

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012  
6:30 PM**

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

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:50 pm.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

Cecil C. Young  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Civil Rights Violation and Issue regarding  
Superior Court Ruling.

Mr. Young spoke and recalled his past termination. He stated that because he didn't return to work at the time he was supposed to according to the schedule; he was subsequently terminated. He said that he has paid out approximately \$20k to date to defend his rights regarding the unjustified termination from the Bridgeport Health Department where he worked for twenty-seven years. He noted that his medical reports can be viewed at his website [www.cecilyoung.com](http://www.cecilyoung.com). The documents pertain to information from the State Labor Board, consisting of 3-full pages of information. He emphasized once again how he has been denied any medical benefits for two years. He further emphasized that he will keep coming back to speak out.

*The Following Named Persons Signed Up Prior To The Public Speaking Session To Address The City Council:*

## **Clyde Nicholson**

Mr. Nicholson spoke about the gun violence plaguing the city. He mentioned that there is an awareness of illegal weapons and he had a fear that they will go into another year with the same mindset. He talked about implementing a gun-free zone to make the point that it will make it tougher for those that sell guns to underage persons. He stated that they need to be more aware of what guns are doing to the city and it's time for the city council to move on addressing the matter. He suggested that the city council could do something by means of city and state law to mandate what will happen to someone that is caught with or sells an illegal gun.

He went on to mention the problem he had with the Mayor being located at a different location than city hall. He said he didn't feel we needed two city halls. He also said a message should be sent to the Mayor that we don't need any more parks, we need jobs!

## **Amos Brown**

Mr. Brown spoke about the money that the federal government gives the state to address gang violence; but he questioned where the money goes. He said they can't tell us and the gangs continue to kill on the streets. He expressed how it truly feels to lose a love one to violence. He stated that he tried to speak to Governor Malloy about the problem, but he got the feeling that he felt he was too good to speak to a black person. He emphasized that a black person doesn't have a voice in this country and politicians aren't hearing what the people are saying. He stressed that if they don't start listening, they won't be supported in the future.

The public speaking session closed at 7:10 pm.

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace**

**Bridgeport, Connecticut**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members: Brannelly, Taylor-Moye, Olson, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, dePara, Silva, Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Holloway

**ABSENT:** Council members: M. McCarthy, Austin, Blunt, Curwen, Baker

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

Prayer - the prayer was offered by Council member Brantley.

Moment of Silence - Mayor Finch requested a moment of silence for Council member Blunt's sister Louise who passed away.

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Council member Vizzo-Paniccia.

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

## Adoption of City Council Rules

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE**

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

Council member Olson referred to page 24 of the city council rules booklet. He said it should be reviewed, because he questioned if they were following all the rules as they were outlined.

Council member Holloway stated that whatever isn't in the booklet; is outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. He clarified that the city council rules booklet only contains general guidelines that should be compared to Robert's Rules of Order rules.

Council President McCarthy added that the city council rules booklet is a living document that is adopted once per year and can be revised. He urged everyone to read it through and if they have changes to recommend, they should be submitted for discussion.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## Appointment of City Council Standing Committees

Council President McCarthy noted that minor changes were made. He stated that when former Councilmember Colon left, it resulted in three vacant committee chairs. He noted that Council member Bonney will now serve as the co-chair of the Public Safety Committee. He said they will need to appoint a new council member in place of Council member Colon for the ECDE Committee and the Miscellaneous Committee. He further stated that Council member Taylor-Moye has been appointed to the Harbor Commission

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: November 5, 2012

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Announcements:**

Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members were absent for the following reasons:

Council member Baker had an emergency work matter.

Council member Blunt's sister passed away.

Council member Curwen had a continuing family emergency.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- 01-12**      Communication from Finance Department re: Proposed Resolution Affirming and Approving Financing in the amount of \$46,800,000 for the Design, Rehabilitation, Upgrading and Construction of Various Improvements to the Combined Sewer Overflow Facilities, referred to Budget & Appropriations Committee.
  
- 02-12**      Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Robin Shepard (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
  
- 03-12**      Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing Partial Tax Abatement for Affordable Rental Housing at 810 Boston Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
  
- 04-12**      Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing Partial Tax Abatement for Mixed Use Development at 930 Main Street and 114 State Street (The Former Mechanics and Farmers Bank Building), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
  
- 05-12**      Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (GBRC) for a State of Connecticut Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPI), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**\*\*      COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

**\*\*      MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**06-12** Resolution presented by Council Member Blunt re: Request that Stop Signs be placed in designated locations in the 135<sup>th</sup> District, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS 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 was none heard.

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

**\*142-11** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Disposition of City Owned Properties to Habitat for Humanity.

**\*151-11** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Disposition of City Owned Property located at 1163 Main Street.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**

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

Council member Holloway asked about item \*151-11, 1163 Main Street. He asked about details of the disposition. David Kooris, OPED stated that the property was sold to Color Blends. They are a flower bulbs distributor and they plan to open up a tulip and flower museum in the city.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

New business:

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR A FULL CITY COUNCIL VOTE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Paoletto relayed that item 140-11 pertained to the Bridgeport Food Policy Council. He thanked Council member Blunt who was a co-maker of the policy; Mayor Finch for his guidance and support; the Bridgeport Health Department for their efforts and the council members that signed on in support of the policy. He stated that the item passed in committee and there was a final meeting held tonight to tweak the language.

Council member Paoletto clarified that the policy **does not** involve food policing of any kind. The intention of the policy is to bring a healthier vision to the city and the community.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

Council member Holloway said he was glad there wouldn't be any food policing, noting that most restaurants are coming out with healthier and nutritional foods. He specified that he hoped there is no food policing down the line.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM 161-11 BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 10, 2012  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 161-11 BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch thanked the city council for expediting the item. He stated that the item pertained to a matter that Council member Holloway has been involved with for years.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO REFER THE GATHERING OF THE VIBES CONTRACT EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM # 07-12)**

Other business:

Council President McCarthy announced that a Special City Council Meeting before the full city council is scheduled on Monday, December 10, 2012.

Council President McCarthy reminded everyone that an important caucus would be held following the meeting tonight.

Council member Olson thanked the city council, the Habitat for Humanity owners for their continued support.

Mayor Finch expressed that the disposition of the Habitat for Humanity properties has been the most aggressive acquisition there has ever been to build homes and change lives. He said it was very gratifying.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services