

**CITY of BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012
6:30 PM**

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 pm.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

The following speakers signed up prior to the public speaking session:

NAME

SUBJECT

Jackie Radu spoke about the issue of property and space being reduced by 25% in certain areas throughout the city – *she read a statement regarding the matter pertaining to the Parks Commission.*

John Marshall Lee spoke referred to the monthly financial reports that were distributed to the council members. He stated that the matter is a mayoral responsibility. He noted that three reports were made available to the public on June 15, but no reports were submitted for March or April. He questioned why adjustments and changes were made, but that information wasn't available to the public. He further questioned what has been projected for the end of the quarter.

Crystal Mack spoke about the end of the school year. She expressed the awful situation going on in the community, due to the fear for kid's lives because of drug activity and gangs. She stressed that there are kids that can't read and write and she questioned how they will succeed without the proper education or having any hope or a dream. She questioned where the funds were going and what the city had to offer during the summer months for youth; so that they don't become victims. She suggested offering kids work experience to build crucial skills that they will need to learn to survive in the world. She emphasized that quality education is necessary for all children.

George Mintz, Chairman
86 Ridgebrook Drive
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Juneteenth African-American/
Caribbean Parade.

The public hearing session closed at 6:55 pm.

CITY of BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

Council President McCarthy announced that Mayor Finch had been delayed and he called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Colon, Taylor-Moye, Olson, Brantley, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: M. McCarthy, Austin, Silva

In honor of Juneteenth Celebration, a soloist sang the Negro National Anthem "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*"!

Prayer – the prayer was offered by George Mintz.

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by George Mintz.

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

Mayoral Proclamations: Recognizing the 2012 Barnum Festival Royal Family Members and Bridgeport Students who have been chosen to represent their schools as King, Prince, Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren in the Barnum Festival.

City Council Citations: Recognizing the 2012 Barnum Festival Royal Family Members and Bridgeport Students who have been chosen to represent their schools as King, Prince, Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren in the Barnum Festival.

Mayor Finch stated that Bridgeport cleaned up with students that were from Bridgeport schools and selected to represent the Barnum Festival Royal Family. He asked all the representatives to come forward to receive the citation.

Mayor Finch read the proclamation for the following students that were chosen to represent: Lavinia Warren (*Samantha Henry*); Tom Thumb (*Jorge Ruiz*); Prince (*Andres S. Ayala*); King (*John E. Shannon*).

The proclamation that was read for each representative, highlighted the achievements and accomplishments of each student.

Council member Bonney and Council member dePara read the citations to recognize the 2012 Barnum Festival Royal Family Members.

Mayor Finch took a group picture was taken with the 2012 Barnum Festival Royal Family Members and their respective family members that were present.

The 2012 Barnum Festival Ringmaster expressed that it was great seeing everyone come out tonight and what an honor and privilege it was to be a part of the Barnum Festival!

City Council Citations: Bullard Havens Tech Varsity Baseball team in recognition of winning the Constitution State Conference (CSC) Championship.

Council member Paoletto asked the team members and coaches to come forward to receive the citation.

He expressed that the citation to be read was expressed for the entire team. He noted that each team member would receive the citation.

Council member Paoletto thanked the team and coaches for a great job done and he congratulated them for winning the Constitution State Conference (CSC) Championship and wished them continued success.

Mayor Finch stated that in addition to the three public schools in Bridgeport, he believed that Bullard Havens is also considered to be a Bridgeport school – *to applause!* He further mentioned the curriculum at the school that focuses on science and technology. He wished everyone well in the future and those that will be graduating. He said the coaches have expressed that they hoped to win again next year and he commented that the kids are a great representation of Bridgeport and he was very proud of all of them.

85-11 Public Hearing regarding the Fixing of the Assessment on Personal Property
400 Megawatt UTC Fuel Cell Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the item.

There were none heard.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak against the item.

There were none heard.

Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: May 21, 2012

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

99-11 Communication from Labor Relations and Benefits Administration re: Proposed Tentative Agreement with Bridgeport City Supervisor's Association (BCSA) regarding their bargaining unit contract for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 and July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008, referred to Contracts Committee.

100-11 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Request for the Discontinuance of a Portion of Shell Street between St. Stephens Road and Ocean Terrace, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

101-11 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposal to Grant Easement for Transformer on Property occupied by Cesar Batalla Elementary School to Facilitate Clinton Commons Affordable Housing Project, 75-101 Clinton Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

102-11 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Steel Point Infrastructure Improvement District for the Construction and Maintenance of Eligible Public Improvements, the Administration of District Operations and the Use of Tax Revenues, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

103-11 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Social Services for the Elderly Health Screening Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

104-11 Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re: Grant Submission: 2012-2017 State of Connecticut Department of Public Health STD/TB Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

****** **COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO REFER**
COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
****** **COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
****** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

The city clerk read the item into the record:

***93-11** Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Milone & Macbroom, Inc. for Architectural and Engineering Services related to South Avenue and Iranistan Avenue Streetscape Gateway Development.

****** **COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE**
****** **COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**
****** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The council members entered into caucus at 7:40 pm.

The caucus ended at 7:50 pm.

Mayor Finch reconvened the meeting at 7:55 pm.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM #97-11 "PROPOSED CHARTER REVISION REPORT" TO THE AGENDA
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO WAIVE REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE FOR ITEM #97-11
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ORDER AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM #97-11
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THREE (3) ITEMS TO THE AGENDA
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Brannelly explained that the request was being made, due to the fact that the items had to be continued during the Contracts Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #76-11 AGREEMENT WITH POLICE UNION, LOCAL 1159 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #86-11 ASSIGNMENT OF TAX LIENS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #88-11 ARENA BILLBOARD LEASE AGREEMENT AMONG ARENA OPERATOR, INDEPENDENT OUTDOOR III, LLC AND CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THREE (3) ITEMS TO THE AGENDA
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member dePara explained that the reason for adding the items to the agenda was because they were time sensitive items.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #87-11 BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS REPORT MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #91-11 BUDGET TRANSFER TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR CIVIL SERVICE FROM: SALARY ACCOUNT 01070000-51000 (\$21,000) TO: MANAGEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT 01070000-56165
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #98-11 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO THE FY 2011-2012 NUTRITION BUDGET: INCREASE REVENUE LINE ITEM 01900902 42617 FEDERAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (\$403,000) AND INCREASE APPROPRIATION LINE ITEMS 01900000 54595 FOOD (\$403,000)
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY)**

Other business:

Council member Lyons mentioned the North End Little League Championship, noting that they won the tournament and her grandson had fifteen (15) pitches.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services