

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

70-07 Economic and Community and Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City-Owned Properties.

69-07 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 – Votes as follows:
a,b,c,d,e

General Fund:

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- b. Revenue Decreases
- c. Expenditure Increases
- d. Expenditure Decreases
- e. General Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as amended

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7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Prayer – the prayer was offered by Council member Crowe.

Pledge of Allegiance – the pledge was led by Council member Colon.

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

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MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

70-07 Economic and Community and Development and Environment Committee Report re Disposition of City-Owned Properties.

Council member Paoletto stated that the item passed in committee.

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

69-07 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re General Fund Budget **a,b,c,d,e** for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 – Votes as follows:
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Mayor Finch relayed that five separate votes would be required to approve the General Fund.

City Attorney Anastasi explained the process that any motion to reduce or delete an amount for an item, would require a majority vote, i.e., a motion to increase or add revenue or expenditure required a two-thirds or (14) votes. Then the city council adopts the final resolution to approve it as amended.

Council member Walsh asked for clarification if amendments to the Budget & Appropriations report needed a simple majority to be approved. Attorney Anastasi explained that the budget requirements superseded the standard requirements for amending committee reports. However, to pass or adopt an item, it needed a majority vote according to the charter.

Council member Walsh disputed that what Attorney Anastasi said was correct. He said that if there was an amending committee report, the city council then votes for a majority vote.

- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 69-07**
- A. REVENUE INCREASES**
- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

Attorney Anastasi clarified that there was an opportunity to propose amendments to the committee report, but when the report is in front of the full council, then the voting process applied as was previously explained. He said if the motion that was made passed, then they needed a necessary vote by the full city council.

Council member Curwen summarized the revenue increases, noting that a two-thirds vote was required. The grand total revenue increases were **\$4,548,000.00**

Council member Walsh submitted an amendment to the revenue increases as follows:

- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO INCREASE THE REVENUE BY \$800,000.00 AND THE CONTINGENCY EXPENSE BY \$800,000.00**
- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

He explained that this represented the amount taken out of the budget per the General Assembly. His intention was that if the conveyance surtax was approved, then the funds will be returned to the Board of Education.

Council member Curwen stated that there was \$800k currently in the budget that the state took from the city in the conveyance tax, but there is no guarantee that the money will be reinstated at all. He said that this matter was discussed in committee and it was thought that if they did that, it would actually create a hole in the budget that would result in zero loss when it's actually calculated.

Mr. Sherwood spoke further about the \$800k. He said the proposed amendment would create an \$800k hole and it would actually release revenue out of the budget. Council member Walsh said if the state restored the \$800k, then the money and contingency goes to the BOE. He said the purpose was to have a say that if that happens, how the money could be spent, rather than have it fall into the hole of the fund balance.

Council member McCarthy stated that if the \$800k comes back to them, they decided to put it back into the fund balance, since it's depleted right now. He explained that it will assist with the building of the schools and noted how crucial this was, especially in view of the state of the economy.

- A roll call vote was taken to approve Council member Walsh's amendment

**** MOTION FAILED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR AND SEVENTEEN VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: BRANNELLY, CROWE, COLON, SANTIAGO, McCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BONNEY, BLUNT, SILVA, VALLE, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO, CURWEN, BAKER, HOLLOWAY)**

Mayor Finch returned to the original motion to approve **69-07(a) REVENUE INCREASES**. He reminded the council members that a two-thirds vote was required to pass:

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR; TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: BRANTLEY and WALSH) AND ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)**

69-07 (b) Revenue Decreases

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 69-07 (b) REVENUE DECREASES**

He stated that they needed to vote on the revenue decreases that required eleven (11) votes. He noted that the revenue decreases included the PILOT payments made by the state, the real estate tax and conveyance tax. **The decreases amounted to \$3,613,231.00**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

- **A roll call vote was taken**

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

69-07 (c) Expenditure Increases

Council member Curwen stated there was a lengthy list that outlined six weeks of due diligence by the committee. He noted that the list consisted of 25 to 30 items. He reminded the council that a two-thirds vote was required to pass. **The total expenditure increases amounted to \$4,507,300.00**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 69-07 (c) EXPENDITURE INCREASES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

Council member Curwen said he understood Council member Walsh's point of view and he appreciated it, but he asked that Council member Walsh refrain from making any amendments at this time, because trying to put the increases and decreases through at the same time, won't balance out. He suggested that he wait until the need to make his amendments.

Mayor Finch said he thought they should do the expenditure increases now. He explained to the audience members that the city was in a dire financial position at this time and the last budget session they had to report to the Financial Review Board, so they were trying to avoid that again.

Council member Walsh proposed increases to the following items:

1. **Public Health Nurses - \$154,898.00.** He relayed that funding was removed for a clinic that fell under the umbrella of clinics in the city. And when they reduced the amount, it left one nurse to accomplish the work that is needed to be done.

2. **Board of Education School Nurses Personnel - \$218,323.00.** He noted the concern about transitioning to city services. He said the increase would save another four (4) nurses for six months.
3. **Personnel Services School-Based Health Center \$500,000.00.**

He stated that the grand total for proposed increases was **\$873,211.00.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS
** dePARA SECONDED**

Council member Walsh stated that the city was moving too quickly without any assurances as to what will be in place soon, especially in the area of public health nurses and school-based health centers. He further spoke about privatization that won't be done until the city council approves it, if a contract is forthcoming in the future. He urged his colleagues to vote on the increases.

Council member Brannelly pointed out that as a new member of the city council, it was important to know the points brought out, were hashed out during the course of five weeks and no arbitrary or hasty decisions were made. She said the decisions had to be made on a citywide basis and the committee struggles with some of the decisions. She expressed that as Council member Walsh brings his opinions and suggestions forth, they needed to keep in mind that the committee did partake in thorough concise discussions regarding the budget.

Council member dePara stated that Council member Brannelly was correct, in that the committee worked hard. And although some decisions weren't agreed with, he did second the motion to Council member Walsh's amendment, because the transition plan is too fresh and to make sure the services become a national model. As for the public health nurses cut, he didn't agree with that and he thought the BOE would put them in harms way if there is a cut. He further expressed these were tough times for everyone, but the nurses provide a valuable service to the city.

Council member Brantley said she echoed the comments of her colleagues. She expressed that she knew firsthand the issue regarding the lack of medical care to address various illnesses and the reluctance about privatization. She stated that she supported Council member Walsh's amendment because she felt it was crucial that health services remain in the school system. She said she hoped they made the right decision based on what's in the best interest of the children.

Council member Lyons referred to a list she had that outlined all the schools that will have nurses on site. – *she partially read the list that indicated the days a nurse would be on hand on certain days.* She also relayed that there was suppose to be a doctor and nurse placed in the schools - *this statement caused a reaction of disbelief from the audience.* Council member Brantley clarified that the doctor/nurse were put in place during the 1990's for the community's sake, they weren't placed there for the schools.

- A roll call vote was taken for Council member Walsh's amendment
- ** MOTION FAILED WITH NINE VOTES IN FAVOR AND ELEVEN VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: BRANNELLY, CROWE, COLON, SANTIAGO, McCARTHY, AUSTIN, VIZZO-PANICCIA, BLUNT, PAOLETTO, CURWEN, BAKER)**

Mayor Finch returned to the original vote to approve **69-07 (c) Expenditure Increases**. He reminded that a two-thirds vote was required to pass.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR; FIVE VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: BRANTLEY, WALSH, BONNEY, dePARA, VALLE) AND ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)**

69-07 (d) Expenditure Decreases

Council member Curwen stated that this item required a majority vote. He noted the grand total expenditures amounted **\$3,638,290.00**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

Council member Walsh stated that he had an amendment to offset the increases sought and although that amendment failed, he said he would call for a decrease of **\$165,391.00** for the new positions in OPED. He relayed that they've yet to hire a director in that department. He stressed the problem with transitioning employees. He also proposed a **\$510,493.00** decrease, because all the new positions by the police department and fire officer weren't going away, but to control the overtime, the city recommended adding \$510,493.00 to the budget. However, he disagreed with that right now, until things get better. He also recommended a cut of **\$197,337.00** that represented less than half of 1% of the police department overtime budget. He said it wasn't much to ask if they were laying off city employees and closing clinics and it wasn't much to ask the police department to go without. He said he believed they should feel the pain also.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS**

-There was no second to the motion-

Mayor Finch returned to the original motion.

- A roll call vote was taken

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND FOUR VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: BRANTLEY, WALSH, dePARA, VALLE)**

69-07 (e) General Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as amended

Council member Curwen mentioned the budget process over the last six weeks. He noted the issue of closing clinics and signs of serious problems that resulted in them having to make some tough decisions. But the budget was been given back to the citizens and does some positive things, such as, restoring services to children. They also restored the libraries on a limited basis and there will be a public health nurse in every school. They restored the school health clinics and saw a property tax relief of 2%. He explained that they dissected the budge page by page to restore some relief as noted. He further explained they put the plan together to answer the concerns. The fund balance of \$14 million is lower than required and ideas were put forth by the Mayor also, to go towards the fund balance. He further expressed these were tough times with numerous crises in housing, food, taxes, utilities, gas etc. so accommodations had to be made. And if they want to improve the budget, they have to stabilize the fund balance. He asked

everyone to roll up their sleeves to work together and not become adversaries. **69-07 (e)**
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AS AMENDED

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 69-07 (e) GENERAL FUND
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH MOVED TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE ON PAGE 4 RE:
LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

he read the language as it was outlined.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

Mayor Finch stated that there was nothing on the agenda to address legislative intent per Council member Walsh's proposed amendment. He deferred to City Attorney Anastasi to respond to the matter. Attorney Anastasi stated that Council member Walsh's request wasn't appropriate, because an issue could be raised when they contract out of the RFQ process, however, he said the city council could address the requirements to the proposed vendor per the contract.

Council member Walsh commented that there were thirty-five notations as to legislative intent as it pertained to the 2009 fund budget, so he didn't feel that the matter of legislative intent was out of order. He really thought the issue was that the city attorney didn't like the language outlined, so he thought the council should have been allowed to take a vote.

Council member Holloway stated that the chair of the meeting didn't have the right to vote down a proposed amendment. He stressed that the matter should be handled by the city council to vote up or down. Mayor Finch responded that when someone is elected to chair a meeting, he does have the authority to make the vote. City Attorney Anastasi said that the matter of legislative intent, as mentioned by Council member Walsh was a binding obligation on an ongoing basis and it was inappropriate to propose.

Council member Holloway reiterated that he didn't feel the chair should vote down a matter and it should be up to the city council and not the city attorney, who is not considered to be the 21st council person.

Council member Curwen stated that the items were discussed in committee and the matter of legislative intent was unanimous at the time, but it wasn't the intent of the committee to take it into consideration.

Mayor Finch clarified that a majority or a tie vote sustained the decision of the chair. Council member McCarthy asked for clarification on the vote breakout. It was stated that a **yes vote** = the chair is wrong and the motion should go forward and a **no vote** = the chair's decision is supported.

- A roll call vote was taken

**MOTION FAILED WITH NINE VOTES IN FAVOR; TEN VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL
MEMBERS: BRANNELLY, CROWE, COLON, SANTIAGO, McCARTHY, AUSTIN, LYONS,**

VIZZO-PANICCIA, PAOLETTO, CURWEN) AND ONE ABSTENTION(COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY)

Mayor Finch returned to the original vote.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 69-07 (e) GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

Council member Walsh said he hoped that the council would have taken positive action on the record as being against union busting. He said he thought the council would have stood up and said privatization was a bad idea. He expressed that he applauded all the hard working employees, parents and children in the community and he urged them all to let their council members know how they felt. He went on to express his concerns and he used the example of what a retention bonus could feel like with or without all the benefits. He emphasized that privatization didn't work and a private entity would come in and do the same job of the public health nurses at \$1.3 million. He was adamant that something didn't add up. He recalled that he warned a year ago that Mayor Finch would privatize, although his campaign promise was that he wouldn't, but he reneged on that and he lied. He emphasized that when Mayor Finch is faced with tough choices, he lies. He further chanted that when Bill Finch is faced with tough decisions and with the truth, Bill Finch lies, *this was said in unison with the audience members at Council member Walsh's urging.* And to accept the idea of privatization, more services will be cut and his word is based on things that won't happen. He continued his rhetoric to say that private entities will ignore the workers and it will result in cutting monies from crucial services and it doesn't make sense. When an issue affects the city children and public schools, it will not be supported and he urged his colleagues to vote no.

Council member Lyons stated that when the funding of the school nurses was transferred to the BOE, the funding goes with them, then say after next year, the money will have to be paid to the nurses. She referenced some information she had and she mentioned tax relief. She further stressed that when they are voting on an item, many items are bulked together and not separated for a final vote.

Council member Colon thanked the Mayor, the city council members and the committee members. She relayed that as the co-chair of the committee, it was an intense time with the meetings held sometimes from 6:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. She emphasized that the budget had an impact on all citizens in Bridgeport and she believed they delivered a sound budget back to the city that will allow libraries and school based health centers to continue, thus service the public. She asked that the public not feed into what could be misinformation and she asked that they concentrate on providing the best services to the city's residents. She expressed that as a member of the city council "*WE DO CARE!*"

Council member Martinez expressed that he was a new council member and a member of the Budget & Appropriations Committee. he explained that they began by completely eliminating the school based health services and the dental hygiene services. He recalled that he was a graduate of Bassick High School and he was aware of the importance of a school based health center. He said it was important to him that services were available, but not as important as to who manages

them, as it is important that a child receive health care. He mentioned the issues of privatization, wherein people are hired with the highest credentials. He thought the only difference was that they will no longer be employees of Bridgeport, so he didn't see a big difference. He said the key thing was to make sure services were provided. He stressed that some tough decisions were made and they were able to put in funding to assure there was a transitional period, otherwise, there may not have been any school based health services.

Council member Lyons stated that the bottom line was that they were given two budgets; the Mayors and the city council. She said she felt the Mayor believed that he did the best for what was good for the city and then he reviewed the city council budget that resulted in them restoring certain services.

Mayor Finch returned to the original vote.

- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 69-07 (e) GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AS AMENDED**
- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**
- **A roll call vote was taken**
- ** **MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE VOTES IN FAVOR; SIX VOTES IN OPPOSITION (WALSH, BONNEY, BLUNT, dePARA, SILVA, VALLE) AND ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY)**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** **COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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(a - e)

General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009

Report
of
Committee
on

Budget & Appropriations

Submitted: May 13, 2008 (Special Meeting)

Adopted: _____

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Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

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

69-07

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 be, and it hereby is approved as amended and attached hereto.

a.) Revenues Increases.....\$ 4,548,000.00

b.) Revenue Decreases.....\$ -3,613,231.00

Total Revenues.....\$492,348,970.00

c.) Appropriations Increases.....\$ -4,573,059.00

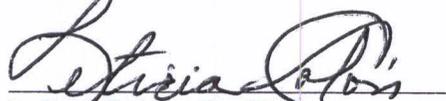
d.) Appropriations Decreases\$ 3,638,290.00

Total Appropriations.....\$492,348,970.00

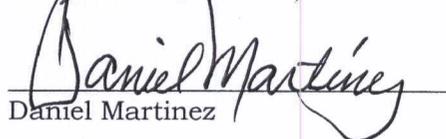
e.) General Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as amended, and attached hereto.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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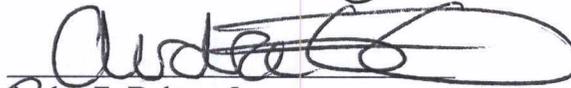

Robert Curwen, Co-Chairman

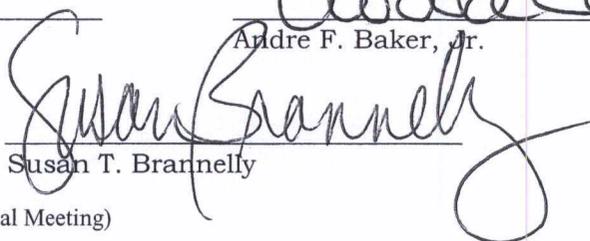

Leticia Colon, Co-Chairman


Amy Marie Vizzo-Paniccia


Daniel Martinez

Howard Austin


Andre F. Baker, Jr.


Susan T. Brannelly

Council Date: May 13, 2008 (Special Meeting)

2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADMENDMENT RESOLUTION

GENERAL FUND INCREASES

Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council shall have the power to increase any item in said budget or add new items to said budget only on a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the entire membership of the council.

City Council Vote Number 1 – 69-07a

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Revenue Increases

That there be adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council's Budget & Appropriations Committee.

AGY	ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ADOPTED	CHANGE
<u>REVENUES</u>						
003	1010	R061	Debt Service Principal Reimbursement		\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
030	1175	R006	Hangar Rentals	267,000	315,000	48,000
Total Revenue Increases				\$267,000	\$4,815,000	\$4,548,000

LEGISLATIVE INTENT REVENUE INCREASES

003-1010-R061 The legislative intent of increase revenue item for the land sale transaction of the Steel Point site.

030-1175-R006 The legislative intent of increase revenue item for hangar Rentals at the Sikorsky Memorial Airport per the justifications made by the Director of the airport.

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2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADMENDMENT RESOLUTION

GENERAL FUND DECREASES

Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee reports its changes to the Council as a whole in the form of budget amendment resolution. The City Council has the power to reduce or delete any item in the budget recommended by the Mayor by a majority vote of the council members present and voting.

City Council Vote Number 2 – 69-07b

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Revenue Decreases

That there be adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council's Budget & Appropriations Committee.

AGY	ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ADOPTED	CHANGE
<u>REVENUES</u>						
003	2010	R193	Current Taxes: Real Estate	\$243,118,986	\$241,048,067	-\$2,070,919
003	2011	R186	PILOT: Tax Exempt Colleges and Hospitals	\$11,665,085	\$11,214,677	-\$450,408
003	2011	R187	PILOT: State Owned Properties	\$2,834,890	\$2,665,321	-\$169,569
003	2011	R192	Mashantukett Pequot Mohegan Fund	\$9,693,124	\$9,570,789	-\$122,335
010	1090	R225	Assignment (conveyance tax)	\$1,850,000	\$1,050,000	-\$800,000
Total Revenue Decreases				\$269,162,085	\$265,548,854	-\$3,613,231

LEGISLATIVE INTENT REVENUE DECREASES

003-2010-R193 The legislative intent of reducing this revenue item is lower the current property tax collection need.

003-2010-R186 The legislative intent of reducing this revenue item is to adopt the revenues for the Colleges & Hospitals PILOT as transmitted by the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy & Management's Office.

003-2010-R187 The legislative intent of reducing this revenue item is to adopt the revenues for the State Owned Properties PILOT as transmitted by the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy & Management's Office.

003-2010-R192 The legislative intent of reducing this revenue item is to adopt the revenues for the Mashantucket/Pequot PILOT as transmitted by the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy & Management's Office.

003-2010-R225 The legislative intent of reducing this revenue item is to adopt the revenues for the Town Clerk's Office for conveyance tax due to the failure of the legislature to continue the current fee rate. This may be corrected in the special session, but is not available at this time.

2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADMENDMENT RESOLUTION

City Council Vote Number 3 – 69-07c

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Appropriation Increases

That there be adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee.

AGY	ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ADOPTED	CHANGE
APPROPRIATIONS						
010	1090	61090SS	Town Clerk Special Services	212,810	216,310	-3,500
003	1030	11030PS	Print Shop Personal Services	346,765	361,325	-14,560
004	1050	41050PS	Part Time Seasonal Earned Pay	114,000	139,000	-25,000
004	1050	41050EX	Registrar of Voters Operational Expense	42,805	82,805	-40,000
009	1075	31075FB	Benefits Fringe Benefits	42,146,428	42,285,765	-139,337
009	2020	32020FB	Pensions Fringe Benefits	13,966,797	14,004,903	-38,106
009	2021	32021FB	Other Fringe Benefits Fringe Benefit	2,427,141	2,445,909	-18,768
011	1095	61095SS	Legislative Department Special Services	59,051	84,051	-25,000
021	1250	11250PS	Police Personal Services	27,517,118	27,856,049	-338,931
021	1250	41250EX	Police Operating Expenses	1,588,653	1,738,653	-150,000
022	1240	41240EX	Fire Operating Expenses	751,503	771,503	-20,000
030	1175	41175EX	Airport Operating Expenses	361,090	366,090	-5,000
030	1200	11200PS	Building Maintenance Operating Expenses	1,478,182	1,541,585	-63,403
030	1205	41205EX	Municipal Garage Operating Expenses	1,031,859	1,056,859	-25,000
030	1215	11215PS	Pub Facilities Admin. Personal Services	1,037,044	1,066,809	-29,765
030	2050	42050EX	Recreation Operatng Expenses	108,433	113,433	-5,000
030	2351	12351PS	Dental Hygiene Personal Services		144,327	-144,327
030	2351	22351TPS	Dental Hygiene Other Personal Services		8,464	-8,464
030	2351	32351FB	Dental Hygiene Fringe Benefits		1,250	-1,250
030	2351	42351EX	Dental Hygiene Operating Expenses		16,023	-16,023
030	2351	62351SS	Dental Hygiene Special Services		250	-250
050	2352	12352PS	Vital Statistics Personal Services	159,671	201,553	-41,882
050	2361	12361PS	School Nursing Personal Services	952,580	1,389,226	-436,646
050	2362	12362PS	SBHC Personal Services		250,000	-250,000
050	2362	42362EX	SBHC Operating Expenses		10,300	-10,300
050	2362	62362SS	SBHC Special Services		9,250	-9,250
080	1140	11140PS	Library Personal Services	2,276,525	3,176,525	-900,000
310	2821	12821PS	BOE Nursing Personal Services		1,389,226	-1,389,226
310	2821	42821EX	BOE Nursing Operating Expenses		32,351	-32,351
310	2821	62821SS	BOE Nursing Special Services		4,744	-4,744
310	2831	42831EX	BOE Sanitation Operating Expenses		236,902	-236,902
310	2831	62831SS	BOE Sanitation Special Services		150,074	-150,074
Total Appropriation Increases				\$96,578,455	\$101,151,514	-\$4,573,059

LEGISLATIVE INTENT APPROPRIATION INCREASES

010-1090-61090SS The legislative intent is to increase the appropriation for the Town Clerk for mapping.

003-1030-11030PS The legislative intent is to restore the appropriation to fund the part-time clerical position.

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004-1050-11050PS The legislative intent is to increase the part-time seasonal appropriation for the primary and general election needs in the Registrars Office.

004-1050-11050EX The legislative intent is to provide appropriation increases for the primary and general election need for printed ballots for the Registrars Office.

009-1075-31075FB The legislative intent is to increase the health benefit appropriation to cover cost estimates for new/restored staffing.

009-2020-32020FB The legislative intent is to increase the MERF pension appropriation to cover cost estimates for new/restored staffing.

009-2020-32021FB The legislative intent is to increase the medicare appropriation to cover cost estimates for new/restored staffing.

011-1095-61095SS The legislative intent is to increase the appropriation for other services.

021-1250-11250PS The legislative intent is to increase the personal services appropriation in police to restore the Victim Assistant Coordinator and Alarm Administrator positions. To move parks special officers and the supervisor of parks officers under the Police Chief's command.

021-1250-41250EX The legislative intent is to increase the appropriation for Police gasoline.

022-1240-41240EX The legislative intent is to increase the appropriation for Fire fuel.

030-1175-41175EX The legislative intent is to increase the appropriation for Airport fuel.

030-1120-11200PS The legislative intent is to fund a mason for the department.

030-1205-41205EX The legislative intent is to increase the appropriation for the City Fleet fuel.

030-2050-42050EX The legislative intent is to fund the Senior Enrichment Program.

050-2351-12351PS, 22351TPS, 32351FB, 42351EX, 62351SS The legislative intent is to fund 6 months of the Dental Hygiene program and explore sustainability options for the program.

050-2352-12352PS The legislative intent is to fund a clerical position that is being unfunded in Communicable Clinics.

050-2361-12361PS The legislative intent is restore funding for 8 school nurse bringing the total to 23 funded positions. The program is being transferred to the BOE. (see approp. decreases)

050-2362-12362PS, 42362EX, 62362SS The legislative intent is fund a transitional appropriation for the SBHC program.

080-1140-11140PS The legislative intent is restore partial funding for the Libraries in order to maintain program hours. The City Librarian now has the fiscal year to look at staffing and funding solutions.

310-2821-12821PS, 42821EX, 62821SS The legislative intent is to transfer the funding and activity of the Nursing Program to the Board of Education. This action restores funding for 23 nurses and provides a fully funded transfer.

310-2831-42831Ex, 62831SS The legislative intent is to transfer from Public Facilities the funding for the BOE's sanitation and recycling program. The BOE will run its own program.

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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADMENDMENT RESOLUTION

City Council Vote Number 4 – 69-07d

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Appropriation Decreases

That there be adjustments to the Mayor's Recommended Budget for general fund purposes as detailed by the City Council Budget & Appropriations Committee.

AGY	ORG	APPROP	DESCRIPTION	MAYOR PROPOSED	BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ADOPTED	CHANGE
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>						
006	1060	11060PS	City Attorney Personal Services	\$1,679,790	\$1,550,177	\$129,613
015	1106	11106PS	CAO Personal Services	\$541,132	\$531,759	\$9,373
030	1225	41225EX	Sanitation Operating Expenses	\$4,139,855	\$3,902,953	\$236,902
030	1225	61225SS	Sanitation Special Services	\$601,920	\$451,846	\$150,074
030	2056	12056PS	Parks Maintenance Personal Services	\$1,337,568	\$1,086,693	\$250,875
040	1165	11165PS	OPED Personal Services	\$1,438,340	\$1,435,340	\$3,000
050	2354	12354PS	Communicable Clinic Personal Services	\$241,814	\$199,932	\$41,882
050	2361	12361PS	School Nursing Personal Services	\$1,389,226		\$1,389,226
050	2361	42361EX	School Nursing Operating Expenses	\$32,351		\$32,351
050	2361	62361SS	School Nursing Special Services	\$4,744		\$4,744
310	1800	41800EX	Schools Operating Expenses	\$20,271,166	\$18,880,916	\$1,390,250
Total Appropriation Decreases				\$31,677,906	\$28,039,616	\$3,638,290

LEGISLATIVE INTENT APPROPRIATION DECREASES

- 006-1060-11060PS The legislative intent is to unfund the request for an additional City Attorney.
- 015-1106-11106PS The legislative intent is to reduce one of the Assistant Special Project Managers salary to the entry level base amount.
- 030-1225-41225EX, 61225SS The legislative intent is transfer the Board of Education's portion of solid waste and recycling programs to their budget. This will allow for the BOE staff to monitor its programs and increase recycling efforts that may save in expenditures and create a new revenue stream.
- 030-2056-12056PS The legislative intent is to transfer Parks Officers and the Supervisor to the Police Department and become part of the Chief's command.
- 040-1165-11165PS The legislative intent is to unfund the Cultural Affairs position and to fund a part-time Clerical Assistant.
- 050-2351-12354PS The legislative intent is to unfund the mini-computer operator position and transfer it to Vital Statistics.
- 050-2361-12361PS, 42361EX, 62361SS The legislative intent is to transfer the funding and program of School Nursing to the Board of Education budget.
- 310-1800-41800EX The legislative intent is to reduce the BOE proposed appropriation that included property tax relief and use it for property tax relief in the general fund.

2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET ADMENDMENT RESOLUTION

City Council Vote Number 5 – 69-07e

Budget & Appropriations Committee Vote of General Fund Budget

OVERALL TOTAL

DESCRIPTION	MAYOR RECOMMENDED	BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ADOPTED INCREASES	BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ADOPTED DECREASES	BAC ADOPTED AMOUNTS
REVENUES				
REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS	\$491,414,201	\$4,548,000	-\$3,613,231	\$492,348,970
TOTAL BAC ADOPTED REVENUES				\$492,348,970
APPROPRIATIONS				
APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS	\$491,414,201	-\$4,573,059	\$3,638,290	\$492,348,970
TOTAL BAC ADOPTED APPROPRIATION:				\$492,348,970
NET BUDGET SURPLUS / (SHORTAGE)		-25,059	25,059	

Public Hearing ordered on: 4/21/2008
Public Hearing Held on: 5/5/2008

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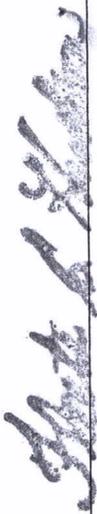
Disposition of City-owned Properties.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: May 13, 2008 (Special Meeting)

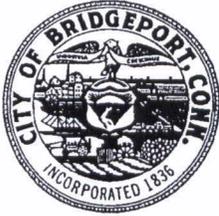
Adopted: _____

Attest: _____


City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



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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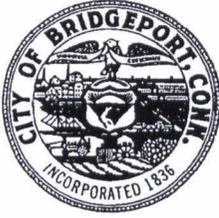
WHEREAS, the Bridgeport City Council has the legal authority to dispose of city-owned property; and these listed properties were approved for disposition by the City Planning & Zoning Commission on March 31, 2008; and City Hall Committees approval on April 15, 2008 and,

WHEREAS, over time by foreclosure and other conveyances, a substantial amount of property has come to ownership of the City of Bridgeport, most of which is severely blighted and deteriorated or consists of vacant lots, both buildable and non-buildable, on properties that at one time or another have had accumulations of rubbish and debris, fire damage, building and fire code violations and the continuance of various neighborhood nuisances; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the sale of city-owned property adhere to a transparent and open process for all residents and businesses to participate, and wherein a public auction for some buildable properties is the best way to achieve those means; and

WHEREAS, certain city-owned property is located between two abutting property owners and located on small slivers or non-buildable lots, of which the best use of such parcels would be to transfer to the abutting property owner for the highest offer, increasing their land size while returning to the tax roles and decreasing the City's responsibility in maintaining said parcels; and

WHEREAS, it is important that prior to the locally advertised public auction, permission to sell upfront such city-owned properties to the highest and best offer; and should said property not close within the time set by auction guide lines, said property shall be offered to the next highest and best offer for a swift transaction; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

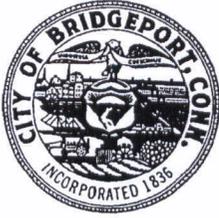


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RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the transfer of the properties below and empowers the Tax Assessor and City Attorney to do the following; said authorization conditional upon the contingency that all abutting property owners be notified of the potential sale or auction of this property by certified mail:

• (1) Offer the following properties to members of the community through a transparent public auction process, accepting the highest and best price for each property at the following locations; with the exception of 80 Hastings Street which may be sold through a RFP process.

- 60 REVERE STREET
- 34 REVERE STREET
- 51 FIFTH STREET
- 202-204 HEWITT STREET
- 115 MADISON AVENUE
- 8 ELMWOOD AVENUE
- 969 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE
- 211-213 LENOX AVENUE
- 36-38 SEDGEWICK STREET
- 89 ISLAND BROOK AVENUE
- 290 STILLMAN STREET
- 373 STILLMAN STREET
- 727 ARTIC STREET
- 85 WHITE STREET
- 26 JUDSON PLACE
- 155 EZRA STREET
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- 366 CAMBRIDGE STREET
- 167 DOUGLAS STREET
- 370 ALBA AVENUE
- 0 EVERS COURT



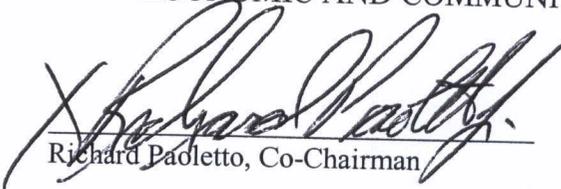
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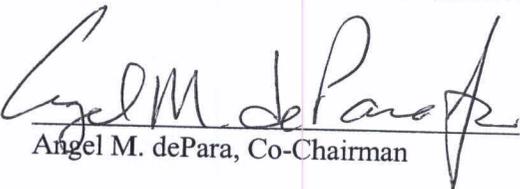
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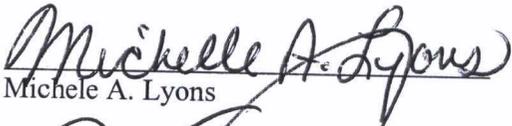
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(2) Authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee to sign the deed and related documents transferring the above-identified properties.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT


Richard Paolletto, Co-Chairman


Angel M. dePara, Co-Chairman


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City Council Date: May 13, 2008 (Special Meeting)