

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

City Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Portion to order at 6:40 PM.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Scott Burns
131st District: Jack Banta; Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: M. Evette Brantley; John W. Olson
133rd District: Jeanette Herron; Thomas C. McCarthy
134th District: Michelle A. Lyons; AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Richard D. Salter; Mary A. McBride-Lee
136th District: Jose R. Casco; Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Milta I. Feliciano; Aidee Nieves
138th District: Anthony R. Paoletto; Nessah J. Smith
139th District: James Holloway; Eneida L. Martinez

A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016 AT 6:30 PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

**John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605**

City of Bridgeport – Financial Status.

Mr. Lee provided the following memo, which reads as follows:

City Council President McCarthy, Council Members, Friends and Taxpayers,

For years I have brought issues to your attention that have significance to the economic health of Bridgeport. To the surprise of many, I continue my efforts to inform and to question. By so doing, I learn more and share that learning with you for the intended good of all the citizens of this city.

Tonight, I focus on the big picture. Keeping the big picture in mind at all times in budget decision making is critical to the nearly 150,000 people of the City. I want you to see the color RED. The Comprehensive Financial Report as of June 31, 2015 shows the City balance sheet to be in the RED. It means that the value of the City assets of all kinds is less than the value of all City liabilities per Government Accounting Standards Board rules. It means that if we had to have a fire sale, we could not cover the liabilities in our balance sheet completely. It also indicates that we have a truly unhealthy financial road to face. We are broke in the longer run. And most people are not aware of it. The media has not told them and they have not had sufficient interest to discover the info themselves.

City financial managers know this situation did not happen overnight. And it did not. It took time for different administrations to make promises that were not funded in a timely fashion that become obligations of future administrations. Promises are easy if someone else has to make good on your promise. The last administration was less than honest by kicking many obligations into future years by getting State approvals to defer certain pension funding and certain timely revaluations. Did the deferrals help us as we sit here today? I argue NO. You have to deal with the problems that others have ignored.

By the way this balance sheet can look even worse and may likely become much REDDER by next year's CAFR because City property values will be newly measured by a likely decreased October 1, 2015 Grand List, as well as actual pension plan earning failing to perform at the relatively high assumed rates actuaries are currently using. Liabilities increase.

The color RED also affects our Operating Budget as confirmed by the City Finance Department and Office of Policy Management who have informed you of the \$20 million shortfall by June 2016 they faced taking office. They have modified and adjusted, but only so much was possible in the seven months left before FY 2016 is complete.

That is the environment you face as you are provided budget proposals for FY 2017 in a couple weeks. Keep RED in mind, as you slowly but surely read and review each department, its mission, and its expense. I have heard no one on the Council ask for the June 30, 2015 monthly FINAL financial report, showing the City position after the audit. A master spreadsheet showing FINAL June expenses in all categories, not just the summary format, for 2013, 2014, and 2015 will helpfully indicate for those without experience where money was budgeted but underspent regularly, as well as those accounts that showed up negative year after year. A review of revenues, especially in the past year will be a lesson in over optimistic anticipation of revenues,

a formula for putting us into the RED later in the budget year. You will likely wish to see State approved City pension funding flows into the future as part of your work so that you will know we are at least current. Getting accurate figures on current and anticipated employments levels per department is important, and also getting an idea of how many departments receive Grants revenue year in and year out to maintain service levels.

Finally, you are required to have a Capital Budget public hearing per the Charter, as the language directs that the City solicit views from a broad audience. When that hearing is held, how will you explain funding certain expenses in Police, Board of Ed and other areas with borrowed dollars that bear an additional interest cost to be paid over 20 years, but which the public receives no info about? Why is leasing not studied as an alternative that more suitably matches the years of service of purchases with years of payment? If you will defer this year, will you consider deferring EXPENSE? As fiscal stewards, isn't this necessary for you to perform in an open manner, with full transparency to observers, and proper accountability to taxpayers? Time will tell.

*John Marshall Lee
March 21, 2016*

**David M. Walker
37 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605**

Implications of the 2015 Tax Assessment.

Mr. Walker came forward and stated that his interest lies in the reform and retirements community. He stated that he can say with certainty that Bridgeport faces major fiscal crises that require serious fiscal reform, and that it is the Council's responsibility to ensure that there is follow through in this regard. He stated that the City has some of the highest property taxes in the state, and as a result, if the issues aren't addressed the tax problems will increase indefinitely. Mr. Walker stated that the City budget and property tax ordinance have grown faster than inflation, and that the City budget needs to be cut substantially.

**Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607**

Matter concerning investigation of unjust termination.

Mr. Young provided the following memo, detailing the major points of his speech, which reads as follows:

Civil Rights Violation

Unjust Employment Termination

My civil rights were violated by the City of Bridgeport and the CT State Labor Board Arbitrators because the termination letter I received read that I was terminated 3/17/06 I had not returned to work, which was not true.

I did return to work on 3/16/06. Enclosed is the time sheet, colon exam letter, and doctor notes. I have 2 doctor notes to my supervisor and one doctor note was faxed directly to Dr. Evans upon her request (they did not give me nor did they fax Dr. Evans scraps of paper)

The City of Bridgeport and the CT Labor Board Arbitrators violated my civil rights by not honoring my doctor notes accounting for my absence from work due to extreme anxiety.

The CT Labor Board Arbitrators violated my civil rights by covering up for the City of Bridgeport and changing the original termination charge, stating I did not return to work “to absenteeism” and ruled against me stating that my doctor notes were literally scraps of paper and that my doctor’s signature was an “unintelligible loop” in their decision.

The Arbitrators also violated my civil rights by “violating and not honoring” the NAGE Union Agreement. Arbitrators changed the reason for termination and did not follow the NAGE Union agreement on absenteeism.

The City of Bridgeport and CT Arbitrators violated my civil rights by violating and not honoring the NAGE union contract “before terminating an employee, the employee must first be issued a verbal warning, a written warning, and suspension without pay before termination.” Enclosed is a portion of NAGE agreement.

Unjust Medical Termination Complain

The City of Bridgeport violated my civil rights by violating and not honoring the NAGE Union agreement by cancelling my medical benefits which includes dental benefits by denying me and my family dental benefits.

*The City of Bridgeport violated my civil rights by denying me and my family dental benefits because I would not sign an agreement not to take any action against the City of Bridgeport (see enclosed settlement agreement releases).**

**Not the change- the first one states I was terminated, then later changed to I was no longer employed.*

The NAGE Union Contract stated that terminated employees shall receive up to (6) months of medical benefits (Enclosed Union Agreement).

The CT Arbitrators violated my civil rights by violating and not honoring the NAGE union contract by adding a stipulation to their award.

The Union contract states that nothing can be added to subtracted from the agreement, which the Arbitrators' decision added to with a stipulation for me to prove, at my expense, and my family dental needs were needed.

The CT Arbitrators violated my civil rights by delaying the unjust medical termination case by dragging on this case for almost (2) years, which was in violation in the NAGE agreement time frame. This allowed the CT Arbitrators to allegedly commit fraud because they were paid to sit on over excessive hearings. See enclosed expense sheet.

The CT Labor Arbitrators violated my civil rights by issuing me an award for both the unjust termination and the unjust medical termination cases that have been prejudiced, and procured by corruption, fraud, and undue means. See the enclosed brief filed by Atty. Williams.

Also enclosed are copies of my NAGE Grievance complaint forms.

Mr. Young further stated that his motivation for sharing this grievance is to aid other people who may want to blow the whistle on questionable activities. He stated the Council Members had not returned his phone calls, and that he wants the violation of his civil rights investigated.

Council President McCarthy asked that Council Member Taylor-Moye oversee the remainder of the public speaking portion. Council Member Taylor-Moye obliged.

Crystal Mack

Ms. Mack stated that she was present to discuss the inordinate number of individuals holding advanced positions in the City's Education departments. She stated that they have had a number of issues from toxins resulting from GE's property and that the cancer rate in Bridgeport has gone through the roof. She stated that the children of the City are suffering from ear, throat and nose infections, and that the water is contaminated. She stated that the water in the City is contaminated. Ms. Mack stated that large sections of her neighborhood block have been lost and that she feels her history has been compromised. She stated that there have been illegal foreclosures on people's homes, beginning with the WPCA. She stated that any state with a lottery shouldn't have a deficit, and that the activities going on are unconstitutional.

Dave Gordon

4 North Avenue

Mr. Gordon stated that he was present to discuss the drug problems affecting the City's youth, particularly in the use of heroin and cocaine. He stated, as a licensed drug counselor, he has worked with Bridgeport Public Schools for 20 years. He stated that drugs have torn apart the social fabric of society, and most people who use drugs begin in 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Mr. Gordon stated that they implemented a successful program through Yale Center, in which gangs were eradicated, attendance improved, and the retention rate improved at Central High School.

He stated that the City should be supported by the City and expanded to every public school in Bridgeport. Mr. Gordon stated that after he was laid off in 2011, no drug counselor was retained to address the drugs pandemic, and that there is currently a 40% dropout rate in the City. He stated that every child deserves an equal opportunity for a quality education, and that he hopes people will contact him, and that he will receive interest from people who want to serve the children in their community.

Clyde Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson stated that he is present to discuss concern from the citizens of Bridgeport regarding excessive parking citations. He stated that despite frequent attempts to contact Council Members, he has been unable to reach them and expressed his displeasure at the lack of respect it conveys when the Council Members appear unwilling to meet with constituents.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace,
Bridgeport, Connecticut**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested that Council Member Olson lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested a member of the Junior City Council Member program lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Martinez called roll.

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In addition to those Council Members seated, seven members of the Junior City Council program were also present.

Council Member Paoletto thanked the mayor for acknowledging the Junior City Council program and commended the efforts of Tammy Papa for spearheading the program. He

expressed his hope that each Council Member will have a corresponding Junior Council Member in the coming year.

Council Member Casco came forward and issued three City Council citations to members of the community.

A MEETING OF LANDOWNERS ABUTTING THE STREETS TO BE DISCONTINUED PER ITEM# 73-15 (REF.#192-14) PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13A-49 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, AS AMENDED, WHO MAY BE HEARD ON THE MATTER.

Mayor Ganim stated that he would treat the proceedings as a public hearing, barring any objection. No objection was expressed.

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the item. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the meeting on item #73-15.

A MEETING OF LANDOWNERS ABUTTING THE STREETS TO BE DISCONTINUED PER ITEM# 74-15 (REF.# 35-98) PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13A-49 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, AS AMENDED, WHO MAY BE HEARD ON THE MATTER.

Mayor Ganim stated that he would treat the proceedings as a public hearing, barring any objection. No objection was expressed.

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the item. Joseph Giacobee came forward and identified himself as the owner of one of the abutting parcels. Mr. Giacobee stated that he is in favor of the item, and that he looks forward to further development of the area, as the City has thus far been unable to safely develop the street due to the slope down to the quarry.

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the meeting on item #74-15.

08-15 (B) PUBLIC HEARING RE: DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16 RIVER STREET BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the item. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the hearing on item #08-15(B).

**09-15 (B) PUBLIC HEARING RE: DISPOSITION OF (7) CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES
BY AUCTION, SALE TO ABUTTER OR BY SALE TO COMMUNITY BASED
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.**

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the item. No one came forward.

Council Member Martinez noted that the item does not expressly state the addresses of the seven city-owned properties, and requested that they be provided.

Bill Coleman came forward and listed the addresses as follows:

- A. 25 Orange Street
- B. 424 Union Avenue
- C. 102 Suggestts Lane
- D. 34 Six Street
- E. 117 Princeton Street
- F. 116 Peet Street
- G. 587 Brook Street

Mayor Ganim formally requested that a copy of the list of properties be provided to the City Council members prior to the next meeting.

Council Member Martinez asked if the item had come before committee, and Mr. Coleman stated that it had come before the ECDE Committee. Council Member Martinez asked who the properties will be sold to. Mr. Coleman stated that they are not acting on the resolution itself tonight, and that they have no specific individuals in mind at this time. Council Member Martinez asked that during the next step of the process, they ensure that some sort of revenue from the sale of the properties goes to the City. Mr. Coleman stated that he understood, and that the Co-Chairs are always adamant about the City receiving benefits.

He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the hearing on item #09-15(B).

**51-15 PUBLIC HEARING RE: DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 77 JOHNSON STREET AND 119 JOHNSON STREET BY SALE TO
ABUTTER.**

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the item. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the hearing on item #51-15.

38-15 PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.04 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, AMEND SECTION 2.04.010 – JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Mayor Ganim asked if a meeting had taken place regarding this item. Council Member Brantley answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Ganim asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the item. No one came forward. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. Hearing none, he closed the hearing on item #38-15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of City Council Minutes: February 1, 2016

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES & RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

Mayor Ganim stated that it would be appropriate to combine the communications and resolutions for the purpose of voting.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE AND APPROVE ALL ITEMS DEEMED COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The following items were referred:

75-15 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BEACON RETIREE BENEFITS GROUP, LLC., REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

76-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH CLAIRE ERVIN, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

78-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR A NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (PROJECT #17306), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

79-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM TO WORK ON ISSUES RELATED TO CHRONIC DISEASE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION (PROJECT #17445), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

80-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION SYSTEMS FOR AN ACTION GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT #17292), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

81-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE FUND FOR PROGRESS ON RACE IN AMERICA FOR THE SHINE A LIGHT PROJECT (PROJECT #17316), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

82-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM TO WORK ON ISSUES RELATED TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION (PROJECT #17300), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

83-15 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL PICCIRILLO (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

84-15 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN ALVANSON (D) TO THE STRATFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

77-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MARTINEZ AND CASCO RE: REQUEST THAT A 180 DAY MORATORIUM BE PLACED ON THE

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LIQUOR STORE PERMITS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Council Member Brantley asked that item 57-15 be removed for discussion.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. *60-15 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH AETNA LIFE INSURANCE REGARDING GROUP LIFE, ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE TERM AGREEMENT FOR APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2019.**
- B. *58-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR A HEALTHY START GRANT PROGRAM, (PROJECT #16267).**
- C. *64-15(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR APRIL 4, 2016: DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 48 TROWEL STREET.**
- D. *66-15(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR APRIL 4, 2016: DISPOSITION OF FOUR CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE SEAVIEW AVENUE INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

***57-15(PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: (Ref. #155-13) Public Hearing Ordered for April 4, 2016: Resolution Amending the City's Authorization to Dispose of Properties for the Cherry Street Adaptive Reuse Project.**

Council Member Brantley stated that the item should be withdrawn, as there was already a previous public hearing on this item. MEB: Asking that this be removed as there was already a previous public hearing on this item. Motion to withdraw.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO WITHDRAW ITEM 57-15(PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #155-13) PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR APRIL 4, 2016: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZATION TO**

DISPOSE OF PROPERTIES FOR THE CHERRY STREET ADAPTIVE REUSE PROJECT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

56-15 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with New England Health Care Employees Union, Local 1199 SEIU (Nurses) concerning the Terms and Conditions of Employment for their Membership.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO TABLE AND REFER ITEM 56-15 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with New England Health Care Employees Union, Local 1199 SEIU (Nurses) concerning the Terms and Conditions of Employment for their Membership BACK TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

73-15 Special Committee Report re: (Ref. #192-14) Partial Street Discontinuances Approved for Portions of Hancock, Howard and Railroad Avenue: Adopted on November 2, 2015.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 73-15 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #192-14) PARTIAL STREET DISCONTINUANCES APPROVED FOR PORTIONS OF HANCOCK, HOWARD AND RAILROAD AVENUE: ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2015.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

74-15 Special Committee Report re: (Ref. #35-98) Street Discontinuance of a Portion of Quarry Street between Ezra Street and Stevens Street: Adopted on November 1, 1999.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 74-15 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #35-98) STREET DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF QUARRY STREET BETWEEN EZRA STREET AND STEVENS STREET: ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 1, 1999.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADDING TO THE AGENDA A CLARIFICATION OF THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH CHIEF GAUDETTE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. MEB**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION RE: THE CLARIFICATION OF THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH CHIEF GAUDETTE, ORIGINALLY ITEM #61-15.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO FORMALLY CLARIFY THAT THE CONTRACT THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UPON DURING THE FEBRUARY 29TH MEETING WAS IN FACT THE AMENDED, 6 PAGE CONTRACT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING ITEM 38-15: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.04 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, AMEND SECTION 2.04.010 – JUSTICES OF THE PEACE TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 38-15: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.04 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, AMEND SECTION 2.04.010 – JUSTICES OF THE PEACE WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS (AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE):**

- 1. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF JUSTICES SHALL NOT EXCEED 300.**
- 2. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUSTICES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THIRDS THUSLY- 1/3 OF THE JUSTICES WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE POOL OF REGISTERED REPUBLICAN PARTY MEMBERS, 1/3 OF THE JUSTICES WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE POOL OR REGISTERED DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEMBERS, AND 1/3 OF JUSTICES WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE POOL OF REGISTERED INDIVIDUALS NOT AFFILIATED WITH EITHER OF THE FORMER PARTIES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO RECESS FOR THE PURPOSES OF AN EMERGENCY MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS MEETING.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting recessed at 8:00 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:48 PM.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES J. COVIELLO JR. TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #42-15)**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES J. COVIELLO JR. TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

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

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA RE: THE APPOINTMENT OF B. OYIBOKA BENSON TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #71-15)**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF B. OYIBOKA BENSON TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member Brantley requested a roll call vote.

The Council Members voted thusly:

Scott Burns: Yes

Jack Banta: No

Denese Taylor-Moye: No

M. Evette Brantley: No

John Olson: Yes

Tom McCarthy: No

Jeanette Herron: No

Michelle Lyons: No

AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia: Yes

Mary McBride-Lee: No

Richard Salter: No

Jose Casco: Yes

Alfredo Castillo: Yes

Aidee Nieves: No

Milta Feliciano: Yes

Nessah Smith: Yes

Eneida Martinez: No

Anthony Paoletto: Yes

The motion died with the majority of votes in objection.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos

Telesco Secretarial Services