

**CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010  
6:30 pm**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members: M. McCarthy, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, dePara, Silva, Martinez, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

**ABSENT:** Council members: Brannelly, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, M. Ayala, Curwen

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 7:00 pm.

He stated that there wasn't a quorum and it isn't required for the public speaking session.

He also announced that the following council members weren't in attendance tonight for varied reasons, due to: being out of town, a wake, illness, delayed in traffic and a family emergency (*Council members: Holloway, Brannelly, Vizzo-Paniccia, M. Ayala, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye and Curwen*)

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
Cecil Young 99 Carroll Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06607	Responses to medical benefits and sewage conditions at P.T. Barnum Apartments.

Mr. Young stated that Council member A. Ayala indicated that he would check out his complaint about the raw sewage problem, but it isn't been done yet. He questioned why it was taking so long.

He further mentioned that he was still trying to find out why his medical benefits have been denied, per his request to Council member T. McCarthy to investigate the matter. He stressed that as a taxpayer, he felt that his complaints should be investigated. He stated that since he hasn't received any response to his medical benefits complaint, he planned to go to the State Labor Board. He recalled an article in the CT Post regarding certain issues that he brought forth in the past, noting that he was glad he spoke out, because it gives a person an opportunity to speak up for those less fortunate. He ended in saying that all his complaints will be dealt with in court and he cautioned that everyone should be ready.

Ethan Book  
131 Vine Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Pertinent matters of the recent  
statewide election process regarding  
the position of U.S. Senator.

Mr. Book mentioned that he was a candidate for the U.S. Senate. He said he observed a defective certificate of endorsement from Linda McMahon and the matter is currently before the New Haven court. He further spoke about an estimated \$60 million that was paid to three different CT law firms on August 19, 2010. He said he sent Attorney Blumenthal the information requesting him to reveal the amounts that were paid to the law firms for the litigation. He said he received a response back that indicated he wasn't entitled by law to receive any response. He then requested the contracts and they were sent to him on November 23, 2010. He noted that some sections of the contract were suspect (*as he read*) that pertained to services performed and any disbursements made. He stated that there were other portions of the contract that were eliminated, thus, he didn't receive any informative information. He also commented about the petition for reconsideration for the last election – *petition submitted*.

Council member Holloway questioned Mr. Book as to why he brought these issues before the city council, noting that they are state government issues. Mr. Book said he thought the issues overlapped and concerned the city council.

The public hearing session ended at 7:16 pm.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 6, 2010

7:00 pm.

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, Connecticut

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ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, M. Ayala, Curwen

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

Prayer the prayer was offered by Council member Martinez.

Pledge of Allegiance the pledge was led by Council member Brantley.

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

*Mayor Finch acknowledged Kayla Torres in the audience and congratulations on the birth of her child.*

*Mayor Finch mentioned and thanked everyone for their participation in the tree lighting downtown and in Black Rock. He expressed that it was a great success and he encouraged everyone to enjoy how pretty the tree is.*

*He further welcomed all the council members back from the Leadership Conference they attended in Denver.*

Council President McCarthy repeated the council members that weren't in attendance tonight for the varied reasons previously mentioned. He thanked Council member Holloway for showing up after just arriving from a flight.

Council President McCarthy congratulated Council members Martinez and Ayala for being elected to the Board of Helo.

Adoption of City Council Rules for Council Year 2010-2011.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Appointment of City Council Standing Committees for Council Year 2010-2011.

Council President McCarthy stated there weren't any changes to the committees, leadership or liaison for year 2011.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SAME  
COMMITTEES LISTING FROM 2010 FOR YEAR 2011  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

City Council Citation: Charles Carroll and the Public Facilities Department for being recognized as the Public Facilities Department and Director of the Year by The Connecticut Association of State Highway Officials (CASHO).

Council President McCarthy stated it was a good idea when a statewide independent agency makes a decision to honor our Public Facilities Department and Director. He called Charles Carroll to the front to receive the acknowledgement.

Mayor Finch expressed and thanked the public works facility that is run by Charles Carroll and for all the citywide work that is done in cleaning up the city, leaves collection and recycling endeavors. He further expressed that no matter what task is made to the department, they have had great outcomes in efficiency. He thanked Mr. Carroll, noting it was a well deserved citation.

Council President McCarthy stated that he was there the day of the tornado. He noted how quick and effectively the department moved to make sure that the city was safe and cleaned up. He said it was very impressive what they accomplished in a short period of time. He also noted that they are the only department that is as responsive to the council members and public and they make sure the constituents calls are answered. *He read the citation and presented it to Charles Carroll.*

Mr. Carroll thanked everyone for the citation. He humbly accepted it on behalf of all the members in the public facilities department. He noted that he was proud to work with each and every one of them.

Council President McCarthy commented that Mr. Carroll was both the Parks Director and the Public Facilities Director and he served both positions graciously.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

Approval of City Council Minutes: November 1, 2010

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- 01-10** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: State Department of Social Services for 2010-2011 Social Services Block Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
  
- 02-10** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2010-2014 Bridgeport Lead Free Families (BLFF) Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
  
- 03-10** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2010-2013 Bridgeport Healthy Homes Program Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
  
- 04-10** Communication from Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency re Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Land Solution, LLC for consultant services, referred to Contracts Committee.
  
- 05-10** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: State Department of Social Services for 2010-2012 Retired Senior Volunteer Program Grant, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
  
- 07-10** Communication from Central Grants and Community Development re Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMITTEES**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PETITIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- 06-10** Petition from Attorney Lisa Grasso Egan re Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Board of Education and Council of Administrators and Supervisors, Local 46, AFL-CIO for the period of September 1, 2011 thru August 31, 2014, referred to Contracts Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER PETITIONS TO COMMITTEES**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council President McCarthy commented that this petition was actually from the Board of Education and there is a short turnaround time line. He noted that it was a good contract, but if there isn't a quick determination it won't go into effect.

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

Council member Paoletto requested to remove item 152-09 for the purpose of returning the item back to committee.

Mayor Finch briefly conferred with City Attorney Anastasi regarding the matter. He called for a 5-minute recess to discuss the item with the council members.

*A recess was called at 7:35 pm.  
The meeting reconvened at 7:40 pm.*

Council member Paoletto rescinded his request to remove the item from the consent calendar. He stated that the item would be left on the calendar.

The city clerk read the consent calendar items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

**\*152-09** Ordinance Committee Report re Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and the Town of Trumbull for the Provision of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services to the Fairchild-Wheeler Memorial High School.

**\*158-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA 2010 Brownsfields Assessment Grant Program.

**\*159-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA 2010 Brownsfields Clean Up Grant Program for 837 Seaview Avenue.

**\*135-09** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re Settlement of Pending Litigation with William Voight.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**157-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: U.S. EPA 2010 Greenscaper Grant Program. **DENIED** (Pursuant to City Council Rule XV)

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member dePara stated that as co-chair of the committee, the item was denied because the committee felt that the \$10k match from the city wasn't specifically identified in the line item budget. There was a concern that it would cause a \$10k deficit.

*Mayor Finch called for a 5-minute recess at 7:42 pm to discuss the matter with the council members.*

*The meeting reconvened at 7:50 pm.*

Mayor Finch returned to item 157-09.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO DENY  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED**

A roll call vote was taken. It was clarified that a yes vote = to support the denial by committee. And a no vote = not to support the denial.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TEN VOTES IN FAVOR TO DENY ITEM 157-09 AND  
FOUR VOTES IN OPPOSITION TO DENY ITEM 157-09 (COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
M. McCARTHY, BONNEY, dePARA, PAOLETTO)**

**\*157-09 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE REPORT RE GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. EPA 2010 GREENSCAPER  
GRANT PROGRAM. DENIED (PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL RULE XV)**

Mayor Finch stated the he believed they will still find a way to process the grant for the program, noting how important it is.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO REFER RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
APPROVING CENTRAL AVENUE SIGNAGE TO INCLUDE THE CEREMONIAL  
NAME OF BISHOP MOALES WAY (ITEM # 09-10)  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER RE: PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (ITEM # 08-10)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council President McCarthy reminded everyone about the new adopted rules policy to provide copies of all referrals to committees to all council members. He said the referrals should be submitted the Friday prior to a city council meeting, to give everyone time to review the information.

Council member Brantley requested Mayor Finch to acknowledge who makes a motion instead of calling out random names – *it was noted that the acoustics in council chambers might be the cause of not hearing the names called.*

Mayoral Proclamation presented to Joe Rutkowsky of J.R.'s Housing Painting.

Mayor Finch, Council President McCarthy and Council member M. McCarthy approached the front of council chambers to present the citation.

Mayor Finch expressed that everyone is trying to do all they can to stretch a dollar. He commented that the lighthouse was a beacon in the city, because it highlights the city. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Rutkowsky's work on the lighthouse through the years, noting that he has painted it three times along with help from volunteers. He thanked him for his service to applause.

Council President McCarthy stated that symbols are an important thing for a city and it's what you see when you look at the water.

Council member M. McCarthy commented that the lighthouse valued and he appreciated the work done by J. R.'s Housing Painting.

\*Council member A. Ayala announced that an event will be held tomorrow night at 6:00 pm at the City Hall Annex. There will be refreshments and doo wop band performing. He invited everyone to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER A. AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services