

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hudson called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Susan Brannelly, Enrique Torres
131st District: Jack O. Banta
132nd District: Robert Halstead
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Rev. Mary McBride-Lee
136th District: José Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Milta Feliciano, Lydia Martinez
138th District: Melanie Jackson
139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Jeffrey J. Carter
85 Washington Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Youth ministries.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Carter to come forward. There was no reply.

Steve Pereira
2470 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

RYASAP and Bridgeport Fire Dept's
work on Safe Asleep Program.

Mr. Pereira came forward and said that he was the coordinator for the Safe Sleep program (RYSAP). He said that there has been a program in the schools about this and the students bring

this information to the parents at home. He said that there were still a number of homes without working smoke alarms. He introduced Fred Reynolds who installed 37,000 smoke alarms. This is a team process.

Council Member Swain joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Mr. Pereira then spoke about various fires where the residents were able to get out without injury because of the working smoke alarms, including one building where there were 17 residents, 15 of which were home when a fire broke out and everyone was safe due to the smoke alarms. He added that there were a number of others towns and cities that were starting their programs when Bridgeport had already installed 15,000 smoke alarms. He added that RYSAP had 35 youth jobs available.

Shubhada Kambli
1001 Main Street, #20
Bridgeport, CT 06604

General introduction to Groundwork Bridgeport activities and upcoming tree nursery program.

Ms. Kambli came forward to speak about Groundworks Bridgeport and the plans for a tree nursery program. She said that the program was working with the National Forestry program to establish a tree nursery program and gave an overview of the details. She thanked everyone for their time.

Council Member Castillo joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Current Year 2015 attention to Budget?

Good evening to each of you, Council persons. The budget for the 2015-16 that the Mayor presented to you in a NO TAX INCREASE form was easy. But the Mayor's budget did most of the work for you, didn't it? No major cuts to make, except in your proposed schedule of meetings. What about next year is on the taxpayer mind? When you voted on the budget, did you feel sure of yourself? Or did you feel frustrated with the fact that the subject was too big and too confusing. Perhaps a cut is necessary?

When you walk away from a major decision like a budget and do not feel happy about it, it's a problem. Is there anything you can do about it now, because it is an election year, both for those of you who will run again, or those who will not run? You still have 25% of your term left, an entire six months. What can you craft of lasting value for your successors and the people?

You can in very practical terms "cut the budget" and help the people gain an insight into City finances, right here, right now. In my hands is a monthly financial report of the City of Bridgeport. It is a report from a previous year in the same size and format as that which you receive today. If we want to cut this budget representation down to size, for you to get your arms around it, first we need to wrestle the staple holding over 80 pages together. Then we remove the final 20 pages containing info on the Board of Education, its Nutrition Program, and its Debt repayments. The Finance Department can supply all of this info simply on no more than 25 lines

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that will provide you with every answer to any question asked about BOE by City Council in the past five years, I suggest and eliminate thousands of wasted paper each year. Does this cutting cause a problem for anyone?

The Police and Fire Department budgets which have been bloated with sub-department categories intended only to confuse you and any public who chose to look at their finances take up some 13 pages with multiple redundant expense categories. They can be reduced for your specific review into 6 lines of financial data per department using the six categories the City uses currently in the budgets you just reviewed. Sound simple? It would be. Why not try this format for the remaining six months of the term and see if it works for you. The budgeted expense numbers in each category remain as you voted them last week. But your attention will start to move in a 20 page report to the variance columns as they should. When you look at a line in a department, for instance Information Technology and the Compensation Line 1, you may begin to wonder why this department has received budget approvals for \$900,000 and more in recent years, and yet turns around and turns back \$200,000 or more per year. Is this a problem? What is it? Do you know? If not, you can dig deeper and interview departments that are off target to gain a better understanding of City finances.

Or look at Lighthouse program. Early in the current year their leadership compensation for six people was \$387,010. But the monthly report was noting that half of that number was surplus in the range of \$190,000 to \$200,000 indicating that they had found a way to cut as many as four people from their staff? Incredible, but is it more likely that Lighthouse had enough grants money to transfer the employees to a grants budget that you do not see? Why don't you see the grants budget as representatives of the people? Why are you cut off from that information? And speaking of the Lighthouse budget, why did your B&A Committee accept another annual budget without receiving revenue numbers for this Department? They report \$850,000 of fee revenue from their programs. Parents and families who may pay little in property taxes do pay fees for participation? Why is their contribution to the City budget not recognized?

Budget cutting to get your arms around it and provide an ability to understand better the subject of your votes? What do you say? It's a green initiative, so the Mayor should love it. It's focused on the six categories that OPM uses for transfers, isn't it, so Mr. Sherwood should be happy. Include data of those employed currently in each department and all Grants info as well. Variance narratives can be explained in more complete form by Finance Department than currently. (For instance the Lighthouse compensation line is a 50% change and should have caught everyone's attention much earlier this year but there is no narrative on this in any report.) This "cutdown budget report" can now show up on line each month just as the proposed budgets and Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports have for years now. Will voters and Council persons benefit? Can it be done? Certainly. Within six months? Affirmative. Will you do it? Time will tell.

Maria Hernandez
201 Arctic Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

A Thank-you to the City Council and Mayor
for making municipal identification as a priority.

Ms. Maria Hernandez and a number of supporters came forward to speak to the Council regarding the municipal identification as a priority. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak to them about this important issue.

Another supporter came forward and said that this was the first step in a long process in order to make the undocumented residents of Bridgeport to become members of the community, to be able to open bank accounts and sign leases.

Council President McCarthy asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Council at this time.

Ms. Cadisha Coates came forward to thank the Council for the additional million dollars for the school nurses and the interventionists for the Bridgeport students.

Council President McCarthy called for Mr. Carter. There was no response. Council President McCarthy called for Mr. Carter two more times with no response.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy then adjourned the Public Speaking Portion of the Council Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finch called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

PRAYER

Pastor Pedro Vazquez of the Gospel Light Community Church came forward. Mayor Finch asked Pastor Vazquez if he would like to tell the Council Members about his church.

Pastor Vazquez said that he was honored to be asked to lead the Council in prayer and that he had been a Bridgeport resident for 32 years. Pastor Vazquez said that he had been a teacher in the past. He thanked the Council for their support. Pastor Vazquez said that he wants to serve because that is what community is about. He then led those present in a short prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Finch then requested Council Member Holloway to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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A quorum was present.

Mayor Finch recognized Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia, who made the following statement:

“As many know, I am involved in the drum and bugle corps, “The Park City Pride Combined Alumni Drum and Budget Corps” for many years and am a lifetime member.

I would like to inform you that through the efforts, dedication and experience, Mr. Kenton Clark and Mr. Michael “Mickey” Kelly each were nominated and voted to receive the World Drum and Bugle Corps Hall of Fame award.

As youth, many have been taken under the wings of the Catholic Church, VFW, Police, Fire, EMS and formed drum and bugle corps. These two gentlemen will be honored and receive their awards in Rochester, New York during the Labor Day weekend at the 2015 Finals World Championship of Drum and Bugle Corps.”

Mayoral Proclamation: In Recognition of Kevin Simmons of the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club for more than 20 years of service to the children of Bridgeport.

City Council Citation: In Recognition of Kevin Simmons of the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club for more than 20 years of service to the children of Bridgeport.

Mayor Finch requested Mr. Kevin Simmons to come forward. Council President McCarthy then spoke about all that Mr. Simmons had done for the City through the Wakeman Boys and Girls Club. Council Member Brannelly then read the State of Connecticut Certificate of Recognition to those present.

Mayor Finch then spoke of all of Mr. Simmons accomplishments and then read the Mayoral Proclamation Citation. Mayor Finch noted that Mr. Simmons had raised seven million dollars for the Boys and Girls Club. He added that Mr. Simmons will be relocating to South Carolina.

Council President McCarthy then read the City Council Citation and congratulated Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons spoke very briefly and assured everyone that although he was leaving the area, he would be keeping in contact with his Bridgeport friends.

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council Member Austin were not able to attend the meeting.

Council Member Halstead said that he would like to have a point of personal privilege. He then made the following statement for the record:

“Through the chair, I would like to request a point of personal privilege.

On the evening of our previous Council Meeting, Monday, May 4, 2015, I observed a flagrant display of hostility on the part of Mayor Bill Finch that culminated in an actual physical assault on one of our Council Members. This act occurred after a lengthy debate

on the Council floor and a roll call vote that narrowly defeated the Mayor's resolution for a tax abatement for a developer.

Immediately upon adjournment, the Mayor slammed articles about the podium, stormed over to the seats of Councilmen Castillo and Casco, verbally chastised them, put his hand onto Councilman Castillo's next in a hostile manner and pushed the chair that Councilman Castillo was sitting in.

I am appalled by this behavior on the part of our chief elected official, consider it bullying and I call upon the Mayor to make a public apology for this particular incident as that being unbecoming of a chief elected official to the individuals involved and to the Council as a whole.

I call upon the President of the Council to convene a meeting to discuss this incident and to establish rules and protocol that would in the future govern any inappropriate behavior on the part of our chief elected officials.

I am also requesting that any filming that may have caught this event be made available for the Council and for the general public.

I am requesting that my statement hereby becomes part of the public record.

Thank you for your time and attention."

49-14 Public Hearing re: Resolution authorizing the Acquisition and Disposition of Redevelopment Properties in accordance with the Lower East End Municipal Development Plan.

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 49-14.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member E. Martinez asked about Agenda Item 49-14 being for a Public Hearing. Council President McCarthy said that this item was to order the public hearing.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: April 6, 2015

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2015.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2015 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Attorney Anastasi pointed out that Agenda Item 49-14 was actually a request to hold the public hearing during the Council Meeting. Mayor Finch stated that Council Member E. Martinez had been correct and that the Agenda Item was for a public hearing.

49-14 Public Hearing re: Resolution authorizing the Acquisition and Disposition of Redevelopment Properties in accordance with the Lower East End Municipal Development Plan. CONT'D

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO WITHDRAW HIS EARLIER MOTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 49-14.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Finch opened the Public Hearing on the Lower East End Municipal Development Plan. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the Disposition of the Properties

Dr. Ford came forward and said that it was a long time coming. He said that this was originally included in the NRZ ten years ago. He said that the project proposes redevelopment of Stratford Avenue and encouraged the City Council to move forward with this.

Mr. Keith Clemmons from the NRZ came forward to speak about the resolution. He said that it was time for this plan to be implemented.

Mr. Ernie Newton came forward to speak about this issue. He said that he was disappointed that the project was not fast tracked. He said that he was tired of appearing before the Council about this process and asked the Council to move this East End project forward. He repeated his request that this be fast tracked.

Mr. Charles Covello, a member of the East End NRZ, came forward and said that it was about time. He said that every other neighborhood had a commercial strip except for the East End. It hasn't happened under anyone's administration and requested that this be fast tracked.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Council at this time. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 49-14 at 7:44 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

89-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP) AND BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATION PROGRAM (PROJECT #16430), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

91-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 PROGRAM – BUS PURCHASE (PROJECT #16230), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

92-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #16270), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

93-14 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

94-14 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH COVENANT INSURANCE AS SUBROGEE OF ROBIN FAVELLO, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

95-14 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

97-14 COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT FOR THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PRE-SCHOOL SPACES FOR THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLDS WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY, REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

98-14 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR CRESCENT CROSSING II, A MIXED-INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 252 HALLETT STREET WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

96-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8.80 NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS, AMEND SECTIONS 8.80.020 DEFINITIONS AND 8.80.050 PROHIBITED NOISE ACTIVITIES BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTION "C" (10), REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.

Council President McCarthy said that he would be abstaining from voting on Agenda Items 72-14 and 73-14.

Mayor Finch asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar a second time. Hearing no response, the items on the Consent Calendar were put forward for consideration.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS AS THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

***66-14 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMENDED TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 10.32 REGULATING THE OPERATION OR USE OF DIRT BIKES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES, OR MINI-CYCLES.**

***74-14 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF REV. SIMON CASTILLO (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**

***72-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH POLICE UNION AFSCME, LOCAL 1159 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.**

***73-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH NAGE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, LOCAL RI-200 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.**

***83-14 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEPORT MICROGRID, LLC FOR THE CITY HALL MICROGRID PROJECT.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 66-14, 74-14 AND 83-14 WAS UNANIMOUS;**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 72-14 WAS APPROVED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, TORRES, BANTA, HALSTEAD, SWAIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, L. MARTINEZ, FELICIANO, JACKSON, E. MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MCCARTHY AND MARELLA); AND

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 73-14 WAS APPROVED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BRANNELLY, TORRES, BANTA, HALSTEAD, SWAIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, L. MARTINEZ, FELICIANO, MARELLA, JACKSON, E. MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MCCARTHY).

Mayor Finch then congratulated the Contracts Committee and those who were involved in getting the labor contracts passed. These will help the City. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mayor Finch then announced that the discussion would be moving back to Agenda Item 96-14 for a point of personal privilege by Council Member Holloway.

96-14 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8.80 NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS, AMEND SECTIONS 8.80.020 DEFINITIONS AND 8.80.050 PROHIBITED NOISE ACTIVITIES BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTION "C" (10), REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. CONT'D

Council Member Holloway then spoke about the noise ordinance. He said that there was no way for the Police Department to monitor the noise without the proper equipment. He asked how the police were supposed to do this. There is a need for checks and balances on this.

Council Member Brannelly explained that the situation was that some people were using their garages with the doors open and playing loud music. She said that the goal was to have some time limits on the noise and not force people to close their windows because of the noise.

Council Member Holloway said that in Black Rock, there are no boom boxes being played outdoors. He said that without a decibel meter, the police department would find it to be impossible to prove. He thanked everyone for their attention.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

90-14 Special Committee Report re: (Ref. #67-01) Discontinuance of Hallett Street, Portion of Putnam Street and Portion of Berkshire Avenue for the Construction of Athletic Fields at the Marin Site: Adopted on May 6, 2002.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Regarding the previous discussion on Agenda Item 96-14, Council Member Banta pointed out that his cell phone had an app that could measure the level of noise. Mayor Finch said that he would discuss this with the Police Department.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 90-14 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Lyons said that she would like a point of personal privilege in reference to Agenda Item 66-14.

***66-14 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMENDED TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 10.32 REGULATING THE OPERATION OR USE OF DIRT BIKES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES, OR MINI-CYCLES. CONT'D.**

Council Member Lyons said that a few months ago Council Member Feliciano and Council President McCarthy along with a few police officers had a short discussion with her about the dirt bikes in various City parks. These bike riders are causing chaos and putting on shows. This discussion was brought to the Mayor's Office and also to the Police Department. Council Member Lyons said that she was very pleased that the Ordinance Committee had been able to work on this amendment and hoped it would be a happy and safe summer this year.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member E. Martinez said that she just wanted to congratulate all those who had taken the recent Police Department exam. She then suggested that some residents come forward to be volunteers for the Police Panel and to contact Civil Service about this.

Council Member Feliciano said that there would be a ceremony at Mountain Grove Cemetery for the veterans. Mayor Finch asked Council Member Feliciano to send an email out to everyone with the details of this event.

Council Member Brannelly reminded everyone that May 20th was Bridgeport Day in Hartford. There would be an event from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. for meeting with legislators about City issues.

**** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services