

ADDENDUM
(CORRECTION)
TO
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7:00 P.M.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

6:30 p.m.

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

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ATTEST
CITY CLERK

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Crowe, Colon, Santiago, *Brantley, Walsh, McCarthy, Austin, *Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, *Bonney, *dePara, Valle, *Martinez, Paoletto, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Blunt, Silva

*denotes - arrived after roll call

Council president McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

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99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Ethics Commission

Mr. Young mentioned that he supported the school nurses who were laid off. He expressed that the layoffs were unfortunate, because they helped keep kids healthy. He went on to speak about being a union employee in the past and why he wasn't allowed benefits after two years. He addressed Council president McCarthy to look into his contract and let him know why he hasn't been able to continue and receive medical benefits. He further spoke about being a whistle blower in reference to enforcing the local ethics laws in regard to the misuse of funds seen in the city through the years. He shouted out "*Shame on You*" to those people that allowed this to happen. He pleased with the city council and the Mayor to stop the misuse of funds and question the number of people that received raises within the last year. He pointed out that his issue with this was that new police vehicles were purchased, but some are still sitting in the parking lot. He ended by loudly exclaiming that "*Now Was the Time to Stand Up and Ask For Justice!*"

Neida Robles
333 Vincelle St. # 61
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Mayor's Budget

Ms. Robles spoke about waiting in the waiting room clinics to receive health services. She mentioned the number of kids that have seen school nurses, noting there have been hundreds since the beginning of the year. She spoke about her issue with justifying cutting the budget for school health nurses. She thought it was simple politics that was responsible for eliminating the school health based services. She further mentioned that the current and prior administration should have had their properties seized and taxed. She made the proclamation that "We Are United"! throughout her statement. She further questioned the hiring of other city employees, while firing school health nurses. She also spoke about paying outside legal bills that amounted to millions. She mentioned the Mayor's proposal to purchase an environmentally friendly SUV as a wasteful expense of taxpayer's money.

-she noted that 6,000 signatures were received in opposition to the Mayor's Budget and cutting the school health based services. (Tom White took possession of the signatures)

Ralph Cennamo
78 Palm Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Pleasure Beach Public Hearing

Mr. Cennamo spoke about coming before the city council four times in the past. He recalled some facts about Pleasure Beach and why it shouldn't be sold. He mentioned a beach in Rhode Island that was sold for a wildlife preserve at a detriment to the community. He relayed that Pleasure Beach used to be a resource for entertainment where families could enjoy themselves. He requested that a public hearing be held regarding this issue. He pointed out that Mayor Finch didn't need to call for the public hearing and that the city council could schedule it. He further spoke about the proposed wildlife preserve and Mayor Finch's role in supporting it. He also mentioned taxes that could be seen from maintaining Pleasure Beach as a park for the residents. He added that these were hard economic times for citizens in relation to high taxes and he noted that because of it, young people were leaving the city because they can't afford to live there.

Joy Purdie
648 Stillman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Proposed School Health/Library
Budget

Ms. Purdie spoke about the school health nurses cut. She mentioned that there were students with diabetes who required daily care by the nurses. She pointed out that 95% of the students in schools signed up to use the clinics, because most don't have medical coverage or money to seek services elsewhere; so it's why the school based clinics are so important. She pleaded that they leave the full time school nurses the way they are. She further spoke about all the services that the school based nurses provided. She asked the city council to vote against the Mayor's budget.

Annamarie Saez
1946 East Main St.
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Budget for School Based Health
Clinic and Library

Ms. Saez spoke about her children's varied health needs that have been addressed through the school based health nurses throughout the years. She noted that the school practitioners have been instrumental in helping her kids with their health issues. She mentioned how it was a necessity for one of her kids talk to a social worker and how glad she was that it could be done in a safe environment. She further highlighted the importance of school health practitioners being available as a convenience, because for many families, having to seek other services was unaffordable. She also mentioned the hard work of the school nurses and practitioners. She questioned why they would change a service that benefited so many children. And she expressed the potential of a possible lawsuit(s) the city may face should something happen to one of her children or another child.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUINCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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ABSENT: Council members: Silva

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Prayer – the prayer was offered by Council member Brantley.

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by Ms. Neida Robles.

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

Mayoral Proclamation: In Recognition of International Municipal Clerk's Week.

Mayor Finch read the proclamation that highlighted the position that provides a professional link between the public and local government. The proclamation was in recognition of the accomplishments the municipal clerks carry out. He acknowledged Fleeta Hudson and Alma Maya. And he proclaimed the week of May 4 through 10 as **Municipal Clerk Week**. The Mayor also acknowledged Ann Murray.

City Council Citation: McGivney Community Center – 15 Years of Community Service.

Council members: McCarthy, Valle and Martinez approached the front of council chambers to recognize McGivney Community Center for their 15 years of service. They extended their sincerest congratulations for years of service. Council member Martinez commented that if you visited the east side, you would find the McGivney Center. He personally expressed his pleasure being involved with the center through the years.

City Council Citation: Angie Staltaro – Dedication to Bridgeport Neighborhoods.

Council members McCarthy, Colon, Santiago and Martinez approached the front of council chambers to express their sincerest congratulations to Ms. Staltaro, in recognition of her dedication to the Bridgeport neighborhoods and their hope for her continued success. It was further expressed that Ms. Staltaro was representative of someone who cared and gives with her heart and soul to Bridgeport. It was sincerely expressed that she is an inspiration to all and she was thanked very much for her service.

Ms. Staltaro thanked everyone and she expressed how grateful she was for the recognition.

Council member Colon expressed her thanks to Ms. Staltaro for all her service and all she will continue to do.

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

70-07 Public Hearing relative to Disposition of City-owned Properties.
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The city clerk read the addresses of the properties into the record:

- 202-204 Hewitt Street
- 115 Madison Avenue
- 8 Elmwood Avenue
- 969 Maplewood Avenue
- 211-213 Lenox Avenue
- 211-38 Sedgewick Avenue
- 89 Island Brook Avenue
- 290 Stillman Street
- 373 Stillman Street
- 458 William Street
- 85 White Street
- 26 Judson Street
- 155 Ezra Street
- 165 Ezra Street
- 175 Ezra Street
- 366 Cambridge Street
- 167 Douglas Street
- 370 Alba Avenue
- 0 Evers Court

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone to testify for or against the disposition of the properties.

A resident that lived in proximity to 202 Hewitt stated it was a vacant lot that hadn't been taken care of and it was filled with rodents, garbage etc. she noted that her house abutted the lot, so she was in favor and would like to see the vacant lot acquired.

Council member Holloway asked why this matter was being taken up during the city council meeting and not during the ECDE Committee meeting. Council member Paoletto explained that the matter was taken up during committee and passed. But a public hearing was required

according to law. He reminded him that this was not the first time this was done before the full city council. He clarified that the matter was required to come before the entire voting body.

Council member Valle stated that she was under the impression that any sales of property would require a ECDE Committee hearing. Mayor Finch reiterated what Council member Paoletto said, in that the law required that a public hearing be held before the full city council. he noted that if the ECDE Committee wanted to request a public hearing, then it should be requested. *He noted that a copy of the state statute regarding this would be submitted to all council members.*

Council member Paoletto clarified that he had one copy of the statute that pertained to holding committee public hearings. He suggested the council president provide copies to all the city council members. Council president McCarthy stated any council member should see him for a copy.

The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO COMBINE AND APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

Council member Holloway stated that he was aware the country was going "green", but he questioned where the money was coming from for the hybrids outlined in item 85-07. Mayor F inch stated that the matter was being referred to committee at this time. He said he couldn't answer whether or not the cost was coming out of city funds.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO
ADDRESS ITEM 85-07 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE GRANT
SUBMISSION TO THE CT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CLEAN FUEL
PROGRAM – HYBRID VEHICLE PURCHASE, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED**

Council member McCarthy stated that Council member Holloway pushed the issue of going green when no one else was. However, he recommended that the matter be taken up during the committee meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY WITHDREW HIS MOTION
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- **** **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 Holloway requested to remove item 71-07.

The city clerk read the remaining items into the record.

The agenda returned to item ***71-07** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee report re Disposition and Redevelopment of 1069 and 1085 Connecticut Avenue.

Council member Holloway stated that it seemed the city had a double standard when it came to contracts. He said they seemed to think it was okay to take funds from some neighborhoods. He further talked about the proposal to build new apartment units for senior citizens, but he recalled that he was never in favor of putting housing in a heavy industrial area. He went on to say that the creation of the NRZ was just a committee put together to help regulate what goes on in a neighborhood, but there were probably six or seven NRZ's in the city currently, so again, he felt there was a double standard. He spoke about the redevelopment measures undertaken in some areas, but he didn't feel it should be a case of, do for some and not for other areas. He cautioned that if something gets started, it should be continued. He expressed that there was plenty to be done in the old industrial areas located in the east end. He recalled that people have done what they wanted to for years, such as ignoring the problem with Johnson Creek. He said he would vote for the item, but he wanted to put those on notice that a double standard will not be tolerated.

Council Blunt stated that he would abstain from voting on items *58-07(c) and *47-07.

Council member Curwen said he agreed with Council member Holloway's statement regarding the double standard, irregardless of the area in the city it pertained to. He urged the council members to take a closer look at being fair and equitable across the board.

Council member McCarthy also echoed the sentiments of Council member Holloway. He said he supported that redevelopment in the city should be equitable and across the board. He pointed out that this project was a good opportunity to clean up an area.

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COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTION SECONDED
MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN
OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE)**

- 59-07 Miscellaneous Matters Committee report re Suit Settlement for Carmelita Torres v. Memoli.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia said the item passed in committee with one vote in opposition.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Walsh said he had a concern about the financial implications of the settlement per OPM and the new state laws. He questioned how the finances will be raised and from what reserve. He said he wouldn't vote in favor of the item until he had more information.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN
** OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH)**

Council member McCarthy noted that Council member Silva was ill and unable to attend the meeting tonight.

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE RE: TO FUND CERTAIN
** CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE 5-YEAR PLAN (ITEM # 90-07)
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN
** ITEM FOR APPROVAL.
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE RE: THE ADOPTION OF
** THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 6, 2008 BY
** CITY CHARTER – *noted the matter was voted on unanimously in committee and
** for the comprehensive plan (ITEM # 50-07)*
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
** PURPOSE OF ADDING TWO (2) ITEMS FOR REFERRAL
** COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER TWO(2) SUIT
** SETTLEMENTS TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
** **noted the items will be submitted to the city clerk's office*
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED (ITEMS # 88-07 & 89-07)
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF REFERRING THREE (3) ITEMS TO COMMITTEE
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**(1)
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO REFER RE: RESOLUTION TO
TERMINATE THE ROLE OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
(WPCA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ITEM # 91-07)
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**(2)
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO REFER RE: RESOLUTION TO
DISSOLVE THE BRIDGEPORT PORT AUTHORITY (ITEM # 92-07)
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**(3)
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO REFER RE: RESOLUTION TO
INTRODUCE A CITY SURCHARGE ON TICKETS TO ARENA AT HARBOR YARD
EVENTS (ITEM # 93-07)
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Other business:

*Council member McCarthy reminded everyone that any information that comes before the full City Council, should be submitted to all department heads.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Telesco Secretarial Services

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