

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MARCH 22, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: 130th - Susan Brannelly, Martin McCarthy
131st – Denise Taylor-Moye
132nd – M. Evette Brantley, Robert Walsh
133rd - Thomas McCarthy, Howard Austin
134th - Michelle Lyons,
135th - Richard Bonney
137th - Manuel Ayala, Lydia Martinez
138th - Robert Curwen
139th – Andre Baker, James Holloway

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO
ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.,
RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 22, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Marilyn Moore
666 Cleveland Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Termination of Dr. Marian Evans

Ms. Marilyn Moore came forward and addressed the Council Members regarding her concerns about the Mayor's statements in the paper regarding Dr. Evans. Ms. Moore said that she would like the Mayor to apologize and then went on to list a number of Dr. Evans' attributes and pointed out that she was a role model. Ms. Moore then turned in copies of Chapter 2. 86 Social Services Commission from the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances to Mr. White for distribution to the Council members.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Unethical tactics used by City Officials

Mr. Young came forward and said that there were unethical tactics used by the City Officials who were spreading misinformation that he had resigned from his position

rather than being terminated. He pointed out that all the Council Members were Americans, regardless of their ethnicity. He then asked why the Council Members were not responding to his issues.

Council President McCarthy announced that there was one additional speaker signed up.

Mr. Isa Mujahid came forward and said that he was present in support of the reinstatement of Dr. Marian Evans as Director of the Health Department. He said that he was a City employee and a resident. Mr. Mujahid then listed a number of Dr. Evan's attributes and pointed out that she was from Bridgeport and came back to Bridgeport to work. Mr. Mujahid said that he worked at the Health Department and was very upset when Dr. Evans announced that she had been terminated.

Council President McCarthy closed the public portion of the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRAYER

A short prayer was offered by one of the audience members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Holloway led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hudson called the roll. The following Council Members were present:

130th - Susan Brannelly, Martin McCarthy
131st – Denise Taylor-Moye
132nd – M. Evette Brantley, Robert Walsh
133rd - Thomas McCarthy, Howard Austin
134th - Michelle Lyons,
135th - Richard Bonney
136th - Angel dePara
137th - Manuel Ayala, Lydia Martinez
138th - Robert Curwen,
139th – Andre Baker, James Holloway

Ms. Hudson stated that a quorum was present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Approval of City Council Minutes: February 16, 2010

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 16, 2010.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

39-09(S) COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ITEM 39-09, PROGRAM YEAR 36 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

44-09 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION SALE TO ABUTTER OR BRIDGEPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED CONCERNING THE SAME, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

45-09 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2015, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

46-09 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY 751 KOSSUTH STREET TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF BRIDGEPORT, INC. (BGC), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

47-09 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

48-09(A) COMMUNICATION FROM NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION RE APPROVAL OF EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN RESOLUTION, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

48-09(B) COMMUNICATION FROM NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION RE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF

ORDINANCES TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 8.77 EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***41-09 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH NURSES LOCAL 1199, JULY 1, 2008 THRU JUNE 30, 2012.**

- ** A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Blunt had an accident was not able to attend. Council Members Paoletta, Silva, and Vizzo Paniccia were not able to attend due to conflict in scheduling.

Council Member Holloway asked Council President McCarthy about Council members who have already had diversity training with the City having to repeat the training Council President McCarthy said that it would be good to attend.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULE TO REFER AN ITEM TO THE ECDCE COMMITTEE.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Curwen said that he would like to have a resolution referred to the ECDCE Committee that would encourage everyone in Bridgeport to replace gas powered lawn mowers with electric lawn mowers. It is being done in California. Council Member Holloway asked if it would be applicable to just residential lawn mowers or also to commercial mowers. Council Member Curwen said that there are electric commercial mowers available.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO REFER THE ISSUE OF ENCOURAGING EVERYONE IN BRIDGEPORT TO REPLACE GAS POWERED LAWN MOWERS WITH ELECTRIC LAWN MOWERS TO THE ECDCE COMMITTEE. (ITEM # 53-09)**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Finch said that he had felt very proud as he watched the House of Representatives pass the Health Care legislation the previous evening.

The Mayor then read a statement regarding the Chrome Engineering site and informed those present that the EPA would be removing about 600 tons of heavy metal contaminated soil. There will be approximately five men in white suits taking soil samples. There will be additional truck traffic on the nearby streets. The removal of the soil will take about a month. Mayor Finch said that the City had waited a long time for this to be done.

Council President McCarthy said that he would like to acknowledge the presence of Ms. Lubinacci and Ms. Petronelli, two of Bridgeport nurses, who were present in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services