

AGENDA

SPECIAL

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

****6:00 P.M.****

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

- 134-15** Communication from Mayor re: Establishing of Mill Rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

COMMUNICATION TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- 135-15** Communication from OPM re: Budget Transfer to FY 2016-2017 From: State Contingency B Account 01610000-57017 (\$905,000) To: Board of Education Account 01800000-51000 (\$905,000), referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim then asked Rev. Olson to lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested that Council Member Salter lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

- 130th District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns
- 131st District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
- 132nd District: John Olson, M. Evette Brantley
- 133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
- 134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
- 135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter
- 136th District: José Casco, Alfredo Castillo
- 137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
- 138th District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith
- 139th District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

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Council Member Taylor-Moye said that before she made the motion, another Council member had requested a caucus. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was that a caucus was not needed.

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED THAT THE FY 2016-2017 MILL RATE BE AND HEREBY ARE SET AS 54.37 MILLS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND 37.00 MILLS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Atty. Anastasi pointed out that the motion as written did not include the phrase “and personal property”.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO AMEND HER MOTION FROM:**

THE FY 2016-2017 MILL RATE BE AND HEREBY ARE SET AS 54.37 MILLS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND 37.00 MILLS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

TO:

THE FY 2016-2017 MILL RATE BE AND HEREBY ARE, SET AS 54.37 MILLS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND 37.00 MILLS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Holloway asked why the additional phrase was needed. Mayor Ganim replied that it was for clarification purposes.

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE MILL RATE BY ONE MILL FROM 54.73 MILLS TO 55.37 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

Atty. Anastasi explained that according to the resolution, the budget had been already been adopted and the Council was just approving setting the mill rate to match the final budget figures in accordance with the Charter, Chapter 9, Section 5f. The Council did not have the authority to change the mill rate at this time. A brief discussion followed about the legality of the amendment and what actions the Mayor could take regarding this motion.

Council Member Olson said that he was very concerned about the education budget and the deficit had happened repeatedly.

Council Member Bukovsky pointed out that during the process the Council had the chance to cut the budget or add to it. She said that the goal was to keep the taxes low and it was unfair to change the amount at this time.

Council Member Holloway agreed and said that raising the taxes even higher would have a negative effect on the City and hurt the residents.

Council President McCarthy said that the Committee had worked very hard to craft the budget and that while he appreciated Council Member Olson's concern, he said that the bigger question was what Hartford was doing regarding its obligation to the City of Bridgeport.

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MILL RATE BY INCREASING IT TO 55.37 FAILED TO PASS WITH THREE IN FAVOR (BANTA, OLSEN, AND MCBRIDE-LEE) AND SEVENTEEN AGAINST (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY).**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2016-2017 MILL RATE BE AND HEREBY ARE, SET AS 54.37 MILLS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND 37.00 MILLS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AS AMENDED PASSED WITH THIRTEEN IN FAVOR (BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, OLSON, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND HOLLOWAY) AND SEVEN AGAINST (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BRANTLEY, MCCARTHY, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, AND SALTER).**

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**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 135-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: BUDGET TRANSFER TO FY 2016-2017 FROM: STATE CONTINGENCY B ACCOUNT 01610000-57017 (\$905,000) TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNT 01800000-51000 (\$905,000), REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Martinez said that she had a concern and there was an issue when the Council gave the Lighthouse program funding and the BOE cut it. She said she did not know why they were given funding for the program but they cut the program for the students.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she appreciated everyone who worked so very hard and particularly thanked her co-chair Scott Burns who was on the phone with the Committee when he couldn't be there due to family obligations.

Council Member Burns said that he wanted to reiterate what his Co-chair said and to thank everyone who worked so hard during the budget process. He said that the Council had earmarked some funding for the Board of Education and some of the actions that the BOE had taken will be addressed. He thanked the City's delegation for working so hard for the City in Hartford despite the fact that they had not succeeded in having the legislature restore Bridgeport's funding.

Mayor Ganim said that he would like to thank everyone for their hard work. Council Member Olson agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

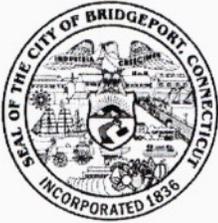
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services



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COMMUNICATION FORM

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Below to be used for processing of Immediate Consideration items only

Log ID/Item number: 134-15
Submitting Department / Contact Name: Mayor's Office / Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor
Subject: Establishing of Mill Rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
Referred to Committee: Immediate Consideration
City Council Date: May 25, 2016 (Special Meeting)

Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

MAY 25, 2016

Date

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

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Date

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JOSEPH P. GANIM
Mayor

COMM. #134-15 REF'D AS IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION ON 05/25/2016
(SPECIAL METTING)

May 24, 2016

The Honorable Lydia Martinez
City Clerk
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Ct 06604

Dear Lydia,

I am respectfully requesting the following be made part of the agenda for **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION** in the next city council meeting scheduled for Monday June 01, 2015.

Establishing Mill Rates for FY-2016-2017

Should you have any questions, Please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Joseph p. Ganim
Mayor

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JOSEPH P. GANIM

Mayor COMM. #135-15 Ref'd to Budget & Appropriations Committee on
05/25/2016 (Special Meeting).

May 23, 2016

The Honorable Lydia Martinez
City Clerk
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
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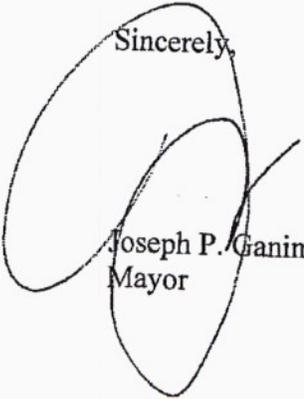
Dear Lydia Martinez,

Pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 5, Section (a) of the Charter of the City of Bridgeport, I am hereby requesting Special Meeting with the City Council for Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following:

1. Budget Transfer of \$905,000 from State Contingency B to the Board of Education for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
2. Set the Mill Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,


Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor

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Budget Director

JOSEPH P. GANIM

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May 24, 2016

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Council President
Mr. Scott Burns, Ms. Denese Taylor-Moye, Co-Chairpersons
Budget and Appropriations Committee
Members of the Bridgeport City Council:

Now that the FY 2016-2017 General Fund Budget has been adopted, attached please find a request to initiate a budget modification/budget transfer to Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Please note that the budget transfer will increase the FY 2016-2017 City Council Board of Education expenditure appropriation.

Sincerely,

Nestor Nkwo
OPM Director

cc: Mayor Joseph P. Ganim
John Gomes, CAO
Daniel Roach, Chief of Staff
Kenneth Flatto, Finance Director
Frances Rabinowitz, Interim Superintendent
Thomas McCarthy, Council President
Thomas Gaudett, Aide to the Mayor

attachment

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
Office of Policy & Management
JUSTIFICATION DOCUMENT
BUDGET MODIFICATION/JD #1

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Common Council of the City of Bridgeport finds that the unencumbered balance of the "transferred from" appropriation(s) listed below equals or exceeds the estimated expenditures of the City required for such purpose during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The Council finding that the remaining amount after transfer is sufficient for all expenditures of the City for the purpose thereof during the budget year is justified by the following determination of facts and actions taken:

To be in compliance with State MBR requirement and move Council Adopted Education increased funds to the BOE's direct appropriations.

Appropriation Account Number	Allocated To	Approved Budget	Amount of Transfer	After Transfer
		FY 2016-2017	FY 2016-2017	
01610000-57017	From	\$3,609,516	(\$905,000)	\$2,704,516
01800000-51000	To	\$7,747,326	\$905,000	\$8,652,326
Total		\$11,356,842	\$0	\$11,356,842

REVENUES:

A. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Common Council finds that such transfer of funds will not reduce city revenues or revenue estimates for the current or future fiscal year.

COMMENTS:

Please make the above budget transfer revision to reflect a more accurate distribution of funds.

Chairman Budget/Appropriations Committee:

Date of action: