

CITY of BRIDGEPORT

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2012
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, Colon, Taylor-Moye, Olson, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Bonney, Holloway

City Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 7:50 pm.

ROLL CALL: the city clerk took the roll call and she announced there was a quorum.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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

Sensitivity Training for Police Officers that will be profiling young people that are at risk and Paul Timpanelli and the Business Council.

Mr. Young continued with his comments that were made during the public hearing session. He said he also thought the police should have other equipment included in the sensitivity training to use to enforce the curfew on the street. He went on to talk about being cautious of profiling and he repeated his comments about implementing other solutions to address the problem.

Terron Jones
138 Olive Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Considering implementing a Bicycle
Sharing Program in the City of Bridgeport.

Mr. Jones spoke about discussions he had about a bike sharing program, which will tap into the Mayor's green initiative to improve the environment and reduce the number of vehicles on the road. He noted that a project was implemented at St. Mary's by the Sea and Seaside Park for people to rent a bike for transportation and leisure – he offered his phone number should anyone wish to contact him for additional information (203) 450-5039.

Virgen S. Martinez
1491 Central Avenue, Apt. 204
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Education, mental health and loss
of homes.

Ms. Martinez spoke about education. She made a comment about parents that buy \$150.00 sneakers, noting that many parents have their own problems. She further spoke about mental health and she stated that all the services are for veterans. She said they needed a program for other people because most of the mentally ill are on the street. She said she was there to speak on behalf of the mentally ill that need help. She voiced that if "Bridgeport is the armpit of the Connecticut, then they need to start wearing deodorant".

Clyde Nicholson

signed up to speak prior to the public session

Mr. Nicholson said he wanted to present Council President McCarthy with a proposal to ask the city to adopt some measures regarding the curfew issue; such as the use of video cameras. He mentioned the big problem of illegal guns and he felt strongly that those who sell guns to a youth should be fined. He held up a sign that read "*Put a curfew on guns!*" He stressed that he didn't feel free anymore living in the city with all the crime and he expressed that he was asking for justice for everyone.

The public hearing session closed at 8:10 pm.

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Mayor Finch called the public speaking session to order at 8:10 pm.

The city clerk took the roll call and she announced there was a quorum.

Prayer - Council member Vizzo-Paniccia offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

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

Moment of Silence - was requested for Council member McCarthy's grandmother.

Council member Brantley requested a personal privilege to say a few words about Priscilla Gaynor and Denepha Edmadson. She noted that they spoke during the public speaking session. She relayed that Harding High School is financially strapped and they have to hold their senior dinner inside the gymnasium. They were looking for donations for food and decorations. She also mentioned the curfew issue to express that these two young women were examples of youth in action and they are taking responsibility in the community.

Mayoral Citation: Tribute to Charles J. Dougiello for exemplary community service and extraordinary dedication to the community residing in Bridgeport.

Charles Dougiello's son came forward to accept the citation on behalf of his father.

The Mayor expressed that Mr. Dougiello was the pillar of the community in the south end of Bridgeport. He shared some background information about Charles Dougiello regarding his personal and business accomplishments. He expressed that he was dedicated and he made many contributions to the city – *a picture was taken with Charles Dougiello's son, Mayor Finch and Council President McCarthy.*

Mr. Dougiello thanked the Mayor for this thoughtfulness and acknowledgement of his father. He graciously donated \$500.00 to Priscilla Gaynor and Denepha Edmadson to help out with their senior dinner – *to applause!*

Mayor Finch, Council member Curwen and Council President McCarthy recognized an esteemed eagle scout that was in the audience and they took a picture with him and his family members that were present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: January 3, 2012

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

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 40-11** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Michael Jeffrey Smith (D) to the Stratfield Historic District, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

- 41-11** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Robert J. Filotei (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

- 42-11** Communication from Tax Collector, re: State Reimbursement of Low and Moderate Income Housing Tax for the Grand List of 2010, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

- 43-11** Communication from Tax Collector, re: Refund of Excess Payments, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

- 44-11** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Ronald Sheiman, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

- 45-11** Communication from Airport Manager re: Proposed Lease Agreement with United States Department of Transportation re: Lease No. DTFAEN-11-L-00095, referred to Contracts Committee.

- 46-11** Communication from OPED re: (Ref. # 124-04) Proposed Resolution for the Sub-Lease of Connecticut Department of Transportation Property to The Mercy Learning Center, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 47-11** Communication from Finance Department re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Refund Certain General Obligation Bonds, referred to Budget & Appropriations Committee.

48-11 Communication from Finance Department re: Approval of Tax Anticipation Notes to Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City (\$110,000,000), referred to Budget & Appropriations Committee.

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**COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER
COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**
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COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

49-11 Resolution presented by Council Members Brannelly, M. McCarthy, Taylor-Moye and T. McCarthy re Proposed Resolution to Endorse the Bridgeport Children's Bill of Rights for Education, referred to Education and Social Services Committee.

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BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**
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COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***39-11** Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution to Enforce a Curfew for Youth, age Sixteen Years and Younger.

Council member Paoletto announced that this item was on the agenda by mistake. He clarified that the item has been tabled in committee and it should be **removed** from the consent calendar.

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

There were none heard.

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

- *35-11** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Letter of Commitment – Traffic Signal Improvements on Main Street Utilizing Funding from the STP-Urban Program and CMAQ Program; State Project No. 15-H0009.
- *36-11** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Letter of Commitment – Iranistan Avenue, Installation of Sidewalks from State Street to Railroad Avenue Utilizing Funding from the STP-Urban Program; State Project No. 15-358, Federal Aid Project No. 1015(124).
- *08-11** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments.
- *34-11** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ashley Jade Wacker (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REMOVED:

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

50-11 Communication from OPM, re: Proposed Budget Modification for FY 2011-2012 Civil Service Budget From: Advertising Budget Line 01070000-53705 (\$25,000) To: Management Services Line 01070000-56165 (\$25,000), referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM FOR REFERRAL
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO REFER RE: ITEM RELATED TO AN
HISTORIC HOME TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION #1 TO THE
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (ITEM#51-11)
** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Lyons stated they were looking to send three (3) fire trucks to the Republic of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. She thanked Mayor Finch, the fire department and Pierre D'Haiti for their support. She also thanked everyone for working hard to get the trucks to the countries in need. She recalled that they adopted a city in Haiti. She stated that the resolution was now a bill and it passed through congress.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE RE: THE TRANSPORT OF
THREE (3) FIRE TRUCKS TO THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (ITEM#52-11)
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

Council member Martinez thanked everyone who made this possible. She welcomed the Captain of the firefighters from Santo Domingo to Bridgeport and she expressed that they have good luck with the trucks.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Colon thanked everyone for their support in this endeavor. She asked how many trucks were being transported. Council member Lyons said there were three (3) trucks.

The Captain of the firefighters from Santo Domingo addressed the council through a translator. He said thank you to the Mayor and all the council members. He said he felt proud and satisfied with each one for their kindness. He thanked everyone on behalf of the Dominican Republic. He expressed that he hoped the country will be healed by the purpose intended for the trucks. Good night!

Council member Lyons clarified that the fire trucks are retired and the funds to transport them were raised outside of the city.

Announcements:

Council member Brantley stated that anyone wishing to make a donation should write a check to Warren Harding High School, Class of 2012.

Council President McCarthy presented identification city badges to Council members: Olson, Taylor-Moye, Paoletto, dePara and Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services