

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

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

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of City Council Minutes: June 2, 2008

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 132-07** Communication from Police Department re Grant Application with the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the purpose of purchasing an Armored Personnel Carrier, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 134-07** Communication from Benefits re Proposed Administrative Services Only Agreement with Connecticut General Life Insurance Company pertaining to employee and retiree group dental benefits, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 135-07** Communication from Civil Service re City Council Action # 260-06 on November 5, 2007 Residency Points in Promotional Exams, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**
- 136-07** Communication from Department of Human Services, re Student Education Affiliation Agreement with Southern CT State University to have student interns work on various projects at the Health Department, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 137-07** Communication from Department of Human Services re Proposed Contract with State Department of Social Services for a DSS Initiative to Improve Access to Dental Services – One time funding to furnish dental offices in three (3) new schools: Barnum/Waltersville, Jettie Tisdale and North End, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES CONTINUED:

- 138-07** Communication from OPED re (Ref. # 236-94) Resolution by the City Council regarding the correction of an omission in the 1995 sale of 113 Brooks Street, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 139-07(PHO)** Communication from OPED re (Ref. # 236-94) Resolution by the City Council Ordering a Public Hearing for the Disposition of the Property at 950-956 East Main Street, **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**
- 142-07** Communication from Department of Health and Social Services, Lighthouse Programs re Grant Contract to the WorkPlace, Inc. re: A Summer Training and Employment Program for qualifying 14-21 year olds from July 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 144-07** Communication from Mayor re Appointment of Jose Ortiz, (R) to the WPCA Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 145-07** Communication from Civil Service re Two (2) New Positions – Director of Public Safety Communications and Deputy Director of Public Safety Communications, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 146-07(A-B)** Communication from OPED re (A) Proposed New Ordinance West Side Revitalization Zone, (B) West Side Revitalization Zone Plan Resolution, referred to Joint Committee on Ordinance and Economic and Community Development and Environment.
- 147-07(A-B)** Communication from OPED re (A) Proposed New Ordinance Black Rock Revitalization Zone, (B) Black Rock Revitalization Zone Plan Resolution, referred to Joint Committee on Ordinance and Economic and Community Development and Environment.
- 148-07** Communication from Central Grants re Grant Submission: Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 149-07** Communication from Central Grants re Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for Camera Equipment, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

PETITIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 131-07** Petition from Santos Foundation Inc. by Attorney Joseph A. Kubic re Application for Layout and Installation of a Public Road known as Emra Street, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 143-07** Petition from Louis Roman re Resolution calling for the termination of the Tax Assessor and Assistant, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *130-07** Ordinance Committee report re Amendments to Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 2.36.010 Officers and unaffiliated employee salaries to add Director of Public Safety Communications and Deputy Director of Public Safety Communications.
- *106-07** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee report re Grant Contract with the WorkPlace, Inc. regarding the operation of a year round Summer Youth Employment Program.
- *108-07** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee report re Grant Application: re Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Program submitted through the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (GBRPA).

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

- 133-07** Resolution presented by Council member Holloway re Compressed Natural Gas Filling Station, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 150-07** Resolution presented by Council members Crowe, Brannelly, Colon, Santiago, Walsh, Brantley, McCarthy, Austin Sr., Lyons, Blunt, Bonney, dePara, Valle, Martinez, Curwen, Paoletto, Holloway and Baker re Resolution in Support of the Creation of a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Louis Roman
665 Cleveland Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for the
termination of the Tax
Assessor and Assistant

Joel Gonzalez
909 Maplewood Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Pod Cast interview of
Council President

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
JULY 7, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor William Finch; Susan Brannelly, Brian Crowe, Leticia Colon, Ezquiél Santiago, Robert Walsh, Thomas McCarthy, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Richard Bonney, Warren Blunt, Angel DePara Jr., Maria Valle, Daniel Martinez, Richard Paoletto Jr., Andre Baker Jr., James Holloway

ABSENT: M. Evette Brantley, Howard Austin Sr., Michelle Lyons, Carlos Silva and Robert Curwen

OTHERS: Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk, Mark Anastasi, City Counsel, Mr. Louis Roman, Scout Colin Martin; Deputy Chief Joseph Gaudett

ATTEST
CITY CLERK

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CITY CLERKS OFFICE

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. He then requested that the City Clerk take the roll call.

The following City Council Members were present:

130th District: Susan Brannelly, Brian Crowe
131st District: Ezquiél Santiago
132nd District: Robert Walsh (6:50 p.m.)
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy,
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Richard Bonney
137th District: Marie Valle, Daniel Martinez
138th District: Richard Paoletto, Jr.
139th District: Andre Baker, James Holloway

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**Mr. Louis Roman
665 Cleveland Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**Resolution calling for the
termination of the Tax
Assessor and Assistant**

Mr. Louis Roman came forward and said that he was present to request the termination of the Tax Assessor and Assistant. He said that there had been numerous problems such as residents that had been taxed for vehicles had been sold many years ago. A Catholic Church was threatened with foreclosure because of parking issues and other storefront churches had been harassed. Mr. Roman said that there was a copy of the resolution before the Council Members regarding this. He said that the citizens have a right to live in peace without being threatened or harassed. Many of the people who are being harassed do not have the resources or financial ability to deal with these problems. Mr. Roman said that he felt that the Tax Assessor and his assistant were abusing the residents. Mr. Roman then mentioned a company that the City uses to boot cars and tow them. He said that they target the poorer residents. He encouraged the Council Members to read and consider his resolution. He encouraged the Council Members to start an investigation into the situation and also that the two employees be terminated.

Council Member Holloway said that the Tax Assessor's Office was taking the law to the limit. One of Council Member Holloway's constituent was received a tax bill with an increase of 10,000% for a bill for \$250,000 for a small business with two computers. When the Tax Assessor was approached, he replied that he was within his legal right to make that assessment. Another business only received an assessment of \$30,000.

Council Member Walsh said that he said that he had noticed the item on agenda and that he would be placing his name on the resolution to allow it to proceed to Committee.

Joel Gonzalez
909 Maplewood Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

**Pod Cast interview of
Council President**

Mr. Gonzalez did not come forward when his name was called. There was no one else who had signed up to speak.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy closed the Public Input Portion of the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2008 in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Colin Martin from Boy Scout Troop 721 and from the 135th District represented by Council Members Blunt and Bonney lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

Council Member Baker led the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hudson called the roll.

The following City Council Members were present:

130th District: Susan Brannelly, Brian Crowe
131st District: Ezquiél Santiago, Leticia Colon
132nd District: Robert Walsh
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Richard Bonney, Warren Blunt
136th District: Angel DePara, Jr.
137th District: Marie Valle, Daniel Martinez
138th District: Richard Paoletto, Jr.
139th District: Andre Baker, James Holloway

There were fifteen Council Members present and five absent. The City Clerk announced that there was a quorum.

Council Member Holloway said that in July and August there would only be one meeting a month.

Council President McCarthy thanked Council Member Baker and said that Council Member Lyons and Council Member Curwen had called him to say they could not attend due to schedule conflicts.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: JUNE 2, 2008

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

132-07 COMMUNICATION FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT RE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

134-07 COMMUNICATION FROM BENEFITS RE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE GROUP DENTAL BENEFITS, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

135-07 COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE RE CITY COUNCIL ACTION # 260-06 ON NOVEMBER 5, 2007 RESIDENCY POINTS IN PROMOTIONAL EXAMS, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

136-07 COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, RE STUDENT EDUCATION AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY TO HAVE STUDENT INTERNS WORK ON VARIOUS PROJECTS AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

137-07 COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RE PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A DSS INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES – ONE TIME FUNDING TO FURNISH DENTAL OFFICES IN THREE (3) NEW SCHOOLS: BARNUM/WALTERSVILLE, JETTIE TISDALE AND NORTH END, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

138-07 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE (REF. # 236-94) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE CORRECTION OF AN OMISSION IN THE 1995 SALE OF 113 BROOKS STREET , REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

142-07 COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAMS RE GRANT CONTRACT TO THE WORKPLACE, INC. RE: A SUMMER TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING 14-21 YEAR OLDS FROM JULY 1, 2008 –

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

144-07 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE ORTIZ, (R) TO THE WPCA COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

145-07 COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE RE TWO (2) NEW POSITIONS – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

146-07(A-B) COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE (A) PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE WEST SIDE REVITALIZATION ZONE, (B) WEST SIDE REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN RESOLUTION, REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT.

147-07(A-B) COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE (A) PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE BLACK ROCK REVITALIZATION ZONE, (B) BLACK ROCK REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN RESOLUTION, REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT.

148-07 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

149-07 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) FOR CAMERA EQUIPMENT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

PETITIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

131-07 PETITION FROM SANTOS FOUNDATION INC. BY ATTORNEY JOSEPH A. KUBIC RE APPLICATION FOR LAYOUT AND INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS EMRA STREET, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

143-07 PETITION FROM LOUIS ROMAN RE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE TAX ASSESSOR AND ASSISTANT,

REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE WITH THE AMENDMENT TO READ THAT THE PETITION IS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS SANTIAGO, BLUNT, BONNEY, VALLE, BAKER AND HOLLOWAY.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***106-07 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE WORKPLACE, INC. REGARDING THE OPERATION OF A YEAR ROUND SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.**

***108-07 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE GRANT APPLICATION: RE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE (RPI) PROGRAM SUBMITTED THROUGH THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (GBRPA).**

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

139-07 (PHO) Communication from OPED re (Ref. # 236-94) Resolution by the City Council Ordering a Public Hearing for the Disposition of the Property at 950-956 East Main Street. FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 139-07 (PHO) COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE (REF. # 236-94) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY AT 950-956 EAST MAIN STREET. FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

It was noted that this item was not going to committee and that it was in reference to the Post Office parking lot.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

133-07 Resolution presented by Council member Holloway re Compressed Natural Gas Filling Station, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 133-07 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY RE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FILLING STATION, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

150-07 Resolution presented by Council members Crowe, Brannelly, Colon , Santiago , Walsh, Brantley, McCarthy, Austin Sr., Lyons, Blunt, Bonney, dePara, Valle, Martinez, Curwen, Paoletto, Holloway and Baker re Resolution in Support of the Creation of a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 150-07 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CROWE, BRANNELLY, COLON , SANTIAGO , WALSH, BRANTLEY, MCCARTHY, AUSTIN SR., LYONS, BLUNT, BONNEY, DEPARA, VALLE, MARTINEZ, CURWEN, PAOLETTO, HOLLOWAY AND BAKER RE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*130-07 Ordinance Committee report re Amendments to Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 2.36.010 Officers and unaffiliated employee Salaries to add Director of Public Safety Communications and Deputy Director of Public Safety Communications.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 130-07.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

Council Member Walsh had several concerns regarding this item, among them was the fact that he had been told it would a reduction of overtime. Council Member Walsh pointed out that the Fire Department and Police were handling the positions now and said that he viewed this as the City trying to establish positions outside the union without

supervision. He also pointed out that Chief Norwood was Grade 7 and that the new position would bring in someone at 7A, which is a half grade below the Chief's position. Council Member Walsh went on to express his concerns about whether the City was hiring someone to privatize the job or for other reasons. He also commented that he had heard the City had hired a private law firm for the negotiations.

Council Member Holloway said that OPM could not tell him how much the City was saving regarding the two positions versus the overtime and said that the issue should be tabled until the exact figures are known.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 130-07 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.36.010 OFFICERS AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEE SALARIES TO ADD DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL THE EXACT AMOUNT OF OT SAVINGS ARE KNOWN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED.**

Council President McCarthy asked for and was granted a point of order. He then stated that Deputy Chief Gaudett was present in the chambers to answer questions.

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 130-07 FAILED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (WALSH, BONNEY, BLUNT, DEPARA, AND HOLLOWAY) AND TEN AGAINST (BRANNELLY, CROWE, COLON, SANTIAGO, MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA, VALLE, MARTINEZ, PAOLETTO AND BAKER)**

The Mayor pointed out that the emergency dispatch center is not a call center, but much more professional. He then gave a brief overview of the dispatch center's responsibilities.

Deputy Chief Joseph Gaudett came forward and said that this was an attempt to professionalize the dispatch center. There are currently two dispatch centers. Deputy Chief Joseph Gaudett gave a brief overview of the operations center. This will consolidate two different job descriptions and streamline the process. Both the Fire and Police will be sharing the same radio system. Regarding Council Member Holloway's question, Deputy Chief Gaudett said that he did not have an exact figure for the savings.

Mayor Finch said that he had been advised that the Council had approved the positions in the budget and actually did not need to have this brought back to the Council. He then said that Atty. Anastasi had suggested that this issue be brought back to the Council.

Council Member Holloway then said that he wanted to know what kinds of saving the taxpayers would be saving by having civilians in the positions.

Deputy Chief Joseph Gaudett said that there is currently a 30% turn over rate and that having a new building and civilian positions, that six civilians would replace six sergeants.

Council Member Brannelly said that the salaries and roles had been scrutinized during the budget process. She said that these positions had been already been approved in the budget process. Council Member Brannelly said that she was not clear on why the ordinance needed to be changed. Atty. Anastasi came forward and then said that these positions had not been created earlier and simply needed to be added to the ordinance. He then referred to Petition 145-07, which would be referred to the Miscellaneous Matters. Council Member Holloway then said that he needed to know exactly what the savings would be for the city to inform his constituents.

Council Member Walsh said that said that he was offended by the implication of the fact that the fire and police officer were not professionals. Mayor Finch disagreed.

Council Member Walsh then went on to say that the position was included in the budget but when he saw the fact that this position was a half a grade below the chief of police, he would have been insulted. Council Member Walsh said that it was well within the powers of the Council to determine the pay grade and that he was against the pay grade.

Mayor Finch said that both Chiefs had participated in this process and that they were very supportive of these positions. The Mayor said that the budget shortfall figures were due to overtime.

Council President McCarthy then reviewed the current system and pointed out that there were overlapping systems. He said that he had worked to have a modern, centralized system. Council President McCarthy said that he appreciated everyone's concerns and that the proposal had been scrutinized in committee. He then said that these were civil service jobs but currently unaffiliated. Later the unions may chose to petition for the positions. Council President McCarthy said it was a long time coming.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 130-07 ORDINANCE
COMMITTEE REPORT RE AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE OF
ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.36.010 OFFICERS AND UNAFFILIATED
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COLON, SANTIAGO, MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA, VALLE, MARTINEZ,**

PAOLETTO, BAKER, BONNEY, BLUNT, DEPARA, AND HOLLOWAY) AND ONE OPPOSED (WALSH).

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER A MATTER CONCERNING A GRANT TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE. (ITEM # 152-07)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SANTIAGO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. (ITEM # 153-07)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REGARDING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. (ITEM # 151-07)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM REGARDING THE UPDATING OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ON THE WEBSITE TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. (ITEM # 154-07)**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Martinez asked for personal privilege regarding the upcoming annual Puerto Rican Day parade on Sunday, July 13th. He then encouraged all the Council Members to attend and to join the procession. On Friday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, there will be a banquet to celebrate 15 years of Puerto Rican Day.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested a point of privilege and said that she was the chair of the Misc. Matters and requested that all questions had to be sent in beforehand the meeting on the 28th.

Council President McCarthy reminded everyone to sign the reports. The city Council breakfast will be at the Zoo. There is an email. It will be on Saturday. And those who had signed up for dodgeball, team, would be practicing.

Council Member Holloway said that this was not a perfect world and this was a democratic society and that people have the right to question anything that happens in the City.

Council Member said that as a follow up to Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia's comments, he asked if they had received an updated list of the membership for the Boards and commissions. He said that he had been insulted when he was presented with the same outdated list that was currently on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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City Council
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