

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

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

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Presentation to Beardsley School Students

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ABSENT: Council members: Santiago, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, Silva,
Martinez, Curwen, Holloway

ATTEST
CITY CLERK

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CITY CLERKS OFFICE

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

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

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1235 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Ms. Wilson approached the city council to speak. She stated they were there to address the storm drainage system for future development at 1235 Park Avenue. She explained that in October 2007, they went before the Zoning Board of Appeals and had variances placed for the project. They were here tonight to address the conditions placed on the project and development of the site. She relayed that some contaminants were found under the ground, so they were looking to have the ordinance modified to continue the project.

Council President McCarthy asked if she talked to the council person for that district. Ms. Wilson said she left messages for Council members Brantley and Walsh. He further suggested that she contact Tom White for further assistance.

The public speaking session was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Council President McCarthy called for a caucus at 6:51 p.m. The caucus ended at 7:12 p.m.

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Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Prayer – the prayer was offered by Prophetess Claytor.

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

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

Presentation to Beardsley School Students

*Council members Valle and Curwen approached the front of city council chambers to make the presentation.

Council member Valle expressed the reason the students were before them, was due to a project going on at the school when she visited. She said she got taught a lesson and she thought she should bring it to the council's attention. She also recognized the 4th grade teacher Mrs. Enwright and the principal and assistant principal that were also present to support the cause.

Council member Curwen stated that the students would explain the plight for raising pennies to help Pakistan and Afghanistan children to become educated and the kids could be taught what they need to know. *The students from Beardsley School expressed the goals they wished to accomplish from the project as follows:*

- ❖ If you educate a girl or a boy, you educate a whole community!
- ❖ They want to help the boys and girls become educated. So they asked that people donate pennies. When you educate a boy, you educate an individual, when you educate a girl, you educate an entire community!
- ❖ It was expressed that one penny can go to buy something to eat, provide food and help a child get educated!
- ❖ It was expressed that they wanted to help people by raising pennies, because if you educate a boy and girl, you educate a whole community!

Council member Curwen stated that these students were our future leaders, so it was important to support the cause. He asked the council members and people in the audience to come forward and make a donation. Council members Curwen and Valle thanked everyone for their support.

Council member McCarthy noted that Council members Vizzo-Paniccia and Silva were unable to attend the meeting tonight due to personal issues.

Council member McCarthy referred to the Public Safety meeting held regarding Ameridge Drive. He read a letter into the record in support of the item. He also mentioned that Council members Vizzo-Paniccia and Lyons did a lot of work on the item.

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

Council member Colon noted that Council member Santiago was unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Finch asked for a motion to combine and approve pages 1 and 2:

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

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

Council member Brannelly requested to remove item **(85-07)** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee report re Grant Submission to the Connecticut Department of Transportation Clean Fuel Program - Hybrid Vehicle Purchase.

The city clerk read the remaining items into the record.

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Mayor Finch returned to item:

* **85-07** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee report re Grant Submission to the Connecticut Department of Transportation Clean Fuel Program - Hybrid Vehicle Purchase.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED**

Council member Brannelly stated that she was in support of the item. She noted that the purchase was for two vehicles and there was a grand difference between the cost of a traditional car and the cost of a hybrid vehicle. She spoke to the idea that the administration would reduce overnight cars and cut down on emissions with the purchased vehicles as part of the fleet. And the less efficient vehicles would be auctioned. Overall, she thought the administration was moving forward aggressively.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***It was noted that Council member Blunt abstained from voting on item 58-07(a).**

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Council member Curwen stated this item passed favorably in committee.

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

Council member Valle requested to remove all the items 115—07 through 120-07. She explained that the reason was because further research was required before moving ahead.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE REQUESTED TO REMOVE ITEMS 115-07
THROUGH 120-07 FROM THE AGENDA – NO ACTION TAKEN
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TWO (2) ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUBMIT TWO (2) NEW POSITIONS TO BE CREATED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (ITEM # 130-07)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was noted that the information would be submitted to the city clerk's office.

Clerk note: The second item was not provided and not processed, to be submitted at a later date.

Council member Walsh was good-humored about commenting that he didn't remove a single item from the consent calendar during this meeting; nor did he vote against any item on the agenda!

Mayor Finch recognized State Senator Ed Gomes in the audience. He also acknowledged Officer Hilton Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services