

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, A. Ayala, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Austin, dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: M. McCarthy, Taylor-Moye, Walsh, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, Silva, Paoletto, Holloway

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 7:02 pm.

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

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Fighting for our rights

Mr Young spoke about believing in the process. He recalled being a sheriff and how he was unjustly terminated. He spoke about his medical benefits and expressed that his rights deserve to be protected and he questioned why he was being treated this way. He said he was sad that he had to go to court about the incident that occurred. And he further noted other court dates that were scheduled to address other issues.

He went on to talk about unjustly losing his job in reference to the union contract terms that pertained to the matter. He emphasized that it was a shame being treated like a foreigner in his own home.

Patricia Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Violating the NAGE Union contract

Ms. Young wasn't present to address the council. Mr. Young mentioned that his wife wasn't present due to a death in her family. He noted that she was going to speak about violating the NAGE Union contract.

The public speaking session ended at 7:06 pm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

7:00 pm.

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Council President McCarthy called for a caucus prior to the city council meeting.

The caucus began at 7:10 pm.

The caucus ended at 7:36 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, A. Ayala, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Taylor-Moye, Walsh, Vizzo-Paniccia, Silva, Paoletto, Holloway

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Prayer the prayer was offered by Council member dePara.

Pledge of Allegiance the pledge was led by Council President McCarthy.

Roll Call the City Clerk took the roll call and she announced there was a quorum.

Point of Personal Privilege – Council member Curwen mentioned that he was stepping down from serving on the city council. He said he planned to do this by the next meeting or two.

Mayor Finch stated that Council member Curwen would leave the meeting early to go vote. He expressed his appreciation for all Council member Curwen has done for the city while he served on the council.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: January 18, 2011

** **COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER M. AYALA SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch welcomed Council member A. Ayala back from his hospitalization. He expressed that he was happy to see him in peak health and he was happy he made it through and looked well.

Council President McCarthy stated that Council member Ayala had two significant surgeries within the past week. He commended him for attending the meeting tonight.

He further noted that the following council members were absent tonight for the following reasons:

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia had to attend a wake; Council member Taylor-Moye had to take care of some medical issues; Council member Silva had personal business; Council member Paoletto had a family matter to take care of and Council member Holloway was on vacation.

Council President McCarthy presented a citation to the Caribbean World Chamber of Commerce. The recipients present were: Maxine Height, Wayne Winston and Staff Sergeant Julia Taylor who served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Wayne Winston expressed that they were glad to be here tonight. He mentioned their pleasure in having worked with Mayor Finch over the years. Ms. Height expressed the same sentiment, noting the mantra “*Yes We Can Make a Change for Bridgeport!*” *A group picture was taken.*

Mayor Finch was presented with an award on behalf of the Caribbean World Chamber of Commerce. Staff Sergeant Julia Taylor thanked the Mayor for this support and she said she appreciated all he was doing for the community.

Mayor Finch expressed his gratitude for the award. He mentioned that the Caribbean community was growing with families in the United States and the city. He thanked them on behalf of the city council. He further commented that it was a good to implement school uniforms in the public schools. And he further thanked them for the many contributions they've made to the city, noting that “*the Proof is in the Pudding!*”

161-09 Public Hearing regarding the Disposition of City Owned Properties to Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone to speak for this item.

There was none heard.

The public hearing was closed.

164-09 Public Hearing regarding Proposed Development, Lease and Use Agreement with M.O.V.E. Yacht Club for the re-development of 148-220 Waterview Avenue.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone to speak for this item.

There was none heard.

The public hearing was closed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMITTEES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED**

34-10 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 and Appropriations Committee.

35-10 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development, re Consolidated Plan 2008-2013 for Program Year 37 Annual Action Plan, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

37-10 Communication from OPM, re Budget Transfer for Public Facilities – Garage Maintenance Department, From: Electricity and Gas Utilities Maintenance Account To: Municipal Garage Auto Parts, Garage Diesel Fuel and Vehicle Maintenance Services in order to complete purchases for supply needs and prepare for spring activity funds, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

38-10 Communication from OPM, re Budget Transfer for Public Facilities – Golf Course From: Vehicle Rental/Lease Account To: Other Maintenance and Repairs Account in order to complete purchases for supply needs and prepare for spring activity funds, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

39-10 Communication from OPM, re Budget Transfer for Public Facilities Maintenance Department, From: Electricity and Gas Utilities Maintenance Account To: Building Maintenance Services and Management Services in order to complete purchases for supply needs and prepare for spring activity funds, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

40-10 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development, re Grant Submission: Southwest Community Health Center for 2011-2012 Oral Health Care Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PETITIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO REFER THE PETITION TO COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

36-10 Petition from Greater Bridgeport Transit re Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (GBTA) Design and Installation of Bus Stop Shelters at various Locations, pursuant to Resolution 58-08, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

****COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO REFER ITEM # 41-10 RE: FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL UNION AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ 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.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

***15-10** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Acceptance of Grants from Federal Transit Administration and the State Department of Transportation for the Construction of the Bridgeport Intermodal Transportation Center.

ADDED:

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***31-10** Ordinance Committee Report re (Ref. # 152-09) Amendments to the Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and the Town of Trumbull for the Provision of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services to the Fairchild-Wheeler High School.

***10-10** Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with Anthem Health Plans to Provide Medicare Advantage Health Plan to covered Medicare-eligible

retirees of the City and Board of Education for the period of January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011.

***28-10** Contracts Committee Report re Assignment of Arena Operating Agreement from Centerplate to Sound Tigers Entity

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council member A. Ayala expressed his thanks to Mayor Finch, Council President McCarthy and his colleagues who spent time with him during his hospitalization and to those that extended phone calls to him.

Mayor Finch said he was happy for his recovery, he said he realized how trying it must have been being in medical limbo. He expressed that he was happy to see his spark back!

Mayor Finch mentioned that there will be a time to show their thanks for Council member Curwen's dedication to the city council.

Council President McCarthy requested a moment of silence for Al Hyman who passed away. He expressed that he was a long time city employee that worked in the stock room.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services