution to you for initial consideration and referral to the ECDE committee in order to meet HUD's May 15, 2013 deadline.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Adam Wood, Chief of Staff (by email)
Andrew Nunn, CAO (by email)
Alanna Kabel, Assistant CAO (by email)
David Kooris, Director, OPED (by email)

**FIVE-YEAR (2013-2018) CONSOLIDATED PLAN
PROGRAM YEAR 39 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
HOMELESS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut (the "City") is required to prepare and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development ("HUD") a *Five-Year (2013-2018) Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan* which presents a vision statement of guidance, "to develop viable urban neighborhoods through the comprehensive funding of programs that have the largest benefit to the City, and aid in the provision of a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport has developed its *Five-Year (2013-2018) Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan* in accordance with HUD regulations and through a collaborative process whereby it has established a unified vision for its community development actions for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport has also developed a proposed *PY39 Annual Action Plan* and anticipates the following allocations of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for FY 2012-2013:

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WHEREAS, six Public Hearings were held, three by the Citizen's Union on February 25, 26 and 27, 2013, and three by the Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee of the City Council on March 19, 25 and 26, 2013, and a Draft Proposed Plan was developed and published for comment on March 14, 2013 and the thirty-day comment period ended on April 14, 2013 and comments were received from the Greater Bridgeport Area Continuum of Care on the Draft Proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport accepts the *Five-Year 2013-2018 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan* (as attached) and the *PY39 Action Plan* (as attached) as part of the City's *Five-Year 2013-2018 Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan* in order for the City to apply

for, and receive, funds under the following four formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; the Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) Program and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program; and

now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, and/or the Chief Administrative Officer, and/or the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and/or the Acting Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, is/are hereby authorized and empowered to sign the required certifications and any necessary documents and/or agreements required by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to accept and execute the Community Development Block Grant Program, Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program, HOME Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program and to present to HUD for approval.

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**Comm. #38-12 ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD
on 3/4/2013**

February 7, 2013

The Honorable City Council
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Re: **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM
CLARISSA LARACUENTA v. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, ET AL**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Attorney proposes to settle the above referenced litigation in the amount of \$20,000.00 payable to Robert Lacobelle, Trustee for Clarissa Laracuenta. The action is claiming personal injuries sustained during a traffic stop on June 20, 2006.

Pursuant to the City Council's amended Ordinance Section 2.10.130, this office hereby provides notice of its intent to settle this matter in accordance with the terms set forth in said Section 2.10.130.

If you wish to discuss the details of this case or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If I am not immediately available, please speak with my secretary, Carolyn Harris, who will then follow-up with me. Further, if I do not hear from you within the twenty (20) day time period provided by the Ordinance, I will proceed to finalize settlement of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mark T. Anastasi
City Attorney

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COMM. #39-12 Ref'd to Ordinance Committee on 03/04/2013.

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February 27, 2013

Honorable Body of the City Council
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Re: Revisions to City Ordinance Chapter 15.44 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached please find the FEMA recommended revisions to the City of Bridgeport Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Chapter 15.44. The additions to the existing ordinance are shown in red lettering and underlined. Any portions of the ordinance that are to be removed have been struck through for clarification.

The new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate maps will become official on July 8, 2013

We are, therefore, requesting that the City Council adopt these changes to the existing ordinance per the request of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (letter dated January 7, 2013 attached) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact us as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



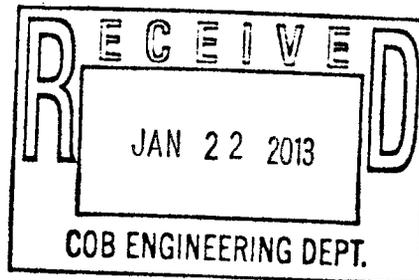
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- c: Mayor Bill Finch
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RE: Review of the City of Bridgeport's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Chapter 15.44), revised Flood Insurance Rate Map panels and Flood Insurance Study associated with the coastal re-delineation for Fairfield County, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Urquidi:

On October 30, 2011, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) presented your community with revised preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels associated with the coastal re-delineation project for Fairfield County. **These revised map panels will become effective on July 8, 2013.** In order for your community to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the City of Bridgeport must adopt revised regulations that include the new date for these panels. FEMA issued a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) to the City of Bridgeport on January 8, 2013 outlining these requirements. In order to assist the community in this map revision process, the CTDEEP has reviewed your community's existing flood damage prevention ordinance. Comments or words written in **bold type** indicate the changes needed for minimum compliance with program standards. Text in italics is for explanation purposes.

It is optional to update the definition of "Substantial damage" in Section 15.44.040 Definitions with bold text provided below. As currently defined, substantial damage would have to occur in only one flood event for a property owner to file an Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) claim through their flood insurance policy. This text change allows for a cumulative substantial damage definition where two separate flood event with damage below 50% can be added together to reach the 50% threshold.

"Substantial damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. **"Substantial damage" also means flood-related damages sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.**

Please update the definition of "Substantial improvement" in Section 15.44.040 Definitions with bold text provided below.

"Substantial improvement" means any combination of repair, reconstruction or improvement of a structure taking place during a one-year period in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure:

1. Before the **"start of construction"** of the improvement or repair is started, or
2. If the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred. For the

purposes of this definition, substantial improvement is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not the alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure.

This term includes structures that have incurred “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed.

The term does not, however, include either:

1. Any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications **which have been previously identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions, or**
2. Any alteration of a **historic** structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State Inventory of Historic Places, **provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “historic structure”.**

Please update section 15.44.060 Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard with bold text provided below.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Fairfield County, Connecticut, dated **July 8, 2013**, and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), dated **July 8, 2013 (Panels 09001C0429G, 09001C0433G, 09001C0436G, 09001C0437G, 09001C0438G, 09001C0439G, 09001C0441G, 09001C0443G)** and June 18, 2010 (**Panels 09001C0426F, 09001C0427F, 09001C0428F, 09001C0431F, 09001C0434F, 09001C0442F**), and other supporting data applicable to the City of Bridgeport, and any subsequent revisions thereto, are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter. Since mapping is legally adopted by reference into this regulation it must take precedence until such time as a map amendment or map revision is obtained from FEMA. The area of special flood hazard includes any area shown on the FIRM as Zones A, AE, and VE, including areas designated as a floodway on the FIRM. Zone VE is also identified as a coastal high hazard area. Areas of special flood hazard are determined utilizing the base flood elevations (BFE) provided on the flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for a community. BFEs provided on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) are approximate (rounded up or down) and should be verified with the BFEs published in the FIS for a specific location. The FIS and FIRM are on file in the City Engineer’s office, Room 216, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Please update section 15.44.140 Variance procedures, A. 7. with bold text provided below.

15.44.140 Variance procedures.

A. Appeal Board.

7. The city engineer shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variances to the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) upon in its biennial report.**

It is optional to update section 15.44.150 Provisions for flood hazard reduction, C. 1. a. with bold text provided below. The federal minimum required language is “located landward of the reach of mean high tide”. Communities should determine if the new Connecticut Coastal Jurisdiction Line (CJL) is at least as restrictive as mean high tide in their community for regulatory purposes. If this is the case, the CJL may be easier to use for permitting purposes.

15.44.150 Provisions for flood hazard reduction.

C. Coastal High Hazard Area.

1. Location of Structures.

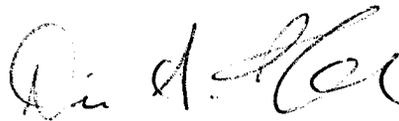
a. All new **construction**, buildings, structures or substantial improvements shall be located landward of **the reach of the Connecticut Coastal Jurisdiction Line as defined in CGS 22a-359 as amended by Public Act 12-101.**

These revised coastal panels will now also depict the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) boundary line, the landward limit of waves 1.5 feet in height, also termed the coastal AE zone. Beginning in 2012, the LiMWA will be shown on all future coastal FIRM panels in Connecticut. The CTDEEP has developed the attached guidance document for coastal municipalities that explains the LiMWA and contains model regulatory language which is **optional** at this time for inclusion in local floodplain zoning regulations or ordinances. This model language can be included if the community chooses to regulate construction in the LiMWA area to VE zone building standards. At this time, FEMA does not impose floodplain management requirements or special insurance ratings based on the LiMWA delineations. The LiMWA is provided by FEMA for informational purposes only. Because the 1.5 feet breaking wave can potentially cause foundation failure, FEMA and the CTDEEP are encouraging coastal communities to consider adopting VE zone building standards for new construction and substantial improvements within the LiMWA zone. The CTDEEP is available to review your municipality's ordinance or regulations upon request to add the necessary LiMWA language.

Once these revisions are made to Bridgeport's flood damage prevention ordinance and the community formally adopts these revisions and the new effective FEMA FIRMs, Bridgeport will be fully compliant with program standards. Please provide this office with a draft copy of the revised regulations at least one month prior to formal adoption by the town. With those revisions, please provide a schedule for public hearing and adoption. Once the revised regulations are adopted, this office will need a certified copy to forward to FEMA Region I.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this review or the specific requirements discussed in this letter, please contact me by telephone at (860) 424-3537, or by email at diane.ifkovic@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE –
2/7/13 DRAFT

BE IT ORDAINED: By the City Council of the City of Bridgeport that the Bridgeport Municipal Code, Chapter 15.44 Flood Damage Prevention be, and hereby is rescinded and the following Chapter 15.44 Flood Damage Prevention be substituted in lieu thereof:

Chapter 15.44 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

Sections:

- 15.44.010 Findings of fact.
- 15.44.020 Statement of purpose.
- 15.44.030 Methods of reducing flood losses.
- 15.44.040 Definitions.
- 15.44.050 Lands to which this chapter applies.
- 15.44.060 Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard.
- 15.44.070 Compliance with chapter.
- 15.44.080 Abrogation and greater restrictions.
- 15.44.090 Interpretation of chapter.
- 15.44.100 Warning and disclaimer of liability.
- 15.44.110 Establishment of permit.
- 15.44.120 Designation of the city engineer.
- 15.44.130 Duties and responsibilities of the city engineer.
- 15.44.140 Variance procedure.
- 15.44.150 Provisions for flood hazard reduction.

15.44.010 Findings of fact.

- A. The flood hazard areas of Bridgeport are subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- B. These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities, and by the occupancy in flood hazard areas by uses vulnerable to floods or hazardous to other lands which are inadequately elevated, floodproofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damages.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-68)

15.44.020 Statement of purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed:

- A. To protect human life and health;
- B. To minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- C. To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- D. To minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- E. To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities, such as: water and gas mains; electric, telephone and sewer lines; streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- F. To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the second use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas;
- G. To insure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and
- H. To ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-69)

15.44.030 Methods of reducing flood losses.

In order to accomplish its purposes, this chapter includes methods and provisions for:

- A. Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;
- B. Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;

- C. Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel floodwaters;
- D. Controlling filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage; and
- E. Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-70 (part))

15.44.040 Definitions.

Unless specifically defined in this section, words or phrases used in this chapter shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this chapter its more reasonable application:

"Appeal" means a request for a review of the city engineer's interpretation of any provision of this chapter or a request for a variance.

"Area of special flood hazard" means the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.

"Base flood" means the flood having a one percent chance equalled or exceeded in any given year.

"Base Flood Elevation" means the elevation of the crest of the base flood or 100-year flood. The height in relation to mean sea level expected to be reached by the waters of the base flood at pertinent points in the floodplains of coastal and riverine areas.

"Basement" means any area of the building having its floor subgrade, below ground level, on all sides

"Breakaway walls" means any type of walls, whether solid or lattice, and whether constructed of concrete, masonry, wood, metal, plastic or any other suitable building material which are not part of the structural support of the building; and which are so designed as to break away under abnormally high tides or wave action without damage to the structural integrity of the building on which they are used, or any buildings to which they might be carried by flood waters.

"Building" means any structure built for support, shelter or enclosure for any occupancy or storage.

"Coastal high hazard area" means the area of special flood hazard subject to high velocity waters, including, but not limited to, hurricane wave wash. The area is designated on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) as Zone VE.

"Development" means a manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, the construction of buildings or other structures; the construction of additions, alterations or substantial improvements to buildings or structures; the placement of buildings or structures; mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, drilling operations or storage of equipment; the storage, deposition, or extraction of (or) materials; and the installation, repair or removal of public or private sewage disposal systems or water supply facilities located within the area of special flood hazard.

"Elevated building." In the FEMA-issued definition for elevated building, combined specifications are given for structures in A zones and V zones. The definitions for elevated buildings in A zones and for V zones follow:

1. "Elevated building--A and A1-A-30 zones" means a nonbasement building built to have the top of the elevated floor elevated above the ground level by means of pilings, columns (posts and piers), or shear walls or by means of fill or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of floodwaters.
2. "Elevated building--V and V1-V30 zones" means a nonbasement building built to have the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the elevated floor elevated above the ground level by means of pilings, columns (posts and piers), or shear walls parallel to the flow of water and adequately anchored so as not to impair the structural integrity of the building during a flood of the magnitude of the base flood. Elevated building also includes structures which have the lower area enclosed by means of breakaway walls if the breakaway walls meet the standards of Section 15.44.150(C)(2)(d).

"Existing manufactured home park or subdivision" means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, as a minimum, the installation utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date, October 15, 1980, of the floodplain management ordinance adopted by the community.

"Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision" means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufacturing homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of street, and either final grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

"Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)" is the federal agency that administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

"Flood" or "flooding" means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

1. The overflow of inland or tidal waters, and/or
2. The unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.

"Flood boundary and floodway map" means the official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated the boundaries of the floodway.

"Flood insurance rate map (FIRM)" means the official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has delineated both the area of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

"Flood insurance study (FIS)" means the official report provided in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided flood profiles, as well as Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

"Floodway" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

"Floor" means the top surface of an enclosed area in a building (including basement) i.e., top of slab in concrete slab construction or top of wood flooring in wood frame construction. The term does not include the floor of a garage used solely for parking vehicles.

"Functionally dependent facility" means a facility which cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities. The term does not include seafood processing facilities, long term storage, manufacturing, sales or service facilities.

"Historic Structure" means any structure that is: (a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of the Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing in the National Register; (b) Certified or registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either: (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

"Lowest floor" means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage, in an area other than a basement area, is not considered a building's lowest floor.

"Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term also includes recreational vehicles placed on a site for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or longer and intended to be improved property.

"Manufactured home park or subdivision" means a parcel, or contiguous parcels, of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

"Mean sea level" means, for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988 or other datum to which base flood elevations shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.

"Market Value" means the market value of the structure shall be determined by the property's tax assessment, minus the land value prior to the start of the initial repair or improvement, or in the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring.

"New manufactured home park or subdivision" means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, as a minimum, the installation utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date, October 15, 1980, of the floodplain management ordinance adopted by the community.

"National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD)" as corrected in 1929, means a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.

"New construction" means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), (October 15, 1980), and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

"Recreational vehicle" (A.K.K. park trailers, travel trailers and similar transportable structures) means a vehicle which is:

1. Built on a single chassis;
2. Four hundred (400) square feet or less when measured at the longest horizontal projections;
3. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
4. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

"Sand dunes" means naturally occurring accumulations of sand in ridges or mounds landward of the beach.

"Start of construction" (for other than new construction or substantial improvements under the coastal barrier resources act (P.L. 97-348)), includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction or improvement was within one hundred eighty (180) days of the permit date. The actual start means the first placement of permanent construction of a structure (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings, installation of piles, construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation or placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

"Structure" means walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, a manufactured home, a gas or liquid storage tank, or other manmade facilities or infrastructures.

"Substantial damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. "Substantial damage" also means flood-related damages sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred."

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1. Before start of construction of the improvement or repair is started, or
2. If the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred. For the purposes of this definition, substantial improvement is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not the alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. This term includes structures that have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed.

The term does not, however, include either:

1. Any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications which have been previously identified by the local code enforcement official and which are solely the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions, or
2. Any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State Inventory of Historic Places, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

"Variance" means a grant of relief from the requirements of this chapter which permits construction in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this chapter where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

"Violation" means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

"Water surface elevation" means the height, in relation to the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, (or other datum where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-70 (part))

15.44.050 Lands to which this chapter applies.

This chapter shall apply to all areas of special flood within the jurisdiction of the Bridgeport flood and erosion control board.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-71)

15.44.060 Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Fairfield County, Connecticut, Dated ~~June 18, 2010~~ July 8, 2013, and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), dated ~~June 18, 2010~~ July 8, 2013 (Panels 09001C0429G, 09001C9433G, 09001C0436G, 09001C0437G, 09001C0438G, 09001C0439G, 09001C0441G, 09001C0443G) and June 18, 2010 (Panels 09001C0426F, 09001C0427F, 09001C0428F, 09001C0431F, 09001C0434F, 09001C0442F), and other supporting data applicable to the City of Bridgeport, and any subsequent revisions thereto, are adopted by reference and declared to be part of this chapter. Since mapping is legally adopted by reference into this chapter it must take precedence when ~~more restrictive~~ until such time as a map amendment or map revision is obtained from FEMA. The area of special flood hazard includes any area shown on the FIRM as Zones A, AE and VE, including areas designated as a floodway on ~~the~~ FIRM. Zone VE is also identified as a Coastal High Hazard Area. Areas of special flood hazard are determined utilizing the base flood elevations (BFE) provided on ~~the~~ flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for a community. BFEs provided on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) are only approximate (rounded up or down) and should be verified with the BFEs published in the FIS for ~~the~~ specific location. The FIS and FIRM are on file in the City Engineer's office, Room 216, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-72))

15.44.070 Compliance with chapter.

No structure or land shall hereafter be constructed, located, extended, converted or altered without full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable regulations.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-73)

15.44.080 Abrogation and greater restrictions.

This chapter is not intended to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing easements, covenants or deed restrictions. However, where this chapter and another ordinance, easement, covenant or deed restriction conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-74)

15.44.090 Interpretation of chapter.

In the interpretation and application of this chapter, all provisions shall be:

1. Considered as minimum requirements;
2. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
3. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-75)

15.44.100 Warning and disclaimer of liability.

The degree of flood protection required by this chapter is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering consideration. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by manmade or natural causes. This chapter does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazards, or uses permitted within such areas, will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the city, any officer or employee thereof or the Federal Insurance Administration, for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-76)

15.44.110 Establishment of permit.

- A. Prior to the issuance of a building permit within any area of a special hazard established in Section 15.44.060, a site plan shall be furnished by the applicant, and may include, but not be limited to, the nature, location, dimension and elevations of the area in question, existing and proposed grades, existing or proposed structures and drainage facilities. If the city engineer requires a proposed grading plan or drainage facilities, this site plan shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer. Specifically the following information is required:

1. Elevation in relation to mean sea level, of the lowest floor (including basement) of all structures;
 2. Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any structure is to be floodproofed;
 3. Certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing methods for any nonresidential structure meet the floodproofing criteria in Section 15.44.150(B)(2);
 4. Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.
- B. Prior to the start of any development which does not require the issuance of a building permit, within any area of special flood hazard established in Section 15.44.060, a development permit shall be obtained. Application for a development permit shall be made to the city engineer and shall include, but not be limited to, the same information as required for a building permit in a flood hazard zone.
- C. Construction Stage. Upon completion of the applicable portion of construction, the applicant shall provide verification to the Bridgeport building official of the following as is applicable:
1. Lowest floor elevation--the elevation to be verified for:
 - a. For structures in Zone A and AE, provide the as-built elevation of the top of the lowest floor, including basement;
 - b. For nonresidential structures in Zone A and AE, provide the as-built elevation to which the floodproofing is effective;
 - c. For structures in the VE Zone, provide the as-built elevation of the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the elevated building excluding pilings or columns.
- D. Deficiencies detected by the review of the site plan referred to in this section shall be corrected by the permit holder immediately and prior to further progressive work being permitted to proceed. Failure to submit the survey or failure to make said corrections required by this chapter shall be cause to issue a stop-work order for the project.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-77)

15.44.120 Designation of the city engineer.

The city engineer is appointed to administer and implement this chapter by granting or denying building and development permit applications in accordance with its provisions.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-78)

15.44.130 Duties and responsibilities of the city engineer.

Duties of the city engineer shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Permit Review.

1. Review all building or development permit applications to determine that the permit requirements of this chapter have been satisfied and all proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding;
2. Review all building or development permit applications to determine that all necessary permits have been obtained from those federal, state or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required;
3. Review all building or development permit applications for sufficiency in information in the area of special flood hazard except in the coastal high hazard area to verify that the proposed development is not proposed to adversely affect the flood carrying capacity of the area of special flood hazard. For the purposes of this chapter, "adversely affect" means that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any time, which is not allowable;
4. Review building or development permit applications in the coastal high hazard area of the area of special flood hazard to determine if the proposed development would unacceptably alter sand dunes so as to increase potential flood damages and therefore, require that the site plan be revised;
5. Review plans for walls to be use to enclose space below the base flood level in accordance with Section 15.44.150.

- B. Use of Other Base Flood Data. When base flood elevations data or floodway data have not been provided in accordance with Section 15.44.060, basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard, the city engineer shall obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation data and floodway data available from a federal, state or other source, in order to administer Section 15.44.150.
- C. Information to be obtained and maintained by the city engineer:
 - 1. Obtain a certificate by a licensed land surveyor of the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the top of the lowest floor (including basement) of a structure in a numbered A zone of all new or substantially improved structures and record. Also, the lowest point of the lowest structural member (excluding piling or columns of a structure in the V zone) shall be recorded;
 - 2. For all new or substantially improved floodproofed structures:
 - a. Verify and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level), and
 - b. Maintain the floodproofing certifications required in Section 15.44.150(B)(3)(c);
 - 3. In coastal high hazard areas, certification shall be obtained from a registered professional engineer or architect that the structure is securely anchored to adequately anchored pilings or columns in order to withstand velocity waters in hurricane wave wash;
 - 4. Maintain for public inspection all records pertaining to the provisions of this chapter.
- D. Alteration of Watercourse.
 - 1. Review any request to alter a watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity is not diminished. City engineer may require that the site plan be revised if an unacceptable alteration of a watercourse is noted;
 - 2. Require that maintenance is provided by the owner of the property within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity is not diminished;

3. Notify neighboring communities and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection of watercourse alterations.

E. Interpretation of FIRM Boundaries.

1. Make interpretations of regulatory related situations.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-79)

15.44.140 Variance procedure.

A. Appeal Board.

1. The zoning board of appeals as established by the city council shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from the requirements of this chapter.
2. The zoning board of appeals shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision or determination made by the city engineer in the enforcement or administration of this chapter.
3. Those aggrieved by the decision of the zoning board of appeals may appeal within fifteen (15) days after such decision to the superior court, as provided in Section 8-7 of Chapter 124, Connecticut General Statutes.
4. In passing upon such application the zoning board of appeals shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of this chapter, and
 - a. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;
 - b. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
 - c. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;
 - d. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;

- e. The necessity of the facility to a waterfront location, in the case of a functionally dependent facility;
 - f. The availability of alternative locations for proposed use which are not subject to flooding or erosion damage;
 - g. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
 - h. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and flood plan management program of that area;
 - i. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
 - j. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and
 - k. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems and streets and bridges.
5. Generally, variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing items listed in subsection (A)(4)(a) through (k) of this section have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond the one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.
6. Upon consideration of the factors listed in subsection (A)(4)(a) through (k) of this section and the purposes of this chapter, the zoning board of appeals may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes of this chapter.
7. The city engineer shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variances to the ~~Federal Insurance Administration~~ upon request Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its biennial report.

B. Conditions for Variances.

1. Variances may be issued for the reconstruction, rehabilitation or restoration of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places, with regard to the procedures set forth in the remainder of this section.
2. Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
3. Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard to afford relief.
4. Variances shall only be issued upon:
 - a. A showing of good and sufficient cause;
 - b. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant; and
 - c. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of public as identified in subsection (A)(4) of this section, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.
5. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the structure will be permitted to be built with a lowest floor elevation below the base flood elevation and that the cost of flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation up to amounts as high as twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of insurance coverage.

(Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. dated 11/6/89 (part): prior code § 21-80)

15.44.150 Provisions for flood hazard reduction.

- A. General Standards. In all areas of special flood hazards the following standards are required:
1. Anchoring.
 - a. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be

anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.

2. Construction Material and Methods.
 - a. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage;
 - b. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages.
3. Utilities.
 - a. Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;
 - b. All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system;
 - c. New and replacement sanitary sewerage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharge from the systems into floodwaters; and
 - d. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
4. Subdivision Proposals.
 - a. All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
 - b. All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as a sewer, gas, electrical and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
 - c. All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and
 - d. Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision

proposals and other proposed development which contain at least fifty (50) lots or five acres (whichever is less).

5. **Manufactured Homes.**
 - a. All manufactured homes (including recreational vehicles placed on a site for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or longer) to be placed, or substantially improved, shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage. They shall also be elevated and anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties;
 - b. Elevation construction standards include piling foundations placed no more than ten feet apart, and reinforcement is provided for piers more than six feet above ground level.
- B. **Specific Standards.** In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data has been provided as set forth in Section 15.44.060, basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard or in Section 15.44.030(B). Use of other base flood data, the following standards are required:
 1. **Residential Construction.**
 - a. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above base flood elevation.
 2. **Manufactured Homes in Zone A and AE.**
 - a. All manufactured homes (including recreational vehicles placed on a site for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or longer) to be placed, or substantially improved, shall be elevated so that the lowest floor is above the base flood elevation. This includes manufactured homes located outside a manufactured home park or subdivision, in a new manufactured home park or subdivision, in an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or on a site in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision in which a manufactured home has incurred substantial damage as a result of a flood;

- b. It shall be placed on a permanent foundation which itself is securely anchored and to which the structure is securely anchored so that it will resist flotation, lateral movement and hydrostatic and hydrodynamic pressures. Anchoring may include, but not be limited to, the use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors;
 - c. It shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage;
 - d. Adequate access and drainage should be provided.
 - e. Recreational vehicles shall either be on site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, and be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or meet all the general standards of section 15.44.150 A., and the elevation and anchoring requirement of section 15.44.150 A. 5. a and b., and 15.44.150 b. 2. a., b., c. and d. for a manufactured home. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.
3. Nonresidential Construction. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to the level of the base flood elevation; or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:
- a. Be floodproofed so that below an elevation of one foot above the base flood level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
 - b. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydronamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and
 - c. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with acceptable standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this subsection. Such certifications shall be provided to the official as set forth in Section 15.44.130(c)(2).

4. Enclosed Areas Below Base Flood Elevation—A and AE Zones. New construction, or substantial improvements, of elevated buildings that include fully enclosed areas formed by foundation and other exterior walls below the base flood elevation shall be designed to preclude finished living space and designed to allow for the entry and exit of floodwaters to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls.
 - a. Designs for complying with this requirement must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect, or meet the following minimum criteria:
 - i. Provide a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
 - ii. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade; and
 - iii. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic flow of floodwater in both directions.
 - b. Electrical, plumbing and other utility connections are prohibited below the base flood elevation;
 - c. Access to the enclosed area shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking of vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises (standard exterior door) or entry to the living area (stairway or elevator); and
- C. Coastal High Hazard Area. Coastal high hazard areas (VE zones) are located within the areas of special flood hazard established in Section 15.44.060. These areas have special flood hazards associated with high velocity waters from tidal surges and hurricane wave wash; therefore, the following provisions shall apply:
 1. Location of Structures.
 - a. All new buildings, structures or substantial improvements shall be located landward of reach of the mean high tide.

2. Construction Methods.

- a. Elevation. All new buildings, structures or substantial improvements shall be elevated so that the lowest supporting member (excluding pilings or columns) is located no lower than the base flood elevation level, with all space below the lowest supporting member open so as not to impede the flow of water, except for breakaway walls as provided for in subsection 15.44.150(C)(2)(d) of this section.
- b. Structural Support.
 - i. All new buildings, structures or substantial improvements shall be securely anchored on pilings or columns.
 - ii. All pilings and columns and the attached structures shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement due to the effect of wind and water loads acting simultaneously on all building components. The anchoring and support system shall be designed with wind and water loading values which equal or exceed the one-hundred-year mean recurrence interval (one percent annual chance floods and winds).
 - iii. There shall be no fill used for structural support.
- c. Certification. Compliance with the provisions of subsection(C)(2)(a) and (b) of this section shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect including design specifications and plans for construction.
- d. Space Below the Lowest Floor.
 - i. Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvement to a structure started after the enactment of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall not enclose the space below the lowest floor unless breakaway walls are used as provided for in this section.
 - ii. Nonsupporting breakaway wall, lattice work or mesh screening shall be allowed below the base flood elevation

provided they are not a part of the structural support of the building and are designed so as to break away, under abnormally high tides or wave action, without damage to the structural integrity of the building on which they are to be used and provided the following design specifications are met:

- (A) Design-safe loading resistance of each wall shall not be less than ten nor more than twenty (20) pounds per square foot; or
 - (B) If more than twenty (20) pounds per square foot, a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the design wall collapse would result from a water load less than that which would occur during the base flood event, and the elevated portion of the building and supporting foundation system shall not be subject to collapse, displacement or other structural damage due to the effects of wind and water loads acting simultaneously on all building components during the base flood event. Maximum wind and water loading values to be used in this determination shall each have one percent chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year (one- hundred-year mean recurrence interval).
- iii. If breakaway walls are utilized, such enclosed space shall not be used for human habitation, but shall be designed to be used only for parking of vehicles, building access or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises.
 - iv. Prior to construction, plans for any structure that will have breakaway walls must be submitted to the city engineer for approval.
 - v. Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvement to a structure shall not enclose the space below the lowest floor except with breakaway walls, lattice work or screening as

provided for in subsection (C)(2)(d)(ii)((A)) and ((B)) of this section.

3. Manufactured Homes in VE Zones.

- a. All manufactured homes (including recreational vehicles placed on a site for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or longer) to be placed, or substantially improved, shall be elevated so that the lowest structural member is above the base flood elevation and meet the construction requirements of section 15.44.15 C. 1. and 2. This includes manufactured homes located outside a manufactured home park or subdivision, in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, in a new manufactured home park or subdivision, in an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or on a site in an existing manufactured home park in which a manufactured home has incurred substantial damage as a result of a flood;
- b. It shall be placed on a permanent foundation which itself is securely anchored and to which the structure is securely anchored so that it will resist flotation, lateral movement and hydrostatic and hydrodynamic pressures. Anchoring may include, but not be limited to, the use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors;
- c. It shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage;
- d. Adequate access and drainage should be provided.
- e. Recreational vehicles shall either be on site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, and be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or meet all the general standards of section 15.44.150 A., and the elevation and anchoring requirement of section 15.44.150 A. 5. a and b., and 15.44.150 b. 2. a., b., c. and d. for a manufactured home. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

4. Sand Dunes. There shall be no alteration of sand dunes which would increase potential flood damage.
- D. Floodways. Located within areas of special flood hazard established in Section 15.44.060 are areas designated under Section 15.44.130(B) as floodways. Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of flood waters which carry debris, potential projectiles and erosion potential, the following provisions apply:
1. Encroachments. Prohibit encroachments including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other development unless certification, with a supporting technical data, by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating, through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice, that encroachments shall not result in any (0.00) increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
 2. In A zones where base flood elevations have been determined, but before a floodway is designated, no new construction, substantial improvement or other development (including fill) shall be permitted which will increase base flood elevations more than one foot at any point along the watercourse when all anticipate development is considered cumulatively with the proposed development.
 3. The city may request floodway data of an applicant for watercourses without FEMA-published floodways. When such data is provided by an applicant or whenever such data is available from any other source (in response to the city's request or not), the city shall adopt a regulatory floodway based on the principle that the floodway must be able to convey the waters of the base flood without increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot at any point along the watercourse.
- (Ord. dated 6/20/94 (part): Ord. Date
- E. Equal Conveyance. Within the floodplain, except in those areas which are tidally influenced, as designated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the community, encroachments resulting from filling, new construction or substantial improvements involving an increase in footprint of the structure, are prohibited

unless the applicant provides certification by a registered professional engineer demonstrating, with supporting hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice, that such encroachments shall not result in any (0.00 feet) increase in flood levels (base flood elevation). Work within the floodplain and the land adjacent to the floodplain, including work to provide compensatory storage shall not be constructed in such a way to cause an increase in flood stage or flood velocity.

- F. **Compensatory Storage.** The water holding capacity of the floodplain, except those areas which are tidally influenced, shall not be reduced. Any reduction caused by filling, new construction or substantial improvements involving an increase in footprint to a structure, shall be compensated for by deepening and/or widening of the floodplain. Storage shall be provided on site, unless easements have been gained from adjacent property owners; it shall be provided within the same hydraulic reach and a volume not previously used for flood storage; it shall be hydraulically comparable and incrementally equal to the theoretical volume of flood water at each elevation, up to and including 100-year flood elevation, which would be displaced by the proposed project. Such compensatory volume shall have an unrestricted hydraulic connection to the same waterway or water body. Compensatory storage can be provided off-site if approved by the municipality.
- G. **Aboveground Storage Tanks.** Aboveground storage tanks (oil, propane, etc) which are located outside or inside of a structure must either be elevated above the base flood elevation (BFE) on a concrete pad, or be securely anchored with tie down straps to prevent flotation or lateral movement, have the top of the fill pipe extended above the BFE, and have a screw cap that does not allow for the infiltration of flood water.
- H. **Portion of Structure in a Flood Zone.** If any portion of a structure lies within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the entire structure is considered to be in the

SFHA. The entire structure must meet the requirements of the flood zone. This includes any additions made to the main structure.

- I. No Structures Entirely or Partially Over Water. New construction, substantial improvement and repair to structure that have sustained damage cannot be constructed or located entirely or partially over water unless it is a functionally dependent use or facility.

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***166-11 Consent Calendar**

A resolution concerning approval of the Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone By Laws and Boundaries, as proposed and delineated by the Mill Hill Revitalization Zone Planning Committee.

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Fleeta C. Hudson
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on ECD and Environment begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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MILL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE

WHEREAS, The Connecticut State Legislation adopted Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 7-600 through 7-619, "Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZ) (The Statute); and

WHEREAS, The Statute establishes a model for the economic revitalization of neighborhoods where a significant number of properties are foreclosed, abandoned, blighted, substandard or pose a public safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, The Statute contemplates that groups of residents, property owners, and business organizations in particularly distressed neighborhoods will develop strategic plans and work with local, state, and federal governments to revive the area; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeport is suffering from foreclosed, abandoned, vacant and deteriorated properties which have become serious blights in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The Statute allows the municipality to establish one or more Neighborhood Revitalization Zones and authorizes municipalities to rethink government procedures, rules and regulations in order to build self-reliant communities; and

WHEREAS, The City Council on May 06, 1996, adopted the resolution 111-95 to establish one or more Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and expressed the City's support for their redevelopment through authorities granted to the City by State Statute; and

WHEREAS, The Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Planning Committee has identified and seeks Council approval of the boundaries of the Mill Hill NRZ (Attachment); and



Report of Committee on ECD and Environment
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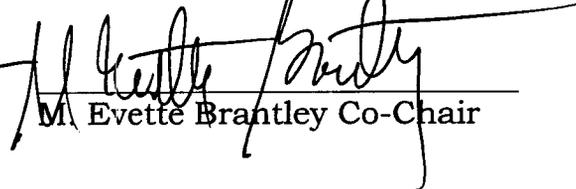
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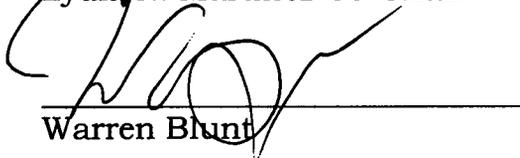
RESOLVED, That the Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Boundaries and By Laws be adopted pursuant to CGS Section 7-600 through 7-619, and City Council Resolution 111-95; and be it further

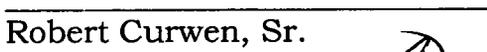
RESOLVED, That the City Ordinance is amended to reflect this designation in accordance with the State Statutes.

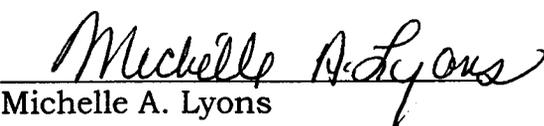
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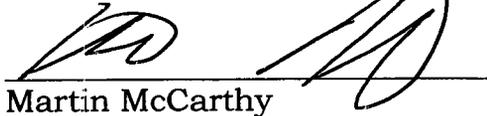

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MILL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE

Planning Committee By-Laws

February 20, 2013

Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Planning Committee By-Laws

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MILL HILL NRZ BY-LAWS

Article I Name and Office

Section: 1.1 Name

The name of the organization shall be the Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Planning Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee.

Section: 1.2 Offices

The principal location of Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall be in the Mill Hill neighborhood of Bridgeport, Connecticut. All meetings of the Mill Planning Committee shall take place within the Mill Hill Neighborhood of Bridgeport. Committee meetings may take place where deemed convenient to the participating subcommittee members.

Article II Mission and Goal

Section: 2.1 Mission Statement

In accordance to Public ACT 94-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes, an Act to Establish the Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall be responsible for formulating an NRZ Strategic Plan:

Section: 2.2 Primary Mission

Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee is to improve and preserve the Mill Hill Neighborhood through the collaborative efforts of the residents and other stakeholders, including but not limited to, representatives of businesses; non-profit organizations; health and other service providers; cultural and religious institutions; and organized community associations.

Section: 2.3 Primary Mission Goal

The main goal of the mission is to improve the quality of life, and to protect and advance the well being of the community. The objectives are to increase the income levels of residents by advancing economic development and job creation; to improve educational achievements; to increase home ownership and to create decent and affordable housing; and to assist in the creation of services for the youth, the elderly, and other disadvantaged members of the community. This will be done through the collaborative efforts of the residents and other stakeholders, with an emphasis on developing and protecting the unique business, entertainment, architectural, environmental cultural and artistic strengths of Mill Hill. It should ensure that land use and development occur in such a manner as to place the highest values on people and the unique natural resources of the community and its quality of life, as well as honoring and preserving the historic nature of the Mill Hill NRZ. This effort will include but not be limited to, representatives of businesses; non-

profit organizations, health and other service providers; cultural and religious institutions; and organized community associations.

Section: 2.4 Intent

The intent of the plan is to contribute to the long term betterment of the community, and the City of Bridgeport, reflect community vision, and develop goals through a commitment to a realistic implementation.

Section: 2.5 Affiliation

This organization shall not be affiliated with any political party, organization or group nor will the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee endorse candidates for political offices.

Section: 2.6 Boundaries

The boundary of the Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ) shall be the existing Neighborhood boundary of Mill Hill Neighborhood, as defined by the City of Bridgeport Council District 139. The Neighborhood written description of the Mill Hill NRZ (Attachment A) and the Mill Hill NRZ Boundary Map (Attachment B) will constitute a part of these By-laws.

**Article III
Membership**

Section: 3.1 General Membership

The General Membership constitutes those persons who live within the boundaries of the Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ). The General Membership shall be responsible for electing the Planning Committee; Adoption and Amendment of the By-Laws and approval of the Mill Hill NRZ Strategic Plan.

Section: 3.2 Planning Committee Eligibility

Eligible members of the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee include residents, owners of properties located in the neighborhood, individuals and representatives of businesses, cultural, educational, social service agencies, religious and citizen organizations located in the Mill Hill Neighborhood or having a significant impact on the Mill Hill Neighborhood. Each non-resident stakeholder organization, institution or business, if so elected, shall be limited to one representative Planning Committee member each and the total number of non-resident stakeholders may not exceed Forty-nine percent (or 49%).

Section: 3.3 Manner of Admission to Planning Committee Membership

Any person who is eligible for membership on the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee may become a nominee by filing a signed application with the Mill Hill Election Committee, on a form approved by the Election Committee that indicates such person desires to become a Planning Committee member. Applicants shall be reviewed by and approved by a majority vote of the General Membership. The Committee shall approve applications at the regular or special meeting of the committee that follows the NRZ's receipt of an application for membership. The Committee may establish rules of

admission from time to time which it deems desirable or appropriate, provided such rules are reasonable, germane to the purposes of the Committee and regularly enforced as to all members.

Section: 3.4 Planning Committee Officers

Officers of the Planning Committee shall be nominated and elected by the Planning Committee.

**Article IV
Meetings**

Section: 4.1 Operating Procedure

The Committee shall operate under the guidelines of Robert's Rules or Parliamentary Law

Section: 4.2 Notice of Meetings

It will be the responsibility of the Secretary and Officers of the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee to distribute a written notice of the meetings to the members at least five days prior to each meeting. Notification may be delivered by e-mail or postal.

Section: 4.3 Quorum

At all times, a quorum must be comprised of Fifty-one percent (or 51%) or more Mill Hill resident Committee Members. A minimum of five (or 5) Planning Committee Members must be present to constitute a quorum with a majority of at least three (or 3), or more to be residents.

Section: 4.4 Regular Meetings

The Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall meet at least 1 times per Month at a location within the neighborhood boundaries and at a time and date agreed upon by the members.

Section: 4.5 Voting

Decision on any question shall be made by a majority vote of those members constituting a quorum. There shall be no voting by proxy. Any member who has a personal, professional, business or other interest in any parcel of property that might be subject to the Strategic Plan shall be required to disclose said interest and shall reclude himself or herself from any vote thereon. All votes shall be recorded by Secretary of the Planning Committee, and together with minutes of meetings, shall be made available to the community-at-large.

Section: 4.6 Non Resident Stakeholder Voting

Non-resident stakeholder organizations, institution or business, if so elected shall be limited to one designated voting representative Committee member. The same applies in General Membership motions requiring consensus.

Section: 4.7 Ceding the Chair

The Chair of the Committee shall preside over the Meetings and maintain orderly conduct. Should the Chair wish to speak formally on a given subject, the Chair must step down ceding the chair to the next officer in line who will assume the position of the Chair. For the remainder of the meeting, the ceding Chair, may not reclaim the Chair after speaking until the following meeting.

**Article V
The Planning Committee**

Section: 5.1 Membership

The Planning Committee shall consist of seventeen (17) persons. At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Committee's members must be residents of the Mill Hill NRZ neighborhood. In addition, the City may appoint a representative as a voting member to the Planning Committee. The composition of the Planning Committee shall be as follows:

- Nine (or 9) Residents (P.A. 95-340 requires that majority of Committee members be residents)
- One (or 1) Youth Resident Representatives (13-18 years old)
- One (or 1) "Small Business" Representatives
- Two (or 2) "Large Businesses/Employers" Representatives
- One (or 1) "Non-Resident Representatives of Owners of Investment Propertie"s in the Mill Hill NRZ Neighborhood (Residential, Commercial or Residential)
- Two (or 2) Representatives of Churches and/ or Legally Recognized Faith Based-Organizations
- One (or 1) Representatives of Community Organizations and Other Non-Profits

Section: 5.2 Stake Holder Definition

For the purpose of this section "small business" is defined as any business operating within the Mill Hill NRZ neighborhood boundaries with ten (or 10) or fewer employees. "Large Business" is defined as any business operating within the Mill Hill NRZ boundaries with more than ten (or 10) employees. Faith Based Organizations with Employees do not constitute a business, large, small or other. *With regard to resident members, individuals will be required to provide proof of residency within the Mill Hill NRZ (e.g., Driver's License, State Identification Card, Utility Bills, etc.).*

Section: 5.3 Stakeholder Eligibility, and Representation

Resident Property Owners and Resident Tenants must reside within the Mill Hill NRZ. Some members of the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee may reside outside of the Mill Hill NRZ, as long as they represent a business, church or other religious organization, community organization or other non-profit, or public sector entity that is located within the Mill Hill NRZ, or substantially impacts the Mill Hill NRZ community and, that said member has been nominate and elected and designated as the sole representative of said

organization as a Planning Committee Member. Said organization will have one vote through the elected designee.

Section: 5.4 Election and Representation:

Each constituent group shall determine the method of election, setting forth its procedure in writing and provide a copy of same to the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee. Elections of members shall take place within One Hundred Twenty (120) of the first official meeting of the NRZ) or before the approval by the City Council of Bridgeport of a resolution designating the Mill Hill community as an NRZ pursuant to state statute. Subsequent election of representatives to the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall take place once per year.

- Only residents of Mill Hill and one representative from each non-resident stakeholder organization will be eligible to vote. Non-residents who work, attend school, attend religious services, participate in community organizations but are not stakeholders may not vote unless so designated by the stake holder organization and recorded as “representative and “sole vote” by the Planning Committee. Those not designated as “representative and sole vote” are not eligible to vote in general elections nor are they allowed to nominate or second, a candidate.
- Stakeholders living from outside the boundaries of the Mill Hill NRZ entity, falling under this classification will be limited to one seat each, if so elected, on the Planning Committee and are not to exceed 49% or no more than one person less than the majority of the Committee Membership

Section: 5.5 Nominating Committee

Election of representatives to the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall take place within the Sixty days (or 60) of the election of the Planning Committee pursuant to the City of Bridgeport approval of a resolution designating the Mill Hill community as an NRZ neighborhood pursuant to state statute.

- A Nominating Committee will be convened by the By-Laws committee which consists of representation from the representative sectors listed in Article V, Section 1, as well as members of the By-Laws Committee.
- The Nominating Committee members will be asked to inform their constituency about the NRZ and solicit nominations. Candidates for the Planning Committee may self-nominate or be nominated by another person.
- The nominations can be submitted by email or regular mail or brought to the subsequent meeting of the Nominating Committee by members of that committee. The goal of the nominating process is to maximize participation.

- The Nominating Committee will review nominees and convene the persons nominated to explain the purpose of the NRZ and the duties and responsibilities of the members of the Planning Committee.
- A slate of Planning Committee members will be prepared to present at the subsequent stakeholders meeting.

Section: 5.6 Term of Office

Members of the Planning Committee shall serve for a period of one (or 1) year, at which time nominations and a general election will create a new governing body. If the electorate reelects an officer, than that person will serve in the position that the governing body elects that person to. The Committee will strive to replace membership that “retires” from the duties of their office. Upon approval of the NRZ Strategic Plan by the City Council, the membership shall nominate the NRZ Implementation Committee, at which time the Planning Committee shall be dissolved, whichever is shorter.

- Members of the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall serve for a period of one (1) year, or until such time as an NRZ Strategic Plan has been approved by the City and passed on to an NRZ Implementation Committee, at which time the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee shall be dissolved, whichever is shorter.
- If a planning committee member misses two (or 2) consecutive meetings, he/she will not be able to continue in that position unless there are extraordinary circumstances, as deemed by a majority vote of the planning committee or: if a Planning Committee members “steps down,” the Planning Committee will fill the vacated position through a list of potential replacements (alternates) from the nominating process to be kept in case replacements from the same represented group are needed.
- Immediately following approval of the Mill Hill NRZ Strategic Plan by the City of Bridgeport and prior to dissolution of the Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee, the Planning Committee membership will be responsible for the creation of the Mill Hill NRZ Implementation Committee at which point the Planning Committee will be dissolved.

Section: 5.7 Termination of Membership & Resignation

A person’s membership shall terminate upon death, termination, expulsion, failure to pay dues (if any are required), failure at any timè, to satisfy the eligibility qualifications set forth in Article III, Section 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, & 3.4 or unannounced absence from Two (or 2) consecutive meetings, or dissolution or expiration of the Mill NRZ. Such termination shall be effected by a majority vote of the Planning Committee. Any member may resign by delivering a written resignation to the Committee Chair or recording secretary. Upon termination or resignation of membership, all rights and privileges of the member on the Committee and its property shall cease.

Article VI Officers and Committees

Section: 6.1 Name and Number

Since the purpose of the NRZ Planning Committee is to formulate a Strategic Plan for the Mill Hill NRZ, the only officers shall be a President, whose responsibility shall be to preside over meetings of the Committee, a Vice-President, who shall act in the President's place in his or her absence, and a Secretary, who shall be responsible for maintaining records of the Planning Committee, recording minutes and votes, and providing notice of meetings to the Planning Committee and notice of public hearings or forums to the community at large. The offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected for one-year terms by a majority vote of the members of the Planning Committee.

Section: 6.2 Subcommittees

The Mill Hill NRZ Planning Committee may consist of but not be limited to the following Subcommittees, each of which will be assigned tasks and meet according to a schedule determined by the membership at large: (1) Economic Development; (2) Education; (3) Open Space & Recreation; (4) Health, Safety & Security; (5) Housing; (6) Infrastructure and Transportation; (7) Outreach and Communications; and (8) Employment and Training;

Article VII Procedure

Section: 7.1 Motions and Proposals

Proposals may be introduced to the committee by any member, unless the proposal directly affects a property, project or program of a participating group, in which case only the affected party may introduce the proposal. If more than one group has such an interest, any and/or all of them may introduce a measure. A proposition which is re-introduced after being tabled at a previous meeting may be tabled again if six committee members vote to table it again.

Section: 7.2 Amendments

Amendments to the By-laws may be proposed in writing to the Planning Committee if at least three members of the Planning Committee request an amendment to the By-laws. Any amendment shall require a three-quarters (or $\frac{3}{4}$) vote of all Committee members to take effect.

Section: 7.3 Parliamentary Disputes

In any dispute concerning interpretation of "By Laws" or operating procedures of the NRZ, the Secretary shall be considered "Parliamentarian" and defer to Robert's Rules of Order for guidance. The agreement of seventy-five percent (or 75%) of those in attendance shall be necessary to overcome the application of Robert's Rule of Order, in all case.

Article VIII

Section: 8.1 Presentation of Plan/Dissolution

In no case shall the NRZ Planning Committee present a plan to the City of Bridgeport without first holding at least one public hearing on same, open to all residents and stakeholders within the Mill Hill NRZ community. Notice of said meeting shall be made in writing, and provided the public not less than two weeks prior.

Section: 8.2 Plan Approval

Upon approval of the Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Strategic Plan by the City of Bridgeport, and presentation of same to the State of Connecticut, the NRZ Planning Committee will dissolve. Any assets of the NRZ Planning Committee, including all work-product, will be transferred to the NRZ Implementation Committee, a separate 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, whose mission will be to carry out the particulars of the Strategic Plan.

Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone

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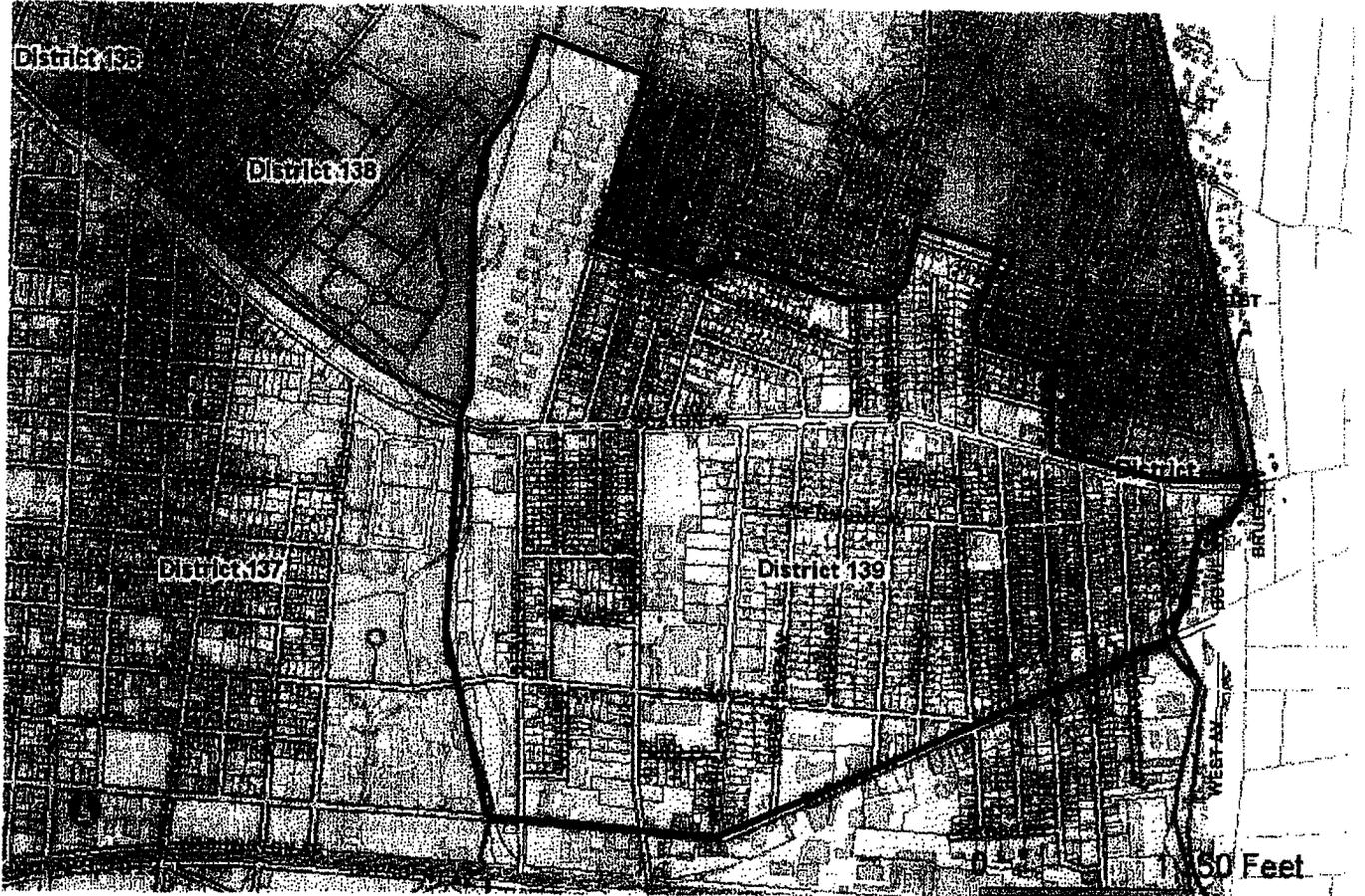
Appendix A

Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Boundary Description

Beginning at the corner and centerline of Barnum Avenue and the Junction of Yellow Mill Pond travel east along the centerline of Barnum Avenue to the centerline of Sage Avenue then: follow the Bridgeport/ Stratford Town Line to the Center line of Boston Avenue then: travel west to the centerline of Success Avenue then: travel two blocks north to the centerline of Gary Street then: travel west to the centerline of Carnegie Avenue then: travel north to the centerline of Granfield Avenue then: travel west to the centerline of Summerfield Avenue then: travel south to the centerline of Birdseye Street then: travel west to the centerline of Palisade Avenue then: travel southwest to the centerline of Tudor Street then: west to the centerline of Bond Street then: north to the centerline of Stewart Street then: travel west to the Yellow River Brook then: south along the Yellow River Brook back to the beginning at the Junction of Yellow Mill Pond and the centerline of Barnum Avenue.

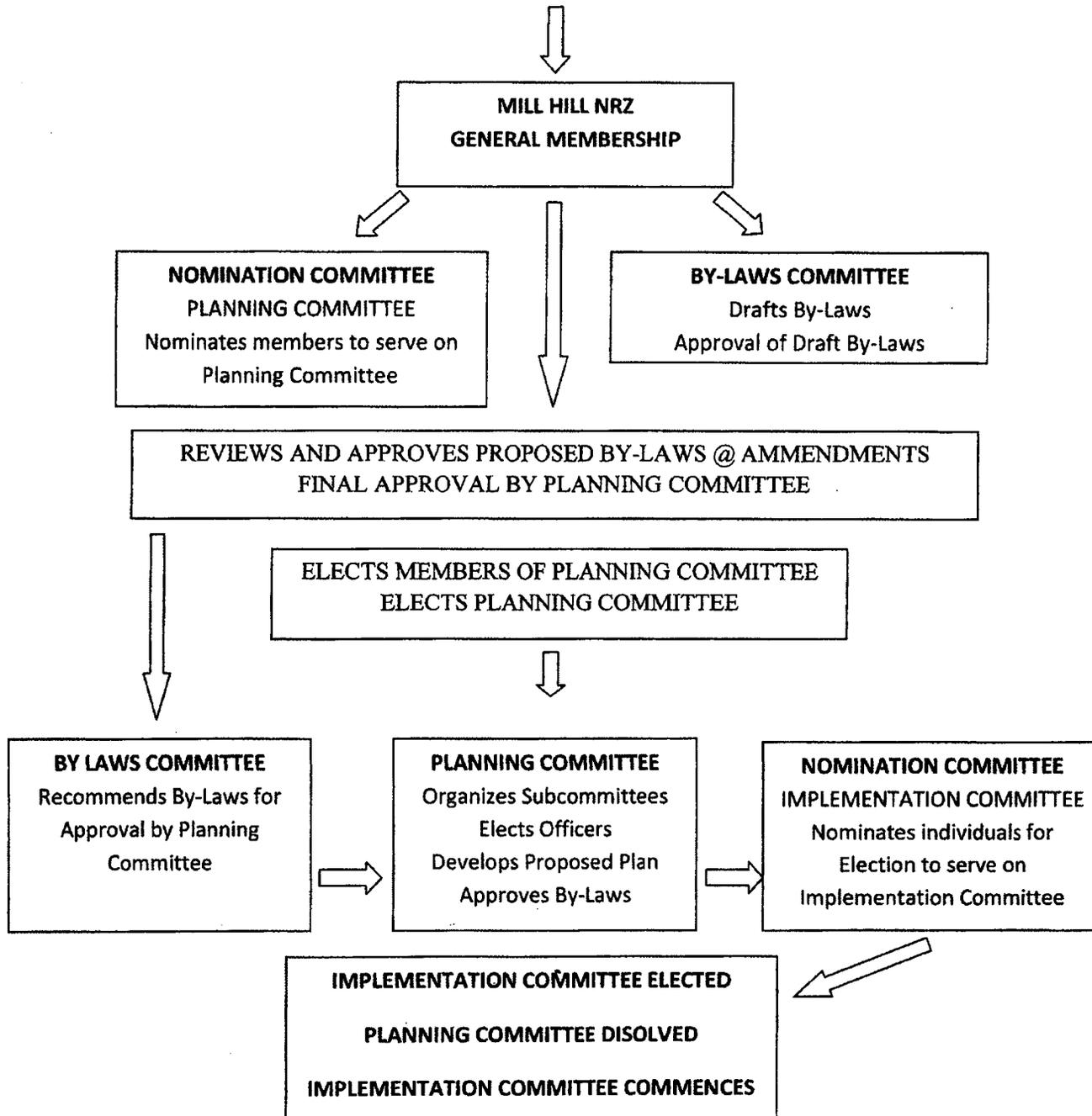
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**Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone
MAP**



**Appendix C:
By-Laws & Planning Committee Organizational Chart**

MILL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE (NRZ)



***21-12 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission: re Southwestern Connecticut
Agency on the Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funds Program
- East Side Senior Center Project.

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Fleeta E. Hudson

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***21-12 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through a grant for the East Side Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to promote, enhance and develop community focal points, endorse physical and mental well being and encourage good nutrition among Seniors; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, Department of Health and Social Services, submit an application to the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging in the amount of \$109,656 for the purpose of providing services at the East Side Senior Center; Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the City Council:

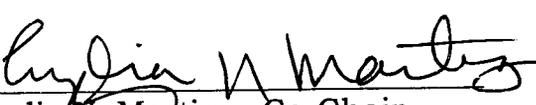
1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging for the purpose of providing services at the East Side Senior Center; and
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging for the East Side Senior Center Grant and to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts, amendments and documents as maybe necessary to administer this program.

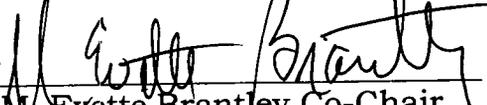


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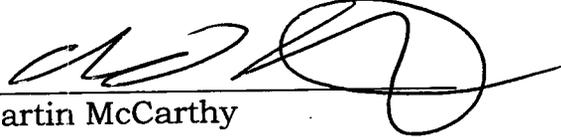

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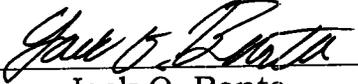

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***22-12 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission: re Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funds Program - Elderly Hispanic Program.

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Fleeta C Hudson
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***22-12 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through a grant for the Elderly Hispanic Services Program; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to improve the quality of life for low-income elderly Hispanics within Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, Department of Health and Social Services, submit an application to the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging in the amount of \$93,877.00 for the purpose of improving quality of life for low-income elderly Hispanics within Bridgeport; Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the City Council:

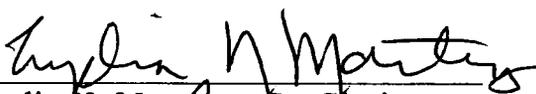
1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging for the purpose of providing the Elderly Hispanic Services Program; and
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging for the Elderly Hispanic Services Grant and to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts, amendments and documents as maybe necessary to administer this program.



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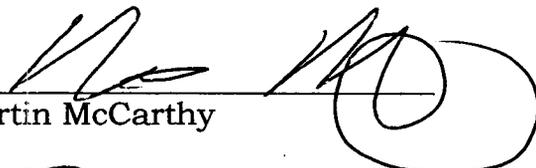

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***24-12 Consent Calendar**

Acquisition of City Property, 645 Knowlton Street.

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

Adopted: _____

Fleeta C. Hudson

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***24-12 Consent Calendar**

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council Authorizing the Acquisition of 645 Knowlton Street

Whereas, the City continues to pursue the recapture and redevelopment of its urban waterfront for its economic benefit and for the enjoyment of its citizenry; and

Whereas, economic impact studies show that the development of public parks and open space greenways increase property values and assessed values in surrounding areas; and

Whereas, the City's Parks Master Plan calls for the establishment of greenways along the Pequonnock River, Yellow Mill Channel, and Johnson's Creek; and

Whereas, the City has used Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding in a concerted way to acquire and demolish foreclosed properties along Knowlton Street so as to advance the waterfront recapture effort along the Pequonnock River most specifically at 459 Knowlton Street, 405 Knowlton Street and 337 Knowlton Street; and

Whereas, 645 Knowlton Street is vacant, and is in arrears on its City taxes, and as such is deemed a "foreclosed" property, eligible for acquisition under NSP guidelines; and

Whereas, the City has produced income through its NSP investments thus far, such that it does have funding available to acquire 645 Knowlton; and

Whereas, this property is located within an area of the East Side that has seen considerable real estate investment, both privately and within NSP; and



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***24-12 Consent Calendar**

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Whereas the property is currently in an abandoned and blighted condition; and

Whereas, this property offers approximately 200 linear feet of direct waterfront access to the Pequonnock River and is immediately adjacent to a paper street and an undevelopable sliver parcel which together provide an additional 520 linear feet of direct waterfront access so that combined the parcels will provide over 700 feet of direct access; and

Whereas, both the City's Master Plan of Conservation and Development and the City's East Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Strategic Plan call for the recapture and reclamation of the banks of the Pequonnock River for the use and enjoyment of the citizenry; and

Whereas, the City wishes to see this property redeveloped in a way that returns it to clean productive use and increases waterfront access for the public; and

Whereas, the City wishes to acquire this property and Benchmark REO Ltd, the owner, wishes to sell the property; and

Whereas, the City, proposes to acquire this property at no more than 99% of appraised fair market value using NSP funds; and

Whereas a June 2010 appraisal valued the property at \$265,000; and

Whereas, the City has consulted with environmental counsel and believes that its exposure to environmental liabilities and responsibilities can be addressed and managed; Now, therefore be it

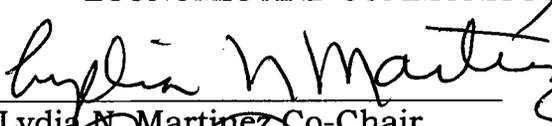
RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or the Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized, to execute any and all necessary documents and to take any and all necessary actions required to effectuate this acquisition, using only NSP funding, in a manner consistent with this resolution.

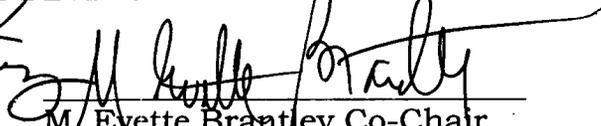


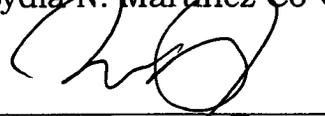
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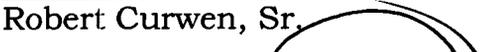
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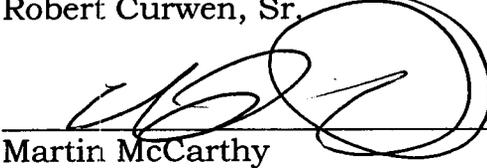

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***146-11 Consent Calendar (PHO)**

Public Hearing Ordered for March 18, 2013: re
Disposition of City Owned Properties by Auction, Sale
to Abutter or by RFP.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CCD & Environment**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

Adopted: _____

Fleeta E Hudson

Attest: _____

City Clerk

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Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

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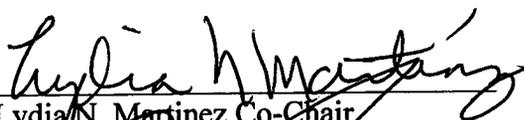
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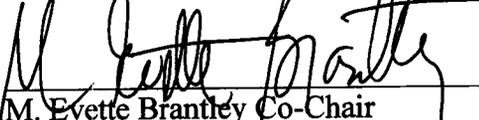
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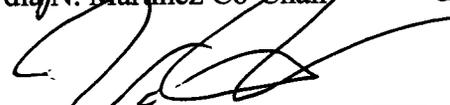
BE IT RESOLVED, That a Public Hearing be held before the City Council on Monday evening, March 18, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, relative to the Disposition of City Owned Properties by Auction, Sale to Abutter or by RFP.

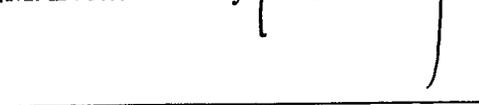
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- 1206 Stratford Avenue
- 1116 Stratford Avenue
- 141 Stratford Avenue
- 135 Clarence Street
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- 86 Whittier Street

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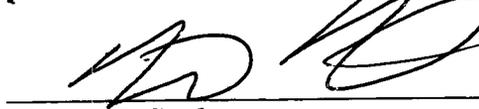

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***30-12 Consent Calendar (PHO)**

Public Hearing Ordered for March 18, 2013: re
Disposition of City Owned Property 956 Main Street,
City Savings Bank Building.

**Report
of
Committee
on
COB & Environment**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

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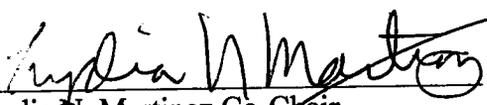
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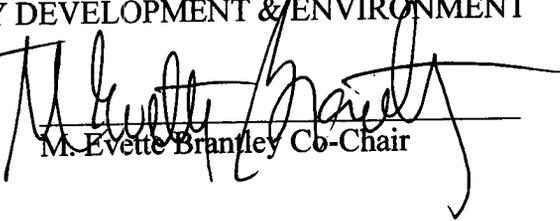
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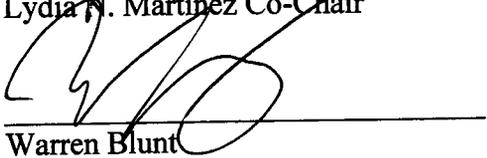
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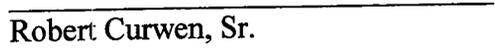
BE IT RESOLVED, That a Public Hearing be held before the City Council on Monday evening, March 18, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, relative to the Disposition of City Owned Property 956 Main Street, City Savings Bank Building.

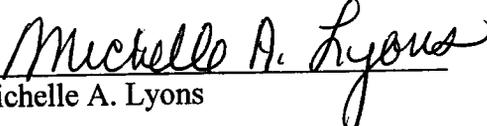
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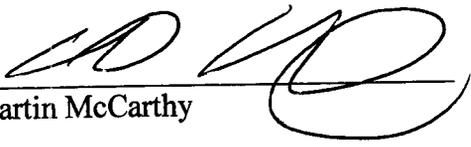

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Council Date: March 4, 2013

***27-12 Consent Calendar**

Approval of Tax Anticipation Notes to Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City (\$110,000,000).

**Report
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Committee
on
Budget & Appropriations**

Submitted: March 4, 2013

Adopted: _____

Attest: Fleeta C. Hudson
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **Budget and Appropriations** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES To Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City

BE IT RESOLVED, that having received the recommendation of the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport (the "City") with respect to the action authorized herein, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport (the "City Council") hereby approves the appropriation of an amount up to \$110,000,000.00 and the issuance of general obligation tax anticipation notes secured by the City's full faith and credit (the "Notes"), in an aggregate amount up to \$110,000,000.00 (exclusive of Financing Costs, as hereinafter defined) for the purposes of (i) paying current expenses and obligations of the City as are determined by the Mayor, the Finance Director and the Treasurer (collectively, the "Officials") to be in the best interest of the City to pay through the issuance of the Notes; and (ii) financing such additional costs and expenses, in an amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of such authorization, as the Officials shall approve for the funding of necessary and appropriate financing and/or issuance costs including, but not limited to legal, financial advisory, investments fees, net temporary interest or other financing and transactional costs, credit enhancement, trustee, underwriters' discount, printing and administrative expenses, as well as the costs of the establishment and maintenance of any reserve pursuant to Chapter 109, Chapter 112 and other chapters of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "Financing Costs"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Officials are further authorized on behalf of the City to make temporary borrowings as authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to Section 7-405a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and to issue notes of the City in anticipation of the receipt of tax collections and such notes shall be issued and renewed at such time and with such maturities, requirements and limitations as provided by the provisions of this resolution and the Connecticut General Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Officials, if the Officials determine it is in the City's best interest, to acquire, on behalf of the City, bond insurance or other forms of credit enhancement guaranteeing the Notes on such terms as the Officials determine to be appropriate, such terms to include, but not be limited to, those relating to fees, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such credit enhancement, the terms of payment of such expenses and costs and such other undertakings as the issuer of the credit enhancement shall require; and the Officials, if they determine that it is appropriate, are authorized, on the City's behalf, to grant security to the issuer of the credit enhancement to secure the City's obligations arising under the credit enhancement, including the establishment of a reserve from proceeds of the Notes; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Officials to determine the date, maturity, prices, interest rates whether fixed or floating, form, manner of sale (whether by negotiation or public sale) or other terms and conditions of the Notes, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, whether any of the Notes issued will be issued as taxable notes and whether the Notes will be issued in one or more series on the same or one or more separate dates, all in such a manner as the Officials shall determine to be in the best interest of the City, and to take such actions and to execute such documents, or to designate other officials or employees of the City to take such actions and to execute such documents, as deemed to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the City by the Officials in order to issue, sell and deliver the Notes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Officials in connection with the issuance of the Notes to execute and deliver on behalf of the City such reimbursement agreements, remarketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, interest rate swap agreements, and other agreements for the purpose of managing the interest rate fluctuations and risks and any other appropriate agreements the Officials deem necessary, appropriate or desirable to the issuance of the Notes and the Officials are hereby authorized on behalf of the City to secure the payment of such agreements with the full faith and credit of the City, if they deem it necessary, appropriate or desirable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notes shall be signed by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Finance Director provided that such signatures of any two of such officers of the City affixed to the Notes may be by facsimiles of such signatures printed on the Notes, and each of such Officials and any designee of any of them is authorized to take such actions, and execute such agreements, instruments and documents, on behalf of the City, that they deem necessary, appropriate or desirable to consummate the intendment of this and the foregoing resolutions.



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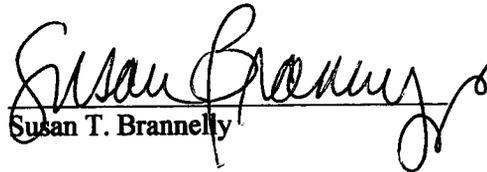
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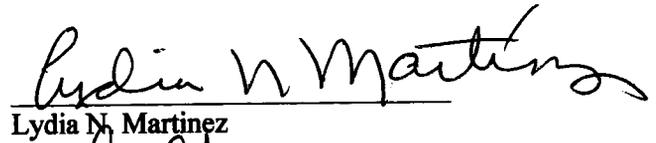
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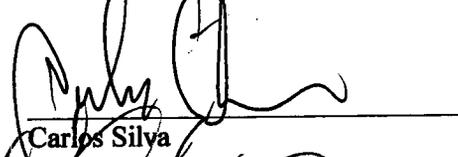


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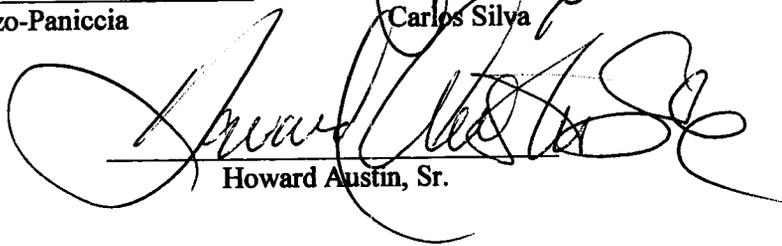


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Council Date: March 4, 2013