

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

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

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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NAME

SUBJECT

Ann-Marie Klein
15 Bartram Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

RFP for the Black Rock Bank

Dr. Kristine DeMarco
4 Calderwood Court
Bridgeport, CT 06605

RFP for the Black Rock Bank

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
CITY of BRIDGEPORT
JUNE 15, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

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ATTENDANCE: Council President: McCarthy
OTHER(s): Council member: Valle

Note) Other council members and the stenographer were delayed in attending the public speaking session, due to a Special Ordinance Committee Meeting that ended at 7:05 p.m.

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:45 p.m.

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Ms. Klein stated she was a member of the Black Rock Homeowner's Association. She urged the city council to support the RFP for immediate consideration. She relayed the matter pertained to protecting home values. She also noted that they were working with the NRZ.

Dr. Kristine DeMarco RFP for the Black Rock Bank
4 Calderwood Court
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Dr. DeMarco stated that she was speaking on behalf of item **136-08 Communication from OPED re Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Application FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**. She stated that the president of the NRZ was behind the proposal. She noted that it was in sync with the master plan and supported by the NRZ. She commented that the key element in the city, was the NRZ working together during the process.

The public speaking session ended at 6:55 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Crowe, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Valle, Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Colon, Holloway

*Mayor Finch was absent from the meeting. The meeting was conducted by Council President McCarthy.

Prayer - the prayer was led by Council member Martinez.

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Senator Ed Gomes.

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

City Council Citation: To Estelle and Alex Ravage of The Finer Things in recognition for Twenty Years of Believing in Bridgeport.

Council members: McCarthy, Bonney, Brantley, Silva and Walsh approached the front of council chambers to present the citation. Council President McCarthy stated that the city council recognizes a group or organization that has made contributions to the City of Bridgeport. He relayed that the recipient is an establishment that is tucked away in Council members Brantley and Walsh's district. It is owned and operated by wonderful people and they have sustained in the city for years.

Council member Brantley thanked the owners of Finer Things for serving the area over the years. She mentioned that she has personally purchased many great items from the store.

Council member Walsh thanked the owners for serving Bridgeport.

The owners of The Finer Things came forward to accept the citation.

Council member Lyons read some background information about the business. She relayed that they sell hand crafted items and artwork. She urged everyone to look them up and visit. They also sell pottery, glass, jewelry and specialty items. She expressed the establishment's belief in Bridgeport. – *the citation was presented to the recipients.*

One of the recipients's accepted the citation on behalf of the business. They commented on the diverse clientele that patronizes their shop. It was further expressed that they offer the best service they can to provide what people are looking for. – *a picture was taken with the recipients and council members.*

Council member Curwen requested a personal privilege for a moment of silence for Council member Colon's niece who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Council member Brantley also offered a moment of silence for a resident of Bridgeport (David) who was killed in a car crash today.

Council member McCarthy mentioned that there was an accident at the airport this week. He stated for the record that it was time to stop playing games with the Town of Stratford, in relation to the safety zone on the runway. He commented that right now, if a plane is unable to slow down, the plane hits a barrier. He expressed that it was unconscionable to play games with the safety of people.

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The public hearing was closed

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Corrections

Page 3; under Moments of Silence, 1st sentence, **should read, Council President McCarthy announced that a friend of the city council, Mrs. Carol Salvo passed away.**

Page 4; 5th paragraph, **should read, Ms. AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the properties will provide a benefit to the tax role; especially where blighted properties are involved. She said she was in support of the project. She didn't have anything against the organization, but she was against the sale of the property.**

Page 5; 3rd paragraph, **add, she stated that they shouldn't sell or give the property to Achievement First, but that it should go to RFP, as to the best process to use the property.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO WAIVE COMMITTEE REFERRAL FOR ITEM 136-08**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Brannelly explained that timing was an issue, for a grant that was presented by the Black Rock NRZ in the amount of \$45k. she relayed that they won't hear anything until next week, but they were asking for approval to move forward. The monies will be used to develop a survey for an RFP for the Black Rock Bank that will hopefully go out at the end of July.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE AND COMBINE PAGES 1 AND 2 COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES and RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

The city clerk asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar.

Council member Lyons requested to remove item ***108-08** Public Safety and Transportation Committee report re Appointment of James Meszoros, Sr. (D) to the Fire Commission.

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Council member Lyons said that John O'Malley was leaving the fire commission, so they were looking to appoint James Meszoros, Sr. permanently; he will replace John O'Malley.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND THAT JAMES MESZOROS BE APPOINTED TO THE FIRE COMMISSION TO REPLACE JOHN O'MALLEY AND TO CHANGE TERM EXPIRATION DATE FROM 01/01/2011 TO 01/01/2010.
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
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**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE AND APPROVE
ITEMS 87-08; 103-08 AND 104-08
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the items were approved under the condition that they receive the requested information from the city attorney and the city's administration. It was noted that it hasn't been submitted to date.

City Attorney Anastasi said the information was related to CAA, as far as appropriate minority representation. He addressed Tyrone to ask if the minority representation had been fulfilled; i.e. as it pertained to party affiliation. He noted that it was important to assure they had the appropriate representation.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that the information be submitted in writing for the record.

Attorney Anastasi asked if she was requesting as a routine matter, that a written statement of the make-up of each board and commission is submitted. Council member Vizzo-Paniccia said yes, they would like it in writing.

Council member Walsh clarified that the Stratfield Historic Commission requires that a commissioner be a resident of the district. His concern was what happens if a commissioner moves out of the district.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia changed her original motion and:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEMS UNTIL ALL THE
INFORMATION WAS COMPLETED AND PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that all cell phones be turned off during city council meetings.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN
ITEM FOR REFERRAL (ITEM # 138-08)
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE MATTER OF
SCHEDULING A JOINT MEETING BETWEEN MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE AND
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE - *the details will be submitted to the city clerk's office*
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services