

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chair; Patricia Swain, Co-Chair;
Milta Feliciano, Robert Halstead, Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye

OTHERS: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Teri Brown, Deputy CAO;
Erin McDonough, Mayor's Office; Robert L. Morton, Charles
McNeill

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2015.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2015 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

125-14 Reappointment of Robert L. Morton (D) to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Morton came forward to address the Committee members. He introduced himself and said that he operates his family owned funeral home. He has lived in Bridgeport all of his life, and is interested in Bridgeport. It is important for the residents to take an active role in the City work. In addition to being on Planning and Zoning, Mr. Morton is involved in a number of church and civil organizations. He said that he was focused on the East End because that is where he grew up.

Council Member Halstead asked about the recent liquor permits on Brooklawn Avenue. Mr. Morton replied that the application was handled by the ZBA.

Council Member Banta thanked Mr. Morton for his work and asked how many years he had been on P&Z. Mr. Morton said that he thought it was 6 or 8 years. Council Member Banta asked if there was any conflict of interests with the Steel Point development.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she had read the profile and was happy with Mr. Morton's candidacy. She said that she would like to ask whether there was anything that the Planning and Zoning could do to move some of the projects forward. Mr. Morton said that he felt that P&Z was working well. Council Member Taylor-Moye asked about Crescent Crossing and another project. Mr. Morton said that neither of the two projects were currently being considered by Planning and Zoning. Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she appreciated his work on behalf of the entire City.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT L. MORTON (D) TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

126-14 Reappointment of Charles McNeill (D) to the Harbor Commission.

Mr. McNeill came forward to address the Committee. He introduced himself and said that he was a South End resident. He is married and is the father of three children in Bridgeport public schools. This is the end of his first term. He then listed a number of community activities that he has been involved with in the City. He added that he has been in frequent contact with Council Member Banta about various safety issues. He purchased his home via foreclosure and hopes to bring the area back to its former state. Safety and environmental health are primary concerns for the Harbor.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that Mr. McNeill was very active in the community and said that he had done a great job and she was proud of him. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that Mr. McNeill's attendance record was good. Council Member Taylor-Moye commented that Mr. McNeill was the Batalla School PAC President.

Council Member Halstead asked about the current state of the Harbor. Mr. McNeill said that he had just come back from vacation but the last major issue the Commission considered was the Port Jefferson ferry move from its current location to Seaview Avenue. That move was approved by the Harbor Commission.

Council Member Halstead said that he had grown up in Bridgeport and saw how the waterfront became abandoned. Mr. McNeill said that with the ferry moving to Seaview Avenue, it is expected that there will be more activity there.

Council Member Halstead asked if Mr. McNeill had heard anything about the Coast Guard wanting to establish a base in Bridgeport. Mr. McNeill said he had not heard anything about that. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia commented that these questions were not germane to Mr. McNeill's re-appointment. Council Member Halstead replied that he was interviewing the candidate. He added that as a concerned citizen he felt that the Harbor was underutilized. Council Member Halstead then asked about plans to bring in more businesses to the vacant areas along the waterfront. Discussion followed.

11-14 Proposed Amendment to City Council Rules of Order - New Rule XXXI Council Liaison to Boards and Commissions to generally define the position, roles duties and responsibilities of the various appointed City Council Liaisons.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that Council President McCarthy was not able to attend the meeting to present the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 11-14 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER - NEW RULE XXXI COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO GENERALLY DEFINE THE POSITION, ROLES DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VARIOUS APPOINTED CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

105-14 Proposed resolution requesting that the City Council members' written and electronic request for departmental information of any kind be provided expeditiously.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 105-14 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION OF ANY KIND BE PROVIDED EXPEDITIOUSLY BECAUSE THE MAKER OF THE RESOLUTION WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

106-14 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Jose Moura.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she had been contacted by the City Attorney's Office with a request to table the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 106-14 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JOSE MOURA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO adjourn.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
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