

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: A. Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chair; R. Salter, Sr., Co-Chair;
D. Taylor-Moye; A. Paoletto; M. Feliciano; N. Smith; J. Olson

OTHER: Tom McCarthy, Council President

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 (SPECIAL MEETING) & OCTOBER 26, 2015

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 & OCTOBER 26, 2015.**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

30-15. APPOINTMENT OF CRUZ MANUEL COTTO (D) TO THE PARKS COMMISSION

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that no information was provided to the committee regarding this matter.

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 30-15 RE: APPOINTMENT OF CRUZ MANUEL COTTO (D) TO THE PARKS COMMISSION.**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

21-15. SUBJECT: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS RE: HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA INC.

Veronica Jones, City Tax Collector came forward to discuss items 21-15 and 22-15. She stated that the two companies in question, Wells Fargo and Harbor Freight Tools USA, overpaid their balance, and as the amounts were over \$10,000, they had to seek city approval before approving it.

Committee Member Feliciano asked for the exact amounts due and why the overpayment occurred. Ms. Jones stated that Wells Fargo overpaid \$13,813.37 and Harbor Freight overpaid \$10,429.70. She stated that the overpayment likely happened because the statement they receive contains both the total amount due and the amount previously paid, leading them to believe that they needed to pay the higher amount after misreading it. Committee Member Feliciano asked if this happens often, and Ms. Jones stated it does occasionally happen. Committee Member Feliciano asked if it would be wise to change the structure of the statement letters, and Ms. Jones stated that they could try, but all of the information is already outlined, bolded and in color.

Committee Member Olsen suggested moving the amount they need to pay to the left, and Ms. Jones stated it would be possible.

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia noted that this issue does not pertain to small or personal businesses, and that it is usually something that happens with larger corporations.

Committee Member Smith asked if there was a copy of the bill available, and Ms. Jones stated she did not have one on her person.

Council President McCarthy stated that this sort of error is extremely small in a large amount of bills being sent out at a time. He stated that it is a small annoyance rather than an overwhelming issue.

Committee Member Feliciano stated that it would be helpful to continue to examine the issue, despite it being small, as to streamline the process and ease the burden for the City's money collectors.

Co-Chair Salter asked who processes the bills, and Ms. Jones stated that a software company prints out a sample, which she approves, and is then sent out.

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 21-15 RE: SUBJECT: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS RE: HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA INC AND PLACE IT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**** CO-CHAIR SALTER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

22-15. SUBJECT: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS: RE: WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM 22-15 RE: SUBJECT: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS: RE: WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE AND PLACE IT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

07-15. PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH NAGE LOCAL RI-200 FOR SENIOR HOUSING CODE INSPECTOR/ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Council President McCarthy stated that no one would be coming forward on the item, as Phil White had an unforeseen family emergency.

- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 07-15 RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH NAGE LOCAL RI-200 FOR SENIOR HOUSING CODE INSPECTOR/ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.
- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.
- ** CO-CHAIR SALTER SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee went into executive session at 6:50 PM.

The Committee exited executive session at 7:40 PM.

04-15. SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARIA MEDINA

- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 04-15 RE: SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARIA MEDINA.
- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

05-15. SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MICHAEL STINSON.

- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 05-15 RE: SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MICHAEL STINSON.
- ** COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

06-15. SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH GREGORY VOLPE

**** CO-CHAIR SALTER MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 06-15 RE: SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH GREGORY VOLPE AND PLACE IT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

28-15. SUBJECT: PROPOSED LITIGATION SETTLEMENT CONCERNING WORKERS COMPENSATION MATTERS (WCC#40076124)

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 28-15 RE: SUBJECT: PROPOSED LITIGATION SETTLEMENT CONCERNING WORKERS COMPENSATION MATTERS (WCC#40076124) AND PLACE IT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos
Telesco Secretarial Services