

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair; Patricia Swain, Co-chair; Jack Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye, Milta Feliciano (6:29 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member James Holloway, Council Member Enrique Torres, Erin McDonough, Mayor's Office; Esperina Baptiste Stubblefield

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2015

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2015.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO PASSED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2015 AS SUBMITTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

137-14 Reappointment of Esperina Baptiste Stubblefield (U) to the Food Policy Council.

Ms. Stubblefield came forward to speak about her time on the Food Policy Council. She said that she had worked on the issue of having a food desert on the East End. She was able to start a community garden with the residents and served as a Co-chair of the Healthy Eating group until she left the post to be a full time mother. She said that the Food Policy Council does good work and is making strides in Bridgeport.

Council Member Banta thanked Ms. Stubblefield for the time that she was contributed to the City. He said that he would support her work.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked about the changes on the Council. Ms. McDonough said that the Policy Board was now had a full compliment. Council Member Taylor-Moye asked about the project at the Taylor Center. Ms. Stubblefield said that she had left the Taylor Center in January to have a baby. She said that her husband can take care of the baby when she is at the meetings.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 137-14 REAPPOINTMENT OF ESPERINA BAPTISTE STUBBLEFIELD (U) TO THE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11-14 Proposed Amendment to City Council Rules of Order- New Rule XXXI Council Liaisons 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 TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 11-14 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER- NEW RULE XXXI COUNCIL LIAISONS 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 City Council member's written and electronic request for department information of any kind by provided expeditiously.

Council Member Torres said that he had difficulty getting written documentation from department heads in a timely manner. Mr. Nunn had told Council Member Torres that he would have to have the entire council approve the release of the documents. Atty. Anastasi also had told Council Member Torres that the Council would have to approve the release of the documents. This is wrong. The Council members should have access to the documents. Council Member Torres said that the Council should tell Atty. Anastasi to make this process legal rather than having the City Attorney telling the Council what is and isn't legal. This resolution would allow the Council Members to sit down with the department heads to get the information from them. He reminded the Committee members that they were the employers.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there were some personnel items that were confidential and could not be made public. Council Member Torres said that none of this had to do with personnel. He said that the Charter language was quite clear on this subject. It would be nice of the language was understood by the department heads.

Council Member Swain said that she agreed with this and reminded everyone that when this was first considered, Atty. Anastasi said that it was his view that the entire Council would have to approve the release of documents. Council Member Swain said that if the Committee needed to include the fact that social security numbers, or medical information would be included. Council Member Torres said that he would be happy to amend it.

Council Member Holloway said that when the minority contractors' issue was considered, the Council had hire legal counsel to work with them. He said that the City would not allow the Council to do something that would hurt the City. The City Attorney is there for the administration, not the Council. The Black and Hispanic Caucus hired a lawyer to represent them for the minority contractor issue. Discussion followed.

Council Member Feliciano joined the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Council Member Torres then read the text of the resolution to the Committee members present.

Additional discussion followed about the wording of the resolution. Council Member Torres pointed out that the Committee has the right to amend this resolution as they wish, including limiting release of information on about individual privacy, medical, or pending legal issues. Council Member Torres said that the point was to allow an individual Council Member to get the documentation and information they need to vote on various issues.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 105-14 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OF ANY KIND BY PROVIDED EXPEDITIOUSLY.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

152-14 Proposed Approval of a new Job Classification with NAGE Local RI-200 for Senior Housing Code Inspector/Enforcement Officer.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there was no one from the administration in attendance to present the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 152-14 PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH NAGE LOCAL RI-200 FOR SENIOR HOUSING CODE INSPECTOR/ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

173-14 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Mark Anthony Febres.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there was no one from the administration in attendance to present the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 173-14 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARK ANTHONY FEBRES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

176-14 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Gulsen Berrios.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there was no one from the administration in attendance to present the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 176-14 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH GULSEN BERRIOS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

177-14 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Cecil Young.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there was no one from the administration in attendance to present the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 177-14 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH CECIL YOUNG.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services