

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRAYER**

Mayor Finch asked Council Member Austin to lead those present in a prayer.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Hudson called the roll. The following members were present

130 <sup>th</sup> District	Susan T. Brannelly	Martin McCarthy
131 <sup>st</sup> District	Anderson Ayala	Denese Taylor-Moye
132 <sup>nd</sup> District:	M. Evette Brantley	Robert S. Walsh
133 <sup>rd</sup> District:	Thomas McCarthy	Howard Austin, Sr.
134 <sup>th</sup> District:	Michelle A. Lyons	AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135 <sup>th</sup> District:	Richard Bonney	
136 <sup>th</sup> District:	Angel dePara, Jr.	
137 <sup>th</sup> District:	Manuel Ayala	Lydia N. Martinez
138 <sup>th</sup> District:	Richard Paoletto, Jr.	Robert Curwen
139 <sup>th</sup> District:	Andre F. Baker, Jr.	James Holloway

There were a total of 18 Council Members present. Council President McCarthy then stated that Council Member Blunt and Council Member Silva were unable to be present due to medical issues.

**COMMUNICATION TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

**80-10 Communication from OPM re Budget Modification to the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Nutrition Budget: Increase revenue line item 01900902 42617 Federal Breakfast Program to \$963,547 to include Increase appropriation line items 01900902 54595 Food to \$803,000 and 01900902 54600 Food Service Supplies to \$160,547 for funding to complete school year Breakfast Program, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 80-10 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE**

**FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 NUTRITION BUDGET: INCREASE REVENUE LINE ITEM 01900902 42617 FEDERAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM TO \$963,547 TO INCLUDE INCREASE APPROPRIATION LINE ITEMS 01900902 54595 FOOD TO \$803,000 AND 01900902 54600 FOOD SERVICE SUPPLIES TO \$160,547 FOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE SCHOOL YEAR BREAKFAST PROGRAM, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.  
 \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

**GENERAL FUND INCREASES**

**Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council shall have the power to increase any item in said budget or add new items to said budget only on a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the entire membership of the council.**

**CITY COUNCIL VOTE NUMBER I – 62-10(a)**

**Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Revenue Increases**

**There are adjustments to the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council’s Budget & Appropriations Committee.**

ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	COUNCIL ADOPTED	CHANGE
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>					
01040000	41702	Penalties: Current Taxes	1,500,000	1,705,480	205,480
01040000	41703	Penalties: Arrears Taxes	1,000,000	1,160,000	160,000
01455000	41532	New Non Residential	350,000	1,850,000	1,500,000
01863000	44520	ECS Education Cost Sharing	133,796,765	155,698,819	21,902,054
01940000	44516	Non Public School Transportation		31,250	31,250
<b>Total Revenue Increases</b>			<b>\$136,646,765</b>	<b>\$160,445,549</b>	<b>\$23,798,784</b>

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT REVENUE INCREASES**

**01040000 41702 The legislative intent is to increase current penalty revenues through additional justification documentation.**

**01040000 41703** The legislative intent is to increase arrears penalty revenues through additional justification documentation.

**01455000 41532** The legislative intent is to recognize potential revenues through permitting of the new Magnet High School.

**01863000 44520** The legislative intent is to recognize increased revenue for the Education Cost Sharing grant per the direction of the State Department of Education. This is to be in compliance with the MBR (Minimum Budget Requirement).

**01940000 44516** The legislative intent is to recognize increased revenue of 25% of the projected expense for transportation of students to a Charter High School.

### GENERAL FUND DECREASES

Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee reports its changes to the Council as a whole in the form of budget amendment resolution. The City Council has the power to reduce or delete any item in the budget recommended by the Mayor by a majority vote of the council members present and voting.

### CITY COUNCIL VOTE NUMBER –

### Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Revenue Decreases

There are adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council's Budget & Appropriations Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 62-10(A)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

Council Member Curwen said this was an accumulation of six weeks of work. He reminded everyone that the Mayor's Budget was lower than last year's. In the review of the departments, it was obvious that things were streamlined. He commended the Mayor and the Budget Committee for all this work.

Council Member Curwen said that the 1.5 million dollars that was for Trumbull for the new magnet school but the governor interceded and change the city boundaries, so that Bridgeport would receive the revenue. He also explained that ARRA funding was being given to the City, but would be passing the funding to the District.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, M. MCCARTHY, A. AYALA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, T. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BONNEY, DEPARA, M. AYALA, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO, CURWEN AND HOLLOWAY) AND TWO OPPOSED (WALSH AND BAKER).**

CITY COUNCIL VOTE NUMBER 2 – 62-10(b)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VOTE OF GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATION INCREASES

**There are adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee.**

ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	COUNCIL ADOPTED	CHANGE
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
01001000	4010EX	Comptroller's Office Operational Expenses	1,292	3,333	2,041
01015000	4015EX	Finance Operational Expenses	1,477	2,477	1,000
01035000	4035EX	Purchasing Operational Expenses	125	305	180
01035000	6035SS	Purchasing Operational Expenses	1,000	1,800	800
01041000	4041EX	Tax Assessor's Operational Expenses	7,654	9,654	2,000
01041000	6041SS	Tax Assessor's Special Services	5,606	10,606	5,000
01041000	6041SS	Tax Assessor's Special Services	65,350	130,699	65,349
01450000	6045SS	Treasury Special Services	9,375	18,750	9,375
01050000	3050FB	Registrar of Voters Fringe Benefits	880	1,759	879
01050000	4050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expenses	750	1,500	750
01050000	4050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expenses	173	345	172
01050000	4050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expenses	263	525	262
01050000	4050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expenses	3,000	6,000	3,000
01050000	4050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expenses	2,391	4,782	2,391
01050000	4050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expenses	123	245	122
01050000	6050SS	Registrar of Voters Special Services	836	1,672	836
01050000	6050SS	Registrar of Voters Special Services	12,291	83,261	70,970
01055000	4055EX	City Clerk Operational Expenses	275	550	275
01055000	4055EX	City Clerk Operational Expenses	4,500	9,000	4,500
01055000	4055EX	City Clerk Operational Expenses	2,250	4,500	2,250
01055000	4055EX	City Clerk Operational Expenses	2,100	4,200	2,100
01055000	4055EX	City Clerk Operational Expenses	1,100	2,000	900
01055000	6055SS	City Clerk Special Services	11,072	22,144	11,072
01065000	6065SS	Archives & Records Special Services	750	1,500	750
01065000	6065SS	Archives & Records Special Services	1,181	2,362	1,181
01065000	6065SS	Archives & Records Special Services	1,469	2,938	1,469
01086000	3086FB	Pensions Fringe Benefits	17,050	34,100	17,050
01090000	4090EX	Town Clerk Operational Expenses	405	810	405
01090000	4090EX	Town Clerk Operational Expenses	1,250	2,500	1,250
01090000	4090EX	Town Clerk Operational Expenses	3,500	7,000	3,500
01095000	1095PS	Legislative Services Personal Services	47,411	85,427	38,016
01095000	6095SS	Legislative Services Special Services	49,750	99,500	49,750
01108000	1108PS	Information Technology Personal Services	948,076	972,076	24,000
01250000	6250SS	Police Department Special Services	80,000	141,623	61,623
01250000	6250SS	Police Department Special Services	75,000	135,000	60,000
01260000	4260EX	Fire Department Operational Expenses	233,620	260,620	27,000
01290000	4290EX	Emergency Comm. Ctr. Operational Expenses	3,000	16,000	13,000
01450000	4450EX	OPED Operational Expenses	10,000	20,000	10,000
01450000	6450SS	OPED Special Services	10,000	17,459	7,459
01457000	1457PS	Zoning Personal Services	313,592	354,574	40,982
01552000	4552EX	Vital Statistics Operational Expenses	4,408	8,815	4,407
01552000	4552EX	Vital Statistics Operational Expenses	2,500	5,000	2,500
01552000	6552SS	Vital Statistics Special Services	2,500	5,000	2,500
01554000	4554EX	Communicable Clinic Operational Expenses	8,629	17,258	8,629
01554000	6554SS	Communicable Clinic Special Services	4,008	8,016	4,008
01555000	1555PS	Environmental Health Personal Services	454,934	505,532	50,598
01576000	1576PS	Persons with Disabilities Personal Services		19,500	19,500
01578000	4578EX	Veteran Affairs Operational Expenses	1,500	3,000	1,500
01578000	6578SS	Veteran Affairs Special Services	3,401	6,802	3,401
01610000	6610SS	Other Financing Uses Special Services	-3,878,146	-3,830,287	47,859
01610000	6610SS	Other Financing Uses Special Services	-3,830,287	-2,666,064	1,164,223
01801000	1801PS	Elementary Classroom Teachers Personal Services	-83,381,646	-61,479,592	21,902,054
01801000	1801PS	BOE Dedicated Use Operational Expenses	15,539,675	15,664,675	125,000
<b>Total Appropriation Increases</b>			<b>-\$73,138,587</b>	<b>-\$49,258,749</b>	<b>\$23,879,838</b>

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LEGISLATIVE INTENT APPROPRIATION INCREASES

**01010000 4010EX** The legislative intent is to increase office supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01015000 4015EX** The legislative intent is to increase office supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01035000 4035EX** The legislative intent is to increase memberships / registration fees per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01035000 6035SS** The legislative intent is to increase office equipment maintenance services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01041000 4041EX** The legislative intent is to increase postage per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01041000 6041SS** The legislative intent is to increase bookbinding services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01041000 6041SS** The legislative intent is to increase other services for tax assessor computer software support per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01045000 6045SS** The legislative intent is to increase public safety services for the treasury for Dunbar service per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01050000 3050FB** The legislative intent is to increase city owned vehicle benefit when the department has use of a vehicle on a seasonal basis per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01050000 4050EX** The legislative intent is to increase city property rental/lease when the department utilizes non-city owed property on a seasonal basis per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01050000 4050EX The legislative intent is to increase memberships / registration fees per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01050000 4050EX The legislative intent is to increase travel expenses per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01050000 4050EX The legislative intent is to increase travel reimbursements per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01050000 4050EX The legislative intent is to increase office supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01050000 4050EX The legislative intent is to increase subscriptions per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01050000 6050SS The legislative intent is to increase office equipment maintenance service per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01050000 6050SS The legislative intent is to increase other services for purchasing ballots and redistricting costs per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01055000 4055EX The legislative intent is to increase memberships / registration fees per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01055000 4055EX The legislative intent is to increase advertising services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01055000 4055EX The legislative intent is to increase travel expenses per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01055000 4055EX The legislative intent is to increase office supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01055000 6055SS The legislative intent is to increase office equipment maintenance services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.**

**01055000 6055SS** The legislative intent is to increase other services for transcription services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01065000 6065SS** The legislative intent is to increase computer services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01065000 6065SS** The legislative intent is to increase office equipment maintenance services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01065000 6065SS** The legislative intent is to increase recycling services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01086000 3086FB** The legislative intent is to increase actuarial services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01090000 4090EX** The legislative intent is to increase computer supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01090000 4090EX** The legislative intent is to increase office supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01090000 4090EX** The legislative intent is to increase other supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01095000 1095PS** The legislative intent is to increase personal services to add a full time Legislative Aide back into the department. This was frozen to assist with the Mayor's give back concession bargaining effort in the current fiscal year.

**01095000 6095SS** The legislative intent is to maintain other services budget to the current fiscal year amount which was reduced in the Mayor's proposed budget.

**01108000 1108PS** The legislative intent is to increase personal services to add a 2 full time Support Specialist II's, provide for increased amounts for a Network Architect and Enterprise Manager and unfund 2 Project Specialists.

**01250000 6250SS** The legislative intent is to increase veterinary services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01250000 6250SS** The legislative intent is to increase computer services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01260000 4260EX** The legislative intent is to increase public safety equipment per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01290000 4290EX** The legislative intent is to increase gas utility expense per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01450000 4450EX** The legislative intent is to increase advertising services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01450000 6450SS** The legislative intent is to increase other services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01457000 1457PS** The legislative intent is to increase the personnel by one Zoning Inspector.

**01576000 1576PS** The legislative intent is to increase personal services to add a part time Asst. Special Project Manager for the increasing workload with the Persons with Disabilities clients.

**01552000 4552EX** The legislative intent is to increase office supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01552000 4552EX** The legislative intent is to increase office equipment per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01552000 6552SS** The legislative intent is to increase computer services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01554000 4554EX** The legislative intent is to increase medical supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01554000 6554SS** The legislative intent is to increase medical services per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01555000 1555PS** The legislative intent is to increase personnel by one Registered Sanitarian.

**01578000 4578EX** The legislative intent is to increase meetings/workshops per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01578000 4578EX** The legislative intent is to increase other supplies per additional justification documentation and current year forecasted amounts.

**01610000 6610SS** The legislative intent is to increase the required reserve for the value of a Typist III position. This will be transferred by the City Council to the City Clerk's office when part-time staff is eliminated and they are ready to hire a full time position.

**01610000 6610SS** The legislative intent is to increase the contingency account for the value of \$1,164,223 for the purposes of increasing the fund balance reserve. This amount is additional savings discovered by the Budget and Appropriation Committee during its deliberations and is equal to 10% of the FY 2010 audited non restricted fund balance.

**01801000 1801PS** The legislative intent is to increase the classroom teacher line item for increased ECS grant aid. Per correspondence from the State Department of Education, all ECS aid, minus the 2% set-aside, must be appropriated to the Board of Education.

**01940000 4940EX** The legislative intent is to create a transportation expense line for Charter School students which will be starting high school. These students will be bused to a Charter High School and the City will be reimbursed 25% of this expense. Under State Statute this does not fall under normal transportation of students.

**NOTE:** Although it is not a budget item, the Committee is supporting the study by the Police Department for the potential creation and staffing of a City Impound Yard.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 62-10b.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

Council Member Walsh asked about line items 01040000 41702 and 01040000 41703. Mr. Sherwood said that the figures were from the January projection but they were lower than the March projection.

Council Member Walsh then commented on the 1.5 million that it was disingenuous to say that it would have gone to Trumbull but is now coming to Bridgeport. However, it is a bond and that there will be interest paid back over the next thirty years. Council

Member Curwen said that the revenue would be coming in via permits. He added that the Committee would be placing 1.1 million in the Fund Balance. Council Member Baker then asked to be shown where this was in the budget. Mr. Sherwood indicated where line 01610000 6610SS was in the resolution.

Council Member Holloway asked for the details. Mr. Sherwood then reviewed how this would occur. Council Member Baker said that this is one reason that he felt that the Budget and Appropriations needed to meet regularly through the year, so that these issues can be discussed and understood by all. Council Member Holloway said that he wanted to keep a watch on this item because he did not want it to come back to haunt the Council. He said that he would vote for it, but would be watching it.

Council Member dePara responded to Council Member Baker and said that there were six weeks of deliberations and hearing during this budget cycle. He added that there were other meetings during the year. He said that it was unfair to suggest that it was a last minute decision. Council Member Baker said that the public is relying on the Committee to make good judgment for the City and he did not feel this was in the best interest of the City.

Council Member Walsh said that the money was not going to the fund balance. He said that he would have to vote against this.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, M. MCCARTHY, A. AYALA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, T. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BONNEY, DEPARA, M. AYALA, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO, CURWEN AND HOLLOWAY) AND TWO OPPOSED (WALSH AND BAKER).**

**CITY COUNCIL VOTE NUMBER 3 - 62-10(C)**

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VOTE OF GENERAL FUND**  
**APPROPRIATION DECREASES**

There are adjustments to the Mayor’s Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee.

ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	COUNCIL ADOPTED	CHANGE
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>					
01055000	1055PS	City Clerk Personal Services	242,226	185,172	-57,054
01108000	6108SS	Information Technology Special Services	315,903	291,903	-24,000
<b>Total Appropriation Increases</b>			<b>\$558,129</b>	<b>\$477,075</b>	<b>-\$81,054</b>

LEGISLATIVE INTENT APPROPRIATION DECREASES

**01055000 1055PS** The legislative intent is to unfund a part time assistant city clerk and assistant special project manager. The assistant special project manager is funding in the health department to work with Persons with Disabilities. When these positions are eliminated, the council has provided for a full time typist III or equivalent position in the contingency account and will transfer it to the City Clerk's budget.

**01108000 6108SS** The legislative intent is to decrease the management services account to fund the personnel re-alignment illustrated in the appropriation increases section.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 62-10C .**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

Council Member Walsh commented that this was very special and showed how the budget committee works. This is done by listening to the department heads and that the only cuts that could be found by the Committee was \$81,000. He said that he had sent an email suggesting some cuts. He then spoke about downtown development and the fact that a downtown vacant lot was being used for storm debris. Council Member Walsh said that Steel Point was stalled and that Bridgeport was borrowing funds to move the project forward. He said that CitiStat should be cut by \$200,000 since it is a nice reporting system, but that it is about it. He added that he had suggested on cutting the Police Department for the ATVs, the mounted Police, and Segeways. He added that there were eleven vacancies but wondered how the City could continue to do an adequate job with so few staff. He said that there was money to be found, savings to be made, while 18 million will be put off for future years for pension funding.

Council Member Baker said that he had asked about the Citistat system and had been told that the staff were taking calls and making lists of different repairs. He said that when he asked about the cost, he was told it didn't matter. He said that in the goals, he had not seen anything that Citistat had done to lower the taxes and improve the service.

Council Member Baker said that he had asked for a list of city owned vehicles and had not gotten it. He asked for a list of vacant city owned properties.

Council Member Holloway said that the City Clerk's Office was for everyone and that it was already closed down one day a week. He said that he could not see this because there were too many things that had to be done there and this was a disservice to the City of Bridgeport.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, M. MCCARTHY, A. AYALA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, T. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BONNEY, DEPARA, M. AYALA, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO, AND CURWEN) AND THREE OPPOSED (WALSH, HOLLOWAY AND BAKER).**

**CITY COUNCIL VOTE NUMBER 4 – 62-10(d)**

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VOTE OF GENERAL FUND**

**BUDGET**

**OVERALL TOTAL**

DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	COUNCIL ADOPTED INCREASES	COUNCIL ADOPTED DECREASES	COUNCIL ADOPTED BUDGET
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>				
ALL OTHER GENERAL FUND	\$468,078,112	\$23,798,784		\$491,876,896
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL ADOPTED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$468,078,112</b>	<b>\$23,798,784</b>		<b>\$491,876,896</b>
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>				
ALL OTHER GENERAL FUND	\$468,078,112	\$22,715,615	\$81,054	\$490,712,673
Contingency Account for FUND BALANCE		1,164,223		\$1,164,223
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL ADOPTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$468,078,112</b>	<b>\$23,879,838</b>	<b>\$81,054</b>	<b>\$491,876,896</b>
<b>NET BUDGET SURPLUS / (SHORTAGE)</b>		81,054	-81,054	

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 62-10 d.**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, M. MCCARTHY, A. AYALA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, T. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BONNEY, DEPARA, M. AYALA, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO, CURWEN AND HOLLOWAY) AND TWO OPPOSED (WALSH AND BAKER).**

Mayor Finch said that this budget had no layoffs and no tax increases, which many other cities and towns could not say. He also reminded everyone that Bridgeport had done the hard work two years ago and now the taxpayers would not have to pay more.

Council Member Curwen said that the attendance sheets will show who showed up for the meetings and work sessions and who didn't. He said that one Council Member waited until the last day to make suggestions and then was grand standing.

Council President McCarthy thanked the B&A for doing a good job. He reminded people that there were issues that were dictated by Charter and this process wasn't easy. He said that this was the first year that he saw 1.3 million dollars less in the budget by the Mayor before the B&A received the budget.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that when the Council Members asked for documentation, and they don't receive it in a timely fashion, it's important that the Council Member follow up. She said that she did not agree with Council Member Baker and felt that those who attend the meetings understand the issues.

Council Member Brannelly said that she should have abstained on the vote for Agenda Item 80-10.

She went on to say that being part of B&A was informative, and she only missed about 2 1/2 hours for a funeral. She said that when she did not understand something, she requested, sometimes repeatedly, for clarification. She said that it was her commitment as a B&A committee to do that. She commended the Mayor for his work on the budget.

Council Member Brantley said that she had attended the meetings when she could and that there were opportunities to ask questions. She then asked the Co-chairs to address the concerns of Council Member Walsh about Steel Point. She then asked the Council to give the B&A a round of applause.

The Mayor said that he thought that the surrounding towns were not raising taxes or laying off people. He said that Bridgeport took the hard medicine three years ago. Tough, fiscally prudent decisions were made three years ago, despite threats and other dire predictions. Mayor Finch said that Bridgeport was harmonious this year because what was started three years ago. He thanked people for respecting the Fund Balance. If the fund balance goes down, the City won't be able to borrow without a sufficient fund balance. This is critical and putting the 1.1 million into the Fund Balance is the right thing to do. Now is the time to let people thank the Council for this.

The Mayor went on to say that CitiStat has been used by over 40,000 residents for a multiple range of reasons. He said that he would be happy to talk to people about CitiStat.

Following a short discussion, it was noted that the amount that was read by Council Member Curwen as the Total Appropriations was incorrect. Due to this, the following corrected vote was taken.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN RESCINDED THE MOTION ON AGENDA ITEM 62-10-d.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, M. MCCARTHY, A. AYALA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, T. MCCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BONNEY, DEPARA, M. AYALA, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO, CURWEN AND HOLLOWAY) AND TWO OPPOSED (WALSH AND BAKER).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN THEN RE-READ THE MOTION FOR AGENDA ITEM 62-10d WITH THE CORRECT TOTAL APPROPRIATION FIGURE OF \$491, 876,896.00.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

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Council Member dePara thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Council Member Martinez said that this was hard to follow but she wanted to let people know it was not an easy task sometimes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She said that people were able to ask questions.

Ms. Hudson said that the City Clerks were the permanent record keepers for the City and she said that she appreciated Council Member Holloway's comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Telesco Secretarial Services

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