

AGENDA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010

7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE  
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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Approval of City Council Minutes: February 1, 2010

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**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

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44 Lewis Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Dismissal of Dr. Evans, Health Dept.

Cecil C. Young  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Unethical tactics used by City Officials

Ted Meekins  
President East End Community Council  
1149 Stratford Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Health Director Issue

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION  
MARCH 1, 2010  
6:30 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, \*Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, dePara, Silva, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway  
\* = arrived after roll call

**ABSENT:** Council members: Bonney, Blunt

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

The city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Council President McCarthy announced that generally, public speaking is done at the podium, but the microphone was broken, so speakers had to speak where the microphone was set up near Council member M. Ayala's seat.

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Mr. Meekins stated that he was a police officer for thirty years. He expressed that he was very aware of what goes on in Bridgeport. He recalled that he sued the city a couple of times due to discrimination in hiring black officers.

He went on to speak about Mayor Finch's administration in reference to the only top black executive that being Dr. Marian Evans and one other person. He stated that now that Dr. Evans has been removed, he felt she was unjustly singled out by being discharged from her position without proper notice. He had a problem that she wasn't given a letter or recommendation from the Mayor that would allow her to move on and this was the first time that this has happened, because others were given letters of recommendation that allowed them to move on. He further stated that Dr. Evans made the health department a real health department. She dealt with childhood obesity, the problem of lead poisoning and she brought health fairs to the community to address health problems. And she spoke

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out about toxic water sources. Overall, he said that we lost a great person and people in the community have no sympathy for what Finch did and they are asking to at least provide her with a letter of recommendation to move on.

Carolyn B. Nah  
44 Lewis Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Dismissal of Dr. Evans, Health Dept.

Ms. Nah stated that she has been a resident of Bridgeport for 43 years. She recalled that she was before the council two weeks ago to speak about the situation with Dr. Evans, and since then, she has received vicious attacks, one from the Tax Collector's Office indicating that she owes two years liens on her bail bondsman license. She was notified that she owes \$266.00. She relayed that if anything, the Tax Collector owed her approximately \$3,000.00. She further spoke about the tax assessment increase on her condominium. She stressed that she was there to warn everyone that they are barking up the wrong tree. She exclaimed that she will not let Mayor Finch attach or lynch her. She further stressed that she always paid her taxes and she will not put up with the slave mentality tactics directed towards her. She clarified that she's a retired federal employee and will not tolerate any attacks on her. She was adamant that it seems she's the only one that received these types of notices. She expressed that these tactics are slave plantation antics. She shared her personal family history of experiencing racism through the generations and she warned Mayor Finch that he will not get away with it.

Cecil C. Young  
99 Carroll Avenue  
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Mr. Young showed a photo of a bucket of human waste in the basement of P.T. Barnum apartments. He said he brought the matter before the housing authority to address the matter of nothing being done about it.

He went on to speak about a letter from the Secretary of State office to find out the status of his termination, because he was unjustly terminated. He recalled the years that he walked all over Stratford Avenue as a community activist and worked in the city for years. He further relayed the circumstances of when he was terminated and he repeated the story that although Dr. Evans was unjustly terminated, he felt that she should have been terminated for what she did to him just because he spoke out about toxic piles on the east side and kids getting ill. He stressed that he never got terminated for not being at work. He urged the city council to consider giving Dr. Evans a letter of recommendation, so she can move forward.

Connie Johnson

Topic not identified – signed up to speak tonight

Ms. Johnson said she would address the spiritual side of what was going on. She recalled the times she attended health fairs and she expressed that wherever Dr. Evans was taking the city health wise was a spiritual journey. She thought that what she was seeing was corrupt and where it's going is going to lead the City of Bridgeport with a cloud over the city, and the youth and mental health industry are going to face drastic measures, because it goes against everything that Dr. Evans believed. Overall, she felt they should put the appropriate person in position to lead the city the right way.

Pierre d'Haiti

Haiti earthquake update – adoption of city

Mr. d'Haiti gave an update about Haiti and what the City of Bridgeport has done in regard to relief efforts. He said he met with (700) leaders throughout the country and he expressed that what Bridgeport has done, is what he was hoping other cities would follow, which is the adoption of a city in Haiti. He explained that they are encouraging people to go to Haiti and help the people rebuild. He thanked everyone for what the city has done to date.

Council President McCarthy stated that the city council also appreciated the work that has been done.

Ken Celestin

Haiti earthquake update

Mr. Celestin thanked everyone for all they have done for Haiti to date. He noted that he realized the city council is busy with other things. And although CNN and ABC are no longer there to report on what is happening in Haiti, they are still faced with so much to do. He spoke about the situation and the need for continued help. He asked that we not forget them and stand by them.

Council President McCarthy stated that the city made a commitment and they will not be forgotten.

The public speaking session ended at 7:10 p.m.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 1, 2010

7:00 pm.

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

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Blunt, dePara, Silva, M. Ayala, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Bonney

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Prayer -Reverend Stack offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance -the Brownies troupe visiting tonight led the pledge.

Mayor Finch expressed that the brownies were young girls and ladies that are doing something positive and proud of earning their badges. He invited them to come back in the near future. He also noted that they are currently selling cookies.

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

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER T. McCARTHY SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBR PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS and RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED

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The city clerk read the item into the record.

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

**\*32-09** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re Grant Submission: American Institute of Architecture (AIA) Sustainable Assessment Team Program.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Other Business:

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the regularly scheduled Miscellaneous Matters Committee meeting was last Monday, but due to her being ill and no quorum, the meeting was rescheduled for tonight.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING ITEM 28-09 PROPOSED REVISION TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULE IV FEES TO THE AGENDA**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICIA MOVED TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE NEW FEES OF \$35.00 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$135.00 FOR NON-RESIDENTS**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

Council member Walsh thanked the committee who agreed to establish the new rates. He said it was easy to substantiate the \$100.00 difference in relation to the other taxes residents pay and it was good not to be seen as over pricing.

Council member T. McCarthy agreed the committee did a nice job.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ◆ Council member Vizzo-Paniccia reminded everyone about **Wednesday, March 3, 2010** at 1:30 p.m. - BRBC luncheon at the Holiday Inn.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 25, 2010** Annual Bridgeport Day – they will leave at 7:30 a.m. From Housatonic Community College and arrive back by 3:30 p.m.; breakfast and lunch will be served.

Mayor Finch noted that Bridgeport Day was important, due to the hospital cuts and he urged everyone to attend.

Mayor Finch updated that there would be an event held at the Bridgeport Library on Broad Street at 1:00 p.m. In the Fine Arts Department for “unveiling green initiative”!

- ◆ Council President McCarthy updated that the diversity training will be rescheduled.
- ◆ Council members Vizzo-Paniccia and T. McCarthy were named to UCC.
- ◆ Council member Vizzo-Paniccia was asked to serve on the Public Safety & Crime Prevention committee (National League of Cities).

- ◆ Council member Curwen updated about the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 17, 2010; he noted if anyone was interested in participating to let him know.
- ◆ Council member Martinez made note of the earthquake in Chile. She noted that hopefully, they could get together and do something for the people there.

Council member Baker noted that there were a couple of issues going on in the city per the calls he has received from constituents. He urged everyone to be more aware of what's going on in the city and their district.

Council member Brantley stated that she would like to see the Mayor more often at the public speaking sessions. She felt this would allow residents to speak and be heard by the Mayor.

She also asked that Council President McCarthy set up a meeting to discuss issues going on in the community.

Mayor Finch excused himself for not attending the public speaking session tonight due to another obligation. He noted however that he would make a better attempt to attend the public speaking sessions in the future.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER M. AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services

Black Rock  
NRZ

2009 July through December  
Operations Report



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COMM #40-09 ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD

Fleeta Hudson  
Bridgeport City Clerk  
City Hall  
45 Lyons Terrace  
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

February 15, 2010

Dear Ms. Hudson:

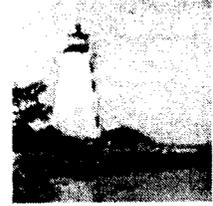
Attached please find 27 copies of the Black Rock NRZ operations report for July through December 2009. One copy is for your files and 26 are for the City Council.

This is being submitted in accordance with the Black Rock NRZ Bylaws Section 6.08.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph W. Ianniello  
President, Black Rock NRZ

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Bill Finch  
Mayor, City of Bridgeport  
City Hall Annex  
999 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Subject: 2009 Black Rock NRZ Report

Date: February 3, 2010

Dear Mayor Finch:

This is the second report for 2009 of the Black Rock NRZ submitted in accordance with the NRZ Bylaws Section 6.08. (The bylaws require status reports at intervals of six months for the first year and annual reports thereafter). This is the second report for the first year covering the period from July 2009 through December 2009.

The Black Rock NRZ was approved by the City Council in April 2008 and the implementation committee was organized at the end of 2008.

#### Organization

In September 2009 the President of the NRZ resigned. An election of officers was held and the following people were elected to the executive board:

President:	Joseph Ianniello
Vice President:	Kristine DeMarco
Treasurer:	John Lee
Secretary	Katherine vanRenesse

The following are also members of the Implementation NRZ Board of Directors:

Phil Blagys	Jackie Heneage	Gerry Manning
David Barbour	Scott Hughes	Kraig Steffen
Frank Basler	Bishop Kelly	Miguel Tomasio
Donna Curran	Laura Hurwitz	Bruce Williams
Don Greenberg	Holly Kotos	



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The City Ex Officio Board Members are:

Susan Brannelly  
Martin McCarthy  
Angie Staltaro

} Ex officio members are specified by the Bylaws to be the City Council members from the 130<sup>th</sup> District and one member from the City's NRZ office.

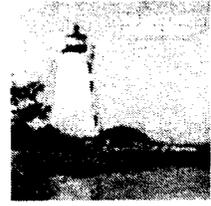
The NRZ bylaws require the board elect a Nominating Committee to be a standing committee. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to review the qualifications of potential Board Members and prepare a slate of potential Directors for presentation to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in June and to fill Board vacancies as they occur. The Nominating Committee consists of 4 members as follows:

- ❖ One member of the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary)
- ❖ 3 Board Members.

The following people were elected to the Nominating Committee at the October 2009 Board meeting:

John Lee (Chairperson)  
Frank Basler  
Laura Hurwitz  
Holly Kotos

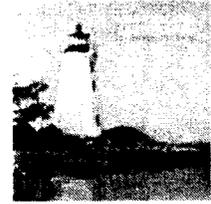
In addition to the Nominating Standing Committee, the Bylaws defined six Standing Committees that drive the implementation process. The Standing Committees, their tasks, and task status are listed below.



<b>Standing Committee</b>  <b>(See Bylaws Article VII</b> <b>Section 2)</b>	<b>Projects/Tasks</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>  <b>(years)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. Business &amp; Economic</b> <b>Development</b>	✓ Establish Black Rock Village District and guidelines	1-5	In process
	✓ Create incentives for sustainable development <i>[Also an issue for Design Review &amp; Development Standards]</i>	1-5	Part of Village District Task
	✓ Develop plan for streetscape improvements	1-5	Part of Village District Task
	✓ Create commercial rehabilitation and façade improvement programs	1-5	Part of Village District Task
	✓ Identify, encourage and support high-priority development opportunities	1-5	In process
	✓ Establish a liaison within the City for business and neighborhood development.	1-5	Completed
	✓ Develop parking garage behind Black Rock Arts Center	1-5	
	✓ Recruit appropriate businesses for important neighborhood locations	1-5	In process
✓ Create database of developable properties, approach owners, and encourage development	1-5		



<b>Standing Committee</b>  <b>(See Bylaws Article VII Section 2)</b>	<b>Projects/Tasks</b>	<b>Time Frame (years)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>2. Education</b>	✓ Improve infrastructure at Black Rock & Longfellow Schools	1-5	In process
	✓ Increase children's access to education, including transportation to neighborhood events	1-5	In process
	✓ Emphasize Black Rock educational partnerships	1	
	✓ Identify additional funding for education	1-5	
	✓ Increase community support by recruiting volunteers	1	In process
	✓ Keep Black Rock School a neighborhood school	1	In process
<b>3. Arts, Entertainment &amp; Culture</b>	✓ Promote arts & cultural activities	1	On-going
	✓ Develop marketing plan for Arts industry in Black Rock	1-5	
	✓ Identify developer/funding and site for artist loft development	1-5	In process
	✓ Identify funding to create/support an Arts Center	6-10	In process
<b>4. Land Use, Development, &amp; Historic Preservation</b>	✓ Influence Ordinance re-draft to include denial of zone changes in historic districts	1-5	
	✓ Eliminate inappropriate commercial uses	1-5	
<b>5. Outreach and Communications</b>	✓ Develop & implement strategies to involve more community members on NZ task forces, especially people living East of Ellsworth Street & North of Fairfield Avenue	N/A	On-going
	✓ Communicate task force/NRZ priorities (as they emerge) to the Black Rock Community and other Bridgeport stakeholders	N/A	On-going

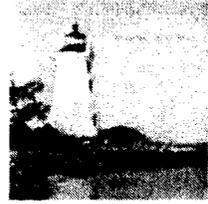


Standing Committee (See Bylaws Article VII Section 2)	Projects/Tasks	Time Frame (years)	Status
<b>6. Quality of Life, Environment, &amp; Public Safety</b>	√ Develop Brewster Street Gateway and other neighborhood gateways	1	Part of Village District Task
	√ Investigate potential for neighborhood trolley route	1-5	
	√ Plan for the further development of Brewster St.	6-10	Part of Village District Task
	√ Improve existing municipal parking lots	1	
	√ Develop parking plan for Black Rock Library	1-5	
	√ Explore expansion of municipal parking on available sites	1-5	
	√ Provide traffic lights or other traffic-calming devices at trouble spots	1-5	
	√ Implement on-street parking regulations	1	
	√ Participate in redesign of Ellsworth Park	2009	Completed
	√ Identify property owners/developers for potential waterfront access at Burr Creek	1-5	
	√ Participate in re-design of PT Barnum Park	1-5	
	√ Identify funding for Black Rock Linear Park	6-10	
√ Develop guidelines and ratify Conservation Overlay Zone	1-5		

### Operations

There were seven meetings of the Black Rock NRZ Board of Directors in 2009.

As part of the Bylaws the NRZ supports other Black Rock groups. In 2009 the NRZ worked with the following groups:



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- ❖ Ash Creek Conservation Association (ACCA)
  - ❖ Black Rock Garden Club
  - ❖ Black Rock Business Association (BRBA)
  - ❖ Black Rock Community Council (BRCC)
  - ❖ Black Rock Families for Excellence (BRFE)
  - ❖ Black Rock Historic Preservation Association (BRHPA)
  - ❖ Black Rock Homeowners Association (BRHA)
  - ❖ Mayor's Beautification Awards Program
  - ❖ Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library (FBPL)

Highlights of the 2009 year-to-date activities of each of the Standing Committees are summarized in the following paragraphs.

#### **Standing Committee 1: Business and Economic Development**

- ❖ Began development of a Village District concept along Fairfield Avenue modeled after the zoning document for the Downtown Village District and the West End/West Side Design Guidelines. Met with Michael Nidoh of the OPED to get guidance on how to approach this.
- ❖ The BHA presented the Albion Street project at an NRZ Board meeting.
- ❖ Worked with the City's NRZ, OPED, and Grants departments in applying for a grant to support the City's effort to sell the Bank Building on the corner of Fairfield Avenue and Brewster Street. Although the grant was not awarded to the City the work to write the application helped the City develop the RFP and a prospective developer talked with the NRZ and submitted a bid. Unfortunately the developer after being selected by the City decided not to proceed.

#### **Standing Committee 2: Education**

- ❖ The major activities of this committee have been to bring Black Rock and Longfellow parent/school associations together and to keep the Black Rock School open.
- ❖ Black Rock Pilates offered an after-school yoga/dance fusion program at the Pilates studio. They are doing a spring yoga program at Ellsworth Park for kindergarteners pro bono.
- ❖ Pursuing partnership with Ash Creek Conservation Association for school programs.
- ❖ Began development of a boating program.



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### **Standing Committee 3: Arts, Entertainment, and Culture**

- ❖ Worked with Black Rock Public Library and the Friends of the Bridgeport Public library and began a series of "Community Forums". The first forum discussed the Bridgeport political system – theory and practice. A Fairfield University professor explained the Bridgeport Charter and a local media personality – the "Only in Bridgeport" editor – discussed the history of politics in Bridgeport. The well attended forum was held in the Community Room of the Black Rock Library.
- ❖ Sponsored the Black Rock Art Walk along Fairfield Avenue on two Friday evenings each month during the summer.
- ❖ One role of this committee is to facilitate art performance, education, and exhibition by identifying, cataloging, and connecting local artists and usable spaces. The newly renovated Black Rock Library was used for an exhibit of the work of an artist.

### **Standing Committee 4: Land Use, Development, & Historic Preservation**

- ❖ This committee and the Black Rock Historic Preservation Association continued their activity to ensure the proper restoration and maintenance of the historic house at 340 to 344 Brewster Street.

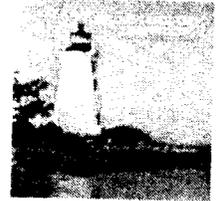
### **Standing Committee 5: Outreach and Communications**

The function of this committee is to find people to serve on the other committees and do a special outreach to people in the area between Ellsworth Street and Bostwick Avenue that was added to the traditional Black Rock area during the NRZ process.

- ❖ Met with the PT Barnum Residents Association to explain the history, functions and strategic plan of the Black Rock NRZ and asked for their involvement.
- ❖ The condition of the PT Barnum parks and recreational areas is discussed under Standing Committee 6.

### **Standing Committee 6: Quality of Life, Environment, & Public Safety**

- ❖ The NRZ and Black Rock Community Council co-sponsored a forum with the City's Facilities and Parks Department to get community input for the upgrades to Ellsworth Park. The forum was held at St Ann's School hall and was attended by about 150 people. Thirty people spoke at the forum.
- ❖ An issue was brought up at the Community Forum on parking at Ellsworth Park during little league games. A follow-on meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010 with the Police Department to address the parking problems.



- ❖ Members of the NRZ met with Enviro Express to discuss their proposal for a construction and demolition debris transfer station at 555 Wordin Avenue.
- ❖ A meeting with Public Facilities personnel is being scheduled to address improvements to safety, utility and upkeep of the five parks in the PT Barnum area of Black Rock. Generally, the parks are in good shape but some improvements can be made.
- ❖ A Black Rock bike path route is being planned with the City administration and the Police Department. The City's NRZ Department is securing funding for the Black Rock section of this bike route as the first for the various NRZ's that are part of a larger effort to connect with the bike/walking route that extends to our neighboring towns.
- ❖ Met with the Director of Public Facilities and Parks to discuss the environmental importance of the beach grass planted at the sand spit at the Northern most end of Saint Mary's. The Ash Creek Conservation Association got the Town of Fairfield to provide the beach grass to repair damage to the sand spit that occurred during their dredging operation. The beach grass was planted by volunteers coordinated by the Black Rock Garden Club.

#### **Communications and Fund Raising**

- ❖ Continued establishing an NRZ web site for Black Rock. The web site is being "Alpha" tested.
- ❖ The NRZ is preparing the paperwork to become a 501 (c) 3 organization. In a meeting with the City's NRZ Department, it was determined that a change was required in the NRZ bylaws to conform to state statutes. The change was approved at the November Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted;

  
Joseph W. Ianniello  
President, Black Rock NRZ



*Bill Finch*  
Mayor

*City of Bridgeport*  
*Labor Relations and Benefits Administration*

*Labor Relations Office*  
*45 Lyon Terrace*  
*Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604*  
*Telephone 203-576-7843*

*Lawrence E. Osborne, Jr.*  
Director

*Thomas C. McCarthy*  
Acting Deputy Director

*Janet M. Finch*  
Human Resources Manager

*Richard D. Weiner*  
Benefits Manager

**COMM#41-09 Referred to Contracts Committee on 3/1/10**

February 24, 2010

Honorable City Council Members  
Office of the City Clerk  
City of Bridgeport

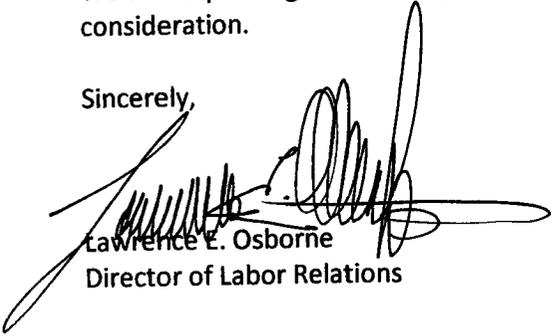
**RE: Nurses, Local 1199 Tentative Agreement**

Dear Honorable Members:

The City of Bridgeport and the Nurses, Local 1199 have reached a tentative agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment for their membership. Enclosed you will find the tentative agreement.

We are requesting that the City Council refer the tentative agreement to the Contracts Committee for consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence E. Osborne  
Director of Labor Relations

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pc: Mayor Bill Finch  
Adam Wood, Chief of Staff  
Andrew Nunn, Chief Administrative Officer  
Thomas Sherwood, Director of OPM  
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## Tentative Agreement Pending Ratification by the Parties

(Ratification for the City would include the Mayor and Common Council)

(Ratification for the Union would include a vote by the membership)

Separate classification of School Health Nurses (SHN). SHN's will switch to the education calendar (186 days), they will move to this work schedule at the end of the 2009 school year (June 24). SHN's will receive no general wage increases for the life of the contract.

The SHN's will be able to carry over any remaining vacation days and use them over the life of this contract. Or they may opt to receive a payout of such vacation time at a 50% buy-out rate. SHN's must let the BOE/City know which option they choose by 8/31/2009. If they choose the buy-out option, they will receive payment of such by 10/1/2009.

### General Wage Increases for Public Health Nurses (PHN) and Nurse Practitioner (NP);

Effective 7/1/2008 = 0%

Effective 7/1/2009 = 3%

Effective 7/1/2010 = 2%

Effective 1/1/2011 = 2%

Effective 7/1/2011 = 2%

### Health Insurance;

12% effective 7/1/2008 - \$500 buyout

15% effective 7/1/2009 - \$1,000 buyout

18% effective 7/1/2010 - \$1,500 buyout

21% effective 7/1/2011 - \$2,000 buyout

25% effective 6/30/2012 - \$2,000 buyout

\$25 Copay for PCP, \$40 Copay for a Specialist

Maintain \$1,000 cap on prescriptions

Current employees will have PCS % capped at 25% throughout their employment and into retirement. Any employee who retires prior to 6/30/12 will have the PCS and Copays capped at the % they are currently paying at the time of retirement. This provision (previous sentence) shall sunset at the expiration of the contract effective 6/30/2012.

New hires will start at a 25% PCS, with a 1% increase per year up to 50%, and will be capped at 50%. All new hires will only be eligible for health benefits upon retirement if they have a minimum 25 years of service. (No more 15 years plus age 55).

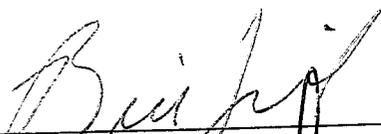
All Nurses will receive a fourth personal day each year, beginning with the last year of the contract, effective 7/1/2011.

All Nurses will go to direct deposit effective 7/1/2010. The pay schedule for the Nurses will remain at 52 weeks.

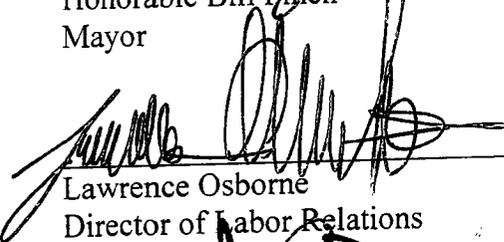
Nurses who bid to work at schools during the summer will receive a rate of \$37.50 per hour. Bidding for this work will be based on seniority.

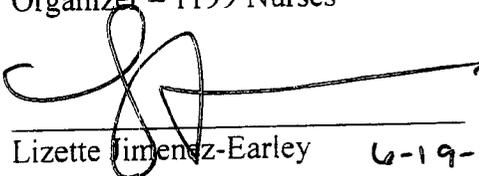
The language in Article 21-3 of the current collective bargaining agreement shall pertain only to SHN's.

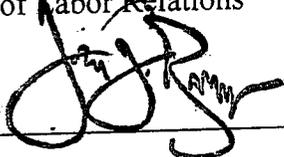
Any PHN's shall bid to any SHN vacancies by July 1, 2009. After this bidding between PHN and SHN shall be closed, but there shall be a reopener to discuss the issue of bidding only. This does not include the normal bidding process for SHN's that takes place every 3 years. The Parties to this Agreement shall meet for this reopener starting April 1, 2010, and shall reach an TA or Memorandum of Understanding on this issue by June 1, 2010.

 6/25/09  
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Honorable Bill Finch  
Mayor

 6-19-09  
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Diane LaPointe  
Organizer - 1199 Nurses

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Lawrence Osborne  
Director of Labor Relations

  
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Lizette Jimenez-Earley 6-19-09

  
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John Ramos, ED.D  
Superintendent of Bridgeport Schools

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Jodie Paul,  
Labor Relations Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

**BILL FINCH**  
Mayor

**COMM#42-09 Referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee on 3/1/10**

**TO:** Fleeta Hudson – City Clerk

**FROM:** Mayor Bill Finch

**DATE:** February 24, 2010

**RE:** Boards & Commissions

Please place the following name on the March 1, 2010 City Council agenda for referral to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee for the purpose of an appointment to the Ethics Commission:

Lizette Garay (D)  
1394 North Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

This replaces the seat held by Howard Owens and the term will expire on December 31, 2010.

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Res# 43-09 Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee on 3/01/ 2010

Resolution

By Council Members Denese Taylor-Moye and Anderson Ayala, 131<sup>st</sup> District.

For introduction at the meeting of the City Council to be held on March 1, 2010.

For referral to the Committee on Public Safety and Transportation.

**Resolution requesting Railroad Avenue signage include the ceremonial name of William and Grace Kenney Boulevard.**

**Whereas**, Rev. William D. Kenney served as Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in the South End of Bridgeport for more than 37 years, and  
**Whereas**, Rev. Kenney sought to improve his understanding and knowledge of both secular and spiritual affairs through study and preparation in numerous institutions of higher learning and education, and,

**Whereas**, Rev. Kenney shared that education and knowledge unselfishly through serving as a founding member of the Board for the Connecticut Institute of Christian Religion, providing religious training and education to more than 1,000 members of the broader Connecticut community, and,

**Whereas**, Rev. Kenney was blessed in marriage with a marvelous and talented partner in the personage of Grace Kinney and they were further blessed through the birth of their son Douglas, and,

**Whereas**, Rev. Kenney promoted racial harmony and collaboration in turbulent times standing as a champion for civil and religious rights, partnering as a predominantly African-American congregation in an urban area with predominantly European-American congregations in suburban areas to provide services and support for citizens of the area, and,

**Whereas**, Rev. Kenney promoted numerous institutes for the betterment of the South End Community and Greater Bridgeport, including the first daycare center for resident children, and,

**Whereas**, Rev Kenney is deserving of the highest praise and thanks for all of his outstanding efforts in the Church and in the Community, noting that Shiloh Baptist Church and her people have prospered under his leadership, that the community has been irrevocably and positively touched through his providing strong spiritual guidance to all those in need;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that Railroad Avenue northbound, adjacent to the Metro North Railroad, be ceremonially recognized and named: William and Grace Kenney Boulevard.

Denese Taylor-Moye  
Council Member, 137<sup>th</sup> District

Anderson Ayala  
Council Member, 137<sup>th</sup> District

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Grant Submission: re American Institute of  
Architecture (AIA) Sustainable Design Assessment  
Team Program.

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**Report  
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CCD & Environment**

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**Submitted: March 1, 2010**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

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# City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

*To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.*

The Committee on ECD and Environment begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS**, the American Institute of Architecture is authorized to extend technical assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

**WHEREAS**, this technical assistance has been made possible through the Sustainable Design Assessment Team Program; and

**WHEREAS**, technical assistance under this grant will be used to assist the City's sustainability planning process and help to develop a visual and cognitive physical framework for a sustainable future. The goal of the project is to identify ways to link highly diverse neighborhoods through environmentally sustainable features; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, Central Grants Office, submit an application to the American Institute of Architecture to perform a charrette and makes recommendations on how to provide sustainable substantive linkages between neighborhoods within the City of Bridgeport; Now Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:**

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the American Institute of Architecture to provide technical assistance and help to develop a visual and cognitive physical framework for a sustainable future by creating linkages between Bridgeport neighborhood
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the American Institute of Architecture for the Sustainable Design Assessment Team Program, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.



Report of Committee on ECD and Environment  
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
THE COMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT

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Angel M. dePara, Jr. Co-Chairman

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**28-09**  
Civil Service Commission Rule IV Fees.

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**Report  
of  
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Miscellaneous Matters**

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**Submitted: March 1, 2010 (OFF THE FLOOR)**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

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# City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

*To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.*

The Committee on **Miscellaneous Matters** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

**28-09**

**RESOLVED**, That in accordance with City Charter Chapter 17, Section 206(a), the attached changes to the Civil Service Rule IV fees be, and hereby are, approved, ratified and confirmed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
THE COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

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AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chair

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Council Date: March 1, 2010 (OFF THE FLOOR)

#### RULE IV. FEES

The Civil Service Commission shall have the authority to charge a reasonable administrative fee for application to compete in open competitive examinations. The administrative fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for residents of the City of Bridgeport and forty dollars (\$40.00) for non-residents.

The Civil Service Commission shall have the authority to charge a reasonable administration fee for application to compete in Police and Fire examinations. The administrative fee shall be one hundred dollars (~~\$100.00~~) for residents of the City of Bridgeport and two hundred fifty dollars (~~\$250.00~~) for non-residents. \* (See amendments below)

There shall be an exemption for waiver of the administrative fee for those city resident applicants who are receiving Public Assistance or who can demonstrate hardship and inability to pay, to the Civil Service Commission. The Civil Service Commission may also require city resident applicant to execute a promissory note in lieu of waiver.

Amendments Approved from the floor on March 1, 2010:

The Civil Service Commission shall have the authority to charge a reasonable administration fee for application to compete in Police and Fire examinations. The administrative fee shall be thirty five dollars (\$35.00) for residents of the City of Bridgeport and one hundred thirty five dollars (\$135.00) for non-residents.

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