

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2010
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: M. McCarthy, Taylor-Moye, T. McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, *dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

*= arrived late

ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, A. Ayala, Brantley, Walsh, Lyons, Silva, Curwen

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 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, JULY 6, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Helen Olga Losak
304 Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

The need to enforce the City Charter residency requirement to serve on Boards and Commissions

Ms. Losak revisited the issue outlined in the city charter regarding the requirement to serve on Boards and Commissions. She referred to Chapter-2, Section-2 where it outlined persons that serve on boards and commissions should be registered voters in the state and residents of Bridgeport (*she read the portion of the section this pertained to*) that means inhabitants and dwelling in Bridgeport. Not multiple addresses, not visiting, having a business or business address. The charter reads that the person should be an **actual resident**. Ms. Losak further mentioned the business owner of Primrose Construction. She noted that when she went to the address and she rang the doorbell, she found that the premises weren't inhabited. She went on to speak about there being many talented Bridgeporters who would like to serve on a board or commission; she offered her availability to serve. She stressed that the city council should enforce the charter rule.

Barbara Arrington
463 Kossuth Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Recreational playground on Kossuth St.

Ms. Arrington said she had a concern about the property next door to where she lives. She stated that there was noise, drug activity, theft and kids in her yard. She stressed that Washington Park is nearby to play at and she doesn't want the park in her neighborhood.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Preferential treatment for Council
Members

Mr. Young *displayed the American flag to show that the First Amendment is for all persons who have the right to express themselves, as it's written in the constitution.* He spoke about being physically assaulted following a recent city council meeting. He emphasized that it was now two months later and he never heard one word about the incident, nor has he received an apology. He further stated that he didn't do anything wrong to deserve the assault. He also spoke about his right to go where he wants to express himself and he shouldn't have been attacked, because he didn't feel he presented any threat to anyone. He emphasized that here at city hall, there shouldn't be a fear of expressing oneself. He added that a lawsuit will be initiated. He continued to speak about the contents of the police report that he thought was inaccurate. The report indicates that Mr. Young pushed Council member Evette Brantley. He said shame on the Mayor for not calling him with an apology. He also noted other issues in the past that he brought forth to be addressed. He questioned Council President McCarthy about having the time to look at the video of the sewage problem at P.T. Barnum Apartments, noting it was an important issue to address for the sake of the families and their health.

Nanette Malone
55 Valley Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Recent issues concerning the smell
and the brook cleanup in the north end

Ms. Malone approached the city council with a statement in the form of a poem. She sang an excerpt of the song "*People Get Ready*" to make a point that change is coming and a new generation has been born. She expressed the quote that, "the more things change, the more they stay the same"! She continued with her statement regarding the wetlands becoming dry. She further questioned if the city council would recognize if change will come. She went on to say that her neighborhood was in trouble with a foul odor that comes up in the storm drains, noting that there are homes with foundation cracks. She emphasized that she was concerned about the situation, so she contacted Council member Blunt to let him know. He subsequently contacted the WPCA and she was invited to a meeting. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Cruz came out to the area to do an inspection and he found that there were some violations. Currently, the process is now being corrected one house at a time. She wanted to thank Council member Blunt for his help with the matter; again, she expressed that change is coming. However, she said there was still a problem in other areas. She said she hoped that the pre and post studies would be addressed by the city council in the future, in regard to the other areas that need improvements.

The public speaking session ended at 6:55 pm.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2010

7:00 pm.

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

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto

ABSENT: Council members: Brantley, Walsh, Silva, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

Council President McCarthy called for a caucus at 7:00 pm.

The caucus ended at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

Prayer - the prayer was offered by Council member M. McCarthy.

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

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

Council President McCarthy deferred to Council member Blunt.

Council member Blunt requested a point of personal privilege to express his condolences and a moment of silence for: Ruth Franklin who was a 135th District constituent and Vanessa Bruce who passed away recently.

Council President McCarthy announced that Council member Walsh wasn't in attendance tonight because he had to attend a memorial service, and Council member Brantley wasn't in attendance tonight because she was attending to the Bruce family, in view of the passing of Vanessa Bruce.

Mayoral Proclamation presented to Rafael Segarra

Mayor Finch and Council President McCarthy approached the front of council chambers to present the proclamation to Rafael Segarra's family members that were present, his wife, son and daughter.

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Mayor Finch expressed some words of comfort to the family. He read the proclamation and he mentioned Rafael's background and accomplishments in the police department. He also mentioned that Detective Segarra was a sports enthusiast. He recognized other acknowledgments of Detective Segarra who was previously involved as an outstanding baseball and basketball coach. *A group picture was taken with Mayor Finch and Detective Segarra's family members.* Mayor Finch concluded, to express to the family that although Detective Segarra was lost too young, his memories will live on.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: June 7, 2010

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER THE
** COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMITTEES
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

113-09 Communication from Tax Collector re Refund of Excess Payments, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

114-09 Communication from Tax Collector re Refund of Excess Payments, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

115-09 Communication from City Attorney re Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Ohio Indemnity, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Council member dePara requested to remove the following item from the consent calendar ***77-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Request that informational updates will appear and remain on the Economic and Community Development and Environment agenda regarding the current status and progress of the development project known as The STEEL POINTE HARBOR Development.

He requested to send the item back to committee for further discussion, due to the long term consequences to the city.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO SEND THE ITEM BACK TO**

COMMITTEE

**** COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- * **44-09PHO** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Public Hearing Ordered for August 2, 2010 re: Disposition of City Owned Properties by Auction.
- * **46-09PHO** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Public Hearing Ordered for August 2, 2010 re: Disposition of City Owned Property 751 Kossuth Street to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bridgeport, Inc.
- * **77-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Request that informational updates will appear and remain on the Economic and Community Development and Environment agenda regarding the current status and progress of the development project known as The STEEL POINTE HARBOR Development. - *removed from consent calendar*
- * **81-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

He explained that the item wasn't submitted in time to make the agenda.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER A. AYALA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE A GRANT FOR THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICERS RE:
TO PREPARE VOLUNTEERS TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY OCCURENCES.
THE DEADLINE FOR THE GRANT IS JULY 9, 2010 (ITEM # 116-09)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MADE A MOTION TO REFER THE FOLLOWING
ITEM BACK TO COMMITTEE**

***77-09 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report
re Request that informational updates will appear and remain on the
Economic and Community Development and Environment agenda regarding
the current status and progress of the development project known as The
STEEL POINTE HARBOR Development.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council President McCarthy mentioned the recent fire in Bridgeport that gladly no one was injured. He further mentioned that the fire department was a big help during the tornado and they were also very helpful trying to control the fire. In addition, the City of Milford came in to take care of the fire and the City of Stratford helped out as well. He expressed thanks on behalf of the city council for the assistance they received from other towns in their time of need.

Mayor Finch spoke about the recent chemical fire. He stressed that it could have been much worse, if not for the dedication of the Bridgeport Fire Department that has highly trained personnel. He added that they had great cooperation from other towns. He further mentioned that the Town of Westport was sending a wood chipper to Bridgeport to help clean up the mess from the tornado at no charge.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER A. AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services