

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:39 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: José Casco  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: James Holloway

A quorum was present.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Ernest E. Newton**  
190 Read Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Re-entry Program “Ban the Box” in the City.

Mr. Newton came forward to speak about the “Ban the Box” Re-entry Program. He displayed two pieces of paper and said that having background checks on convicted felons was preventing them from getting a job along with bidding on jobs.

*Council Member McBride-Lee joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.*

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He also pointed out that it was ironic that the City had an employee that was involved with the installation of an illegal driveway, let the employee go and then the new administration re-hired the same employee.

Mr. Newton said that he had worked hard to get the community a second chance but wanted to know where his second chance was.

**Ralph R. Ford, Jr.**  
410 Mill Hill Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

City Budget – Police Department.

Mr. Ford came forward to speak about the Police Department and said he had been a resident since 1967. He talked about his interactions with the administration and pointed out that he is a 16 year veteran of the Police Department who has been on administrative leave since January. The City is spending millions on outside counsel but the case is dragging on and on. He said that he was present to ask for fairness for African-American officers.

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

City Fiscal Standing.

Mr. John Marshall Lee came forward and made the following statement:

Time to rest? Or time to prepare and discern for our future?  
Council members the capital and operating budgets have been set. Summer will soon be here. Is it time to kick back and party?

Police appropriations have risen significantly with expectation of 100 trainees. How can that be accommodated through Civil Service selection, recruiting process and training times, weapons training in the next year? Is there a real need for almost 490 personnel in the Bridgeport PD in 2016-17? And why did the budget paperwork you received have such obvious distortions, but particularly so, in the Police Department? What separate detailed report will you ask for to see how and where variances are appearing month by month in the coming fiscal year? That is what a financial review board would be looking for I feel certain.

When you break the Police Department into ten different divisions as if every division is a separate department, and fail to provide overall department totals or a management chart, what can you believe? When an entire unit (Narcotics and Vice) is missing from the data presented, is there any question as to careful preparation to help you understand the material? When the number of vacancies in the PD is shown as 17 and the public is left assuming that over 460 positions are filled, how honest is the material? What is happening to Pension Plan A?

In broader terms, where have you seen a listing of all City employees by Department with categories such as Full time employee, vacant, unfilled, as in the past? Where is staffing by grant employees shown? If Federal and

State cutbacks become the order of the day, what choices will the Mayor and you have to make in terms of priorities? Will you have to wait for such info at the last moment when you are under time pressure for a decision to receive such? Isn't it smarter to ask for such today?

I know that some of you think that these "red rubber boots" are a fanciful idea. And you laugh at them? And I laugh with you and offer them to Denese Taylor-Moye when we can once again operate in the black? But when can that be if you fail to monitor regularly that which you have approved? And how will you track Capital Budgets when there is currently no report submitted to you that shows the status of projects approved by past Councils in the recent five years? Are projects on time? Are they within budget or not?

What about transfers of funds, operating and capital? What is current City policy? If you do not know, ask your President to provide historical info as to when and why the last transfer was voted upon by the Council? It is likely that in spite of vigorous efforts, this year will end with a deficit. What will the City Fund Balance reduce to? Please review that process and policy in the Budget and CAFR volumes and understand that we have not paid serious attention to this for more than ten years. Credit rating firms pay attention to the number.

Tonight you will be asked to look at an asset of the City, a parcel of land that perhaps has minimal or no real value to the City or golf course today. However, mindful that we have more liabilities and responsibilities than assets, are we making the best deal for the City long term? For example, have you received written research from professionals with showing that the values for such acreage is the highest we can ever expect? Isn't the value of Open Space really in the use to which the buyer will put the land? As Council member Holloway stated last week, they are not making any more land. Hold onto it, or find a better way, and it may take more time than the Mayor's office desires, to maximize our property values.

The City has been down this road with parkland and the results are not impressive. Today you should ask for a list of all City property and its value per the latest valuation? Then look at what agreement is in place, what City responsibilities are required on each property and what funds are derived from activities and where is the money flowing? Is that something that good watchdogs might consider?

What have you to say about the difficult decisions the BOE must make because of "level funding" for 22,000 students handed from Mayor Ganim and approved by you? Other shoes will drop shortly, but to keep your feet dry, remember the "red fiscal condition" of Bridgeport and "the red rubber boots" as memorable symbols. Time will tell.

**Michael Bottillo**  
219 Jackson Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Taxes and Saving Money.

Mr. Bottillo thanked the seven Council Members who voted against the recent tax increase. He reminded everyone that former Mayor Bill Finch had advocated that everyone do more with less. Mr. Bottillo said that he would be in favor of cutting four positions.

**Karen Jackson**  
189 Virginia Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Violation of Charter of the City and ordinance.

Ms. Jackson came forward and said that she was the parent of a Bridgeport student and concerned about a violation of the City Charter. She cited Chapter 15 and subchapter of the Charter, which has to do with a elected seat on the Board of Education. Ms. Jackson said that the Council has the authority to remove and punish an illegally appointed official and wondered why this was not being discussed by the Council. She said that this actually will affect the students. She also wanted to know why it was so hard for a Bridgeport resident to lodge a complaint.

**Adam Goodwin**  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Goodwin came forward to speak about the Fairchild Wheeler golf course proposal. He said that in the past, the 90 Acres park was not safe for the Bridgeport residents to enjoy because of drug dealers and violence. In 2010, the Parks Department cleaned up the park and now the Bridgeport residents can enjoy it. The popularity of the park is growing. He said that the City should preserve the park as it currently is.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy adjourned the Public Speaking Portion of the Council Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**7:00 PM**  
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**45 Lyon Terrace**  
**Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim then requested Council Member Olson to lead those present in prayer. Council Member Olson then asked for a moment of silence in support of Council Member Denese Taylor-Moye, whose grandson was recently shot. He requested that those present also remember all the victims of violence in the City.

Council Member Olson also reminded everyone about all those who died on D-Day fighting for freedom before leading everyone in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Nieves to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

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134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Nessah Smith, Anthony Paoletto  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Council Member Martinez requested a point of personal privilege.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM REGARDING “BAN THE BOX” RE-ENTRY PROGRAM TO REFER TO COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO REFER AN AGENDA ITEM REGARDING “BAN THE BOX” RE-ENTRY PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #146-15)**

**Presentations by participants from the “Junior Council” Program who will speak about their experiences in learning about government and public office which will be followed by the awarding of Certificates of Completion.**

Ms. Papa came forward to speak about the Junior Council Program and introduced the participants: Rafiqah Abdullah, Xavier Aponte, Naomi Pennington, Luis Rodriguez and Jase Valle.

Mr. Aponte came forward and spoke briefly about his experiences in the program. Ms. Abdullah also spoke and suggested that the Junior Council Members meet with the Council Members, attend Committee meetings, and receive more information on the various departments.

Council President McCarthy led those present in applause for Ms. Papa and the program participants before presenting them with their Certificates of Completion.

**Mayoral Proclamation and City Council Citations: Recognizing the accomplishments of the Jettie S. Tisdale School “Tisdale Turnaround Arts” Singers and their outstanding performance before First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House in Washington D.C.**

Council President McCarthy then requested that the students from the Jettie S. Tisdale School “Tisdale Turnaround Arts” Singers come forward. Sarai Newton, Joshua Gill, Lindsay Mohammed, Darwens Francois, Raini Rodriguez, Lionnell Wilson, Riane Pettway, Jorge Collazo, Vanessa Batista, Treasure Kelly, Kemberlyn Martinez, Miracle Kave, Ashinea Brown, Rose Mohammed, and Hope Sanders all came forward and performed a song for those present. Following this, Council President McCarthy distributed copies of the City Council Citations to each student and Mayor Ganim read the Mayoral Proclamation.

Council Member Jack Banta requested a moment of personal privilege. He then spoke about the recent hiring of a non-Bridgeport Firefighter as Bridgeport’s Fire Chief to fill the position recently vacated by the retirement of Brian Rooney. Council Member Banta recounted how his father had been a firefighter and repeatedly passed over for promotions and said that he thought this administration would be hiring from within its own ranks.

*Council Member Banta left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.*

Council President McCarthy then requested that all those present stand for a moment of silence for Council Member Denese Taylor-Moye, whose grandson was recently shot. Council President McCarthy added that the Council Members and those present should also remember Jesenia Valentin, of Bridgeport, and her 9-year-old daughter Angelina Rodriguez and Ms. Valentin's 14 year old niece, Asyria Ferrer, all of whom died in a recent tragic car accident and were the family members of Council Member Jeanette Herron.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: April 18, 2016**

- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2016.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**130-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH ELISA SOSA, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**131-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2016 EPA BROWNFIELD CLEANUP – 173 STRATFORD AVENUE (PROJECT #17407), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**132-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) ROUND 9 – BROWNFIELD PROGRAM FOR REMEDIATION AT 1184-1218 MAIN STREET AND 179-207 MIDDLE STREET (PROJECT #17299), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**133-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) ROUND 9 – BROWNFIELD PROGRAM FOR ASSESSMENT AT 68 ST. STEPHENS ROAD (PROJECT #17277), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**138-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2015 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) – STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM (PROJECT #17332), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**139-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2015 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) – ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND CYLINDER PURCHASE (PROJECT #17345), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**140-15 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ST. VINCENT’S MULTISPECIALTY GROUP, INC., REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**141-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: (REF. #05-15) PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MICHAEL STINSON, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**142-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2016 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) SECOND CHANCE TECHNOLOGY BASED CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INCARCERATED ADULTS & JUVENILES (PROJECT #17245), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**144-15 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TANS) TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**145-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: PROPOSED BUDGET TRANSFER TO FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A “2016” SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM FROM: STATE BUDGET CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT #01610000-57017 (\$250,000) TO: PARKS AND RECREATION “OTHER SERVICES” ACCOUNT #01350000-56180 (\$250,000), REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

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

**136-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO RE: REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE PARKING SPACE ON ARCTIC STREET ALONGSIDE CIALES LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 540 HALLET STREET AS BEING “15 MINUTE PARKING” WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE BEING**

**PLACED AT LOCATION, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**137-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO RE: REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE INTERSECTION OF PEMBROKE STREET AND MAPLE STREET AS BEING A “FOUR-WAY STOP” WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE BEING INSTALLED ON ALL APPROACHES AND APPROPRIATE STREET MARKINGS ON ROADWAY, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**143-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER NIEVES RE: REQUEST TO DESIGNATE KNOWLTON STREET, AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH SHELTON STREET, AS AN “ALL-WAY STOP” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND STREET MARKINGS ON ROADWAY, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*01-15 (B) Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15.12 Housing Code, amend Section: 15.12.320, DENIED.**

**\*107-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.40 – Wharves and Vessels – Article II Rules and Regulations; amend Section 12.40.120 Speed Regulations.**

**\*127-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.102 Planning and Zoning Commission, amend Section 2.102.060 Land Use Application and Review Fees.**

**\*124-15 Contract Committee Report re: Sale of Certain Excess D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course Property.**

**\*97-15 (PHO) Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Public Hearing Ordered for June 20, 2016: Disposition of City-Owned Property located at 134 Logan Street to Abutter.**

**\*102-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: “2016” Neighborhood Assistance Act.**

**\*105-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Senior Center Activity Coordination (Project #17533).**

**\*106-15 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Elderly Hispanic Program. (Project #17270).**

**\*125-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Approval of the 2016-2018 Citizens' Union Committee.**

Mayor Ganim then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Items 124-15 and 125-15 be removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Martinez requested that Agenda Item 127-15 be removed from the Consent Calendar. City Clerk Martinez read the remaining items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*01-15 (B) ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15.12 HOUSING CODE, AMEND SECTION: 15.12.320, DENIED.**

**\*107-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12.40 – WHARVES AND VESSELS – ARTICLE II RULES AND REGULATIONS; AMEND SECTION 12.40.120 SPEED REGULATIONS.**

**\*97-15 (PHO) ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED FOR JUNE 20, 2016: DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 134 LOGAN STREET TO ABUTTER.**

**\*102-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: “2016” NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT.**

**\*105-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY COORDINATION (PROJECT #17533).**

**\*106-15 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – ELDERLY HISPANIC PROGRAM. (PROJECT #17270).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*127-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.102 Planning and Zoning Commission, amend Section 2.102.060 Land Use Application and Review Fees.**

Atty. Anastasi came forward and requested that this item be amended to include a technical amendment as outline in the memo dated June 6, 2016 from Atty. Anastasi to the Co-chairs of the Ordinance Committee. This amendment would raise the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency "Technology Fee" from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and the "State Fee" from \$30.00 to \$60.00.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO AMEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM #127-15 OF ORDINANCE, SEC. 2.102.060, THE ZONING DEPARTMENT, OPED AND OPM ARE REQUESTING THAT THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY BE FEES ADJUSTED TO RAISE "TECHNOLOGY FEE" FROM \$10.00 TO \$15.00 AND THE "STATE FEE" FROM \$30.00 TO \$60.00 BY SUBSTITUTION AS OUTLINE IN THE MEMO DATED JUNE 6, 2016 FROM ATTY. ANASTASI TO THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS #127-15 AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*124-15 Contract Committee Report re: Sale of Certain Excess D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course Property.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

Council Member Holloway then said that the park had been a gift to the City and he felt it was wrong to sell off part of that gift. He added that due to the generosity of various Bridgeport residents in the past, the current residents can enjoy parks like Fairchild Wheeler, Seaside Park and Beardsley Park.

Council Member Holloway said that all the Council Members should receive all the documentation for this proposal including copies of the deeds. He then gave a brief overview of the changes that took place when the magnet school was created and restated that all the Council Members should receive copies of all the paperwork.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she was opposed to this proposal, especially since it involved the abutting property owner. She said that this was the first time that there had been a

public hearing held off site and added that it had been scheduled very quickly. She concluded her remarks by encouraging all Bridgeport residents not to sell any part of Bridgeport property to Sacred Heart University.

Council Member Olson said that this proposal would make it possible for Sacred Heart to build on their land in Fairfield and would have nothing to do with 90 Acres. He added that \$4 million dollars was \$4 million less that the City would have to find for the budget. It could allow Sacred Heart to reduce the student population in other parts of the City. He concluded his statement by saying that he was in favor of the proposal.

Council Member Lyons said that she was in agreement with Council Member Holloway and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia. Sacred Heart has not been a good neighbor. The Council Members should have had more time to consider this and more notice. She concluded her remarks by saying that she was not in favor of this proposal.

Council Member Burns said that the current policy requires that unanticipated sales of City assets had the amount from the sale going to the undesignated Fund Balance. He said that he would like to see this changed.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she would like to see the money come to the City and pointed out that the land cannot be built on. The extra money will help the City. She said that it would also be important to make sure that the Council Members have all the information in advance so that they can move forward in the decision making process.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she did not trust Sacred Heart to follow through with their proposed plans and also felt that the proposed expansions were oversized.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 124-15 CONTRACT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SALE OF CERTAIN EXCESS D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE PROPERTY PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, OLSON, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, MARTINEZ AND HOLLOWAY) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA AND LYONS).**

**\*125-15           Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Approval of the 2016-2018 Citizens' Union Committee.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the documents that were submitted to the City Clerk's Office and the information that was given to the Council Members did not match. A discussion followed as to whether it would better to remove the item or to have it amended by substitution.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED AMEND THE ITEM BY SUBSTITUTION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 125-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2018 CITIZENS' UNION COMMITTEE AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**99-15            Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Lawsuit and Agreement of Pending Litigation with Town of Trumbull, Water Pollution Control Authority.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the application came in with extensive documents and that the Council Members did not have time to read it in advance. She said that it benefits Trumbull, but does not benefit Bridgeport.

Atty. Anastasi came forward and said that this item had been discussed in Executive Session at a Joint Committee meeting of Miscellaneous Matter and Contracts that went on for three hours. It was approved with only one opposing vote and that opposition was based on something that did not have anything to do with the proposal, but with relationships between Trumbull and Bridgeport. He noted that the Committee was prepared to have a second meeting on this issue on June 2nd, but after discussing it, the Committee felt that they had done their due diligence. It is a fair deal to both Trumbull and Bridgeport. It is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2016 and is scheduled to go back to court on June 14th.

Atty. Anastasi then reviewed the details of the agreement with the Council Members.

Council Member Olson said that he was in support of this item.

Atty. Anastasi cautioned everyone that this was pending litigation and therefore the discussion should not include any potential remarks about the outcome of the court decision.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she did not vote in Committee because she did not feel that there was sufficient time to consider the matter. She gave her reasons for abstaining.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 99-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT AND AGREEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH TOWN OF TRUMBULL, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, OLSON, HERRON, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, MARTINEZ AND HOLLOWAY) AND FIVE (5) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, AND LYONS).**

**92-15 (A-E) Adopted General Fund Budget FY 2016-2017 adopted by full Council on the Special Meeting of May 9, 2016.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADD TO THE RECORD THE LETTER DATED MAY 23, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING A MATHEMATICAL ERROR ON TOTAL REVENUES FROM \$550,382,101.00 TO \$552,491,617.00.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Olson said that he would like to encourage the administration and the Council to give as much as possible of the funding from the Fairchild Wheeler sale to the Board of Education.

Council President McCarthy announced that there would be a short caucus following the adjournment of the Council meeting.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA THAT CAME OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 119-15.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member McBride-Lee thanked everyone for all those who came out and voted for the Democratic Convention.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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