

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MAY 17, 2010
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Walsh, Lyons, Bonney, Blunt

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:55 pm.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010, 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	Medical Matters and containers to catch sewage at P. T. Barnum Apartments

Mr. Young expressed that it was always a pleasure to speak before the city council.

He spoke about the raw sewage problem at P.T. Barnum Apartments. He said he spoke to the proper authority to get containers to catch raw sewage. He pointed out that a regular trash can (displayed) wasn't the proper type to contain human waste. He stressed that this results in overflow in basements at P.T. Barnum. He explained that when the cap is taken off, it's not appropriate to go into a regular household trash can. He requested that the council president and the council members tour P.T. Barnum to observe the condition of the raw sewage overflow that leads to rodents and roaches problems, making it unhealthy for the residents and kids. He emphasized that raw sewage shouldn't be allowed to overflow and cause health problems to the people that live there.

Mr. Young also spoke about another topic concerning his medical benefits. He recalled that he was told by the Mayor that he would look into the matter before he left for his trip to China. He once again requested that Council President McCarthy look into the matter of how he is continuously denied benefits; especially when he pays his taxes. He said "shame on the Mayor" for making a promise to look into the matter but it was never done. He further relayed the suffering that he and his family have endured for four years trying to get the matter resolved.

The public speaking session ended at 7:04 pm.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO CAUCAS AT 7:05 PM
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The caucus ended at 7:14 pm.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 17, 2010

7:00 pm.

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

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, *A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Martinez, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: M. Ayala, Paoletto

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

Prayer - the prayer was offered by Council member Brantley.

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

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

Points of Personal Privilege *requests*:

- ◆ Council member Brantley apologized for the incident that occurred with Cecil Young following the end of the public speaking session. She referred to his statement made to her during the time he spoke. She expressed that she wasn't feeling good this evening. And she explained that she was asked a question by Council member Blunt that she answered, but Mr. Young took her facial expression while she was talking to Council member Blunt as being directed towards him. She apologized to everyone for her behavior and asked to move on.
- ◆ Council member M. McCarthy made a brief statement concerning Council President Tom McCarthy. He expressed that he has represented the city and led the city council with poise and class and that he handles city affairs with a positive impact that reflects well on the city. He expressed and presented a plaque on behalf of the Central Connecticut Coastal YMCA as a recipient of the public servant award.

47-09 Public Hearing regarding the Disposition of City Owned Properties (five parcels) to Habitat for Humanity.

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

Maria, 204 Wells Street approached the council. She recalled that she has made numerous calls to complain about the mess on the properties. She said she hoped it will finally be cleaned up after the disposition was completed.

Mayor Finch said that he noticed that she took good care of the property and it was appreciated. He said he hoped the neighborhood would be improved by the action and he thanked her for all her hard work.

Mayor Finch relayed that she could contact 576-7200 and ask to fill out a service request form to assure that all her requests are duly noted and being worked on.

The public hearing was closed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO REFER THE COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMITTEES AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS– WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 77-09 ****
**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**

76-09 Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the City's Deferred Compensation Plan under I.R.C. Section 457, referred to Contracts Committee.

78-09 Communication from Mayor re Appointment of Thomas A. Lyons (D) to the Police Commission, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

80-09 Communication from Neighborhood Revitalization re Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add new Chapter 8.97 South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, referred to Ordinance Committee.

81-09 Communication from Neighborhood Revitalization re Approval of the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

82-09 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2010 – 2011 Dial A Ride Transportation Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 83-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2011 SWCAA Elderly Hispanic Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 84-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2010 – 2011 SWCAA – Chore Services for Seniors, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 85-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2010 – 2011 SWCAA – Senior Transportation Services, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 86-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2011 Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 87-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2010 – 2011 SWCAA – East Side Senior Center, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 89-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2009 FEMA Port Authority Grant, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 90-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2010 FEMA Port Authority Grant, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 91-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: FY 2008 FEMA Port Authority Grant, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 92-09** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Energy for the FY 2010 CT Clean Cities Future Fuels Project, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

- 77-09** Resolution presented by Council Member dePara re Request that regular informational updates will appear and remain on the Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Agenda regarding the current status and progress of the STEEL POINTE HARBOR Development,

referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee. - **see below**

79-09 Resolution presented by Council Members Baker and Walsh re Request concerning Personal Services Contracts and the Procurement Ordinance, referred to Ordinance Committee.

88-09 Resolution presented by Council Members Baker and Walsh re Request concerning the Private Sale of City Owned Property Below Market Value, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

The agenda returned to the item below. Council member dePara thanked everyone that was involved, per the conversations regarding the importance of improving the original LDA for the Steel Pointe Harbor Development. He noted that there will be amendments made in committee to provide updates to the entire city council with attachments of the executive summary. He also noted that co-sponsors were needed to add to the resolution. He read the names below that will be added to the resolution:

Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, Silva, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

77-09 Resolution presented by Council Member dePara re Request that regular informational updates will appear and remain on the Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Agenda regarding the current status and progress of the STEEL POINTE HARBOR Development, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

Council member Holloway stated that the resolution had an executive summary and the Council members should get a copy of it from OPED once per month.

** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It was noted that Council member Lyons abstained from voting on item 78-09.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***43-09** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Request that Railroad Avenue northbound, adjacent to the Metro North Railroad, be honorary named William and Grace Kenney Boulevard.

** **COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING FOUR (4) ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** ON MOTION MADE TO COMBINE AND APPROVE ALL FOUR (4) ITEMS RE: SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE; SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND RENOVATIONS:**

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| 1. | HARDING HIGH SCHOOL | - | \$18.5 MILLION (ITEM # 93-09) |
| 2. | DUNBAR SCHOOL | - | \$4 MILLION (ITEM # 94-09) |
| 3. | CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL | - | \$16 MILLION (ITEM # 95-09) |
| 4. | BLACK ROCK SCHOOL | - | \$14 MILLION (ITEM # 96-09) |

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**The items were submitted in writing to the city clerk.*

Council member Lyons recalled item 43-09 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re Request that Railroad Avenue northbound, adjacent to the Metro North Railroad, be honorary named William and Grace Kenney Boulevard.

She commented that the matter had to be sent to the Police Commission for approval.

Mayor Finch replied that information wasn't indicated in the text outlined.

It was further noted that the item passed in committee.

Other Business:

Council President McCarthy noted that Manuel Ayala wasn't in attendance tonight because his mother passed away and he was delayed out of the country because of the earthquake.

He noted that Council member Paoletto had a family issue and it was why he wasn't in attendance tonight.

Mayor Finch relayed that the "What's Cooking" brochure was distributed tonight. He urged everyone to dine out in Bridgeport!

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services