

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTER COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

- ATTENDANCE:** AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chair; Richard Salter, Sr. Co-Chair; Tom McCarthy, Council President; John Olson, Nessah Smith, Anthony Paoletto, Jose Casco
Denese Taylor-Moye joined the meeting at 6:10.
Milta Feliciano joined the meeting at 6:15.
- STAFF:** Council Members: James Holloway, Mary McBride-Lee, M. Evette Brantley, Jeanette Herron, Aidee Nieves, Eneida Martinez, Tom Gaudett, Mayor's Office; Angel dePara, CAO's Office; Adam Heller, IT Director; Mark Anastasi, Associate City Attorney; R. Christopher Meyer, City Attorney; Tom Erichetti, Library Board Secretary
- OTHERS:** Library Board Mayoral Appointees: Judge William Holden, Donald Greenberg, Rosalina Roman-Christy, Phylcia Brown, Kenya Osborne-Grant, Attorney James O'Donnell and Members of the general public

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. A quorum was present.

She reviewed the procedures of the meeting to all those present.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

- ** CO-CHAIR SALTER MOVED TO APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2016.
PRESIDENT MC CARTHY SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked the members' permission to change the order of the agenda which was granted.

ITEM 175-15

PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT WRITTEN NOTICE BE SENT TO ALL ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING BY APPLICANTS CONCERNING THE ZONING BOARD

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that Council Member Holloway, the maker of this resolution, had asked that the item be withdrawn.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED TO WITHDRAW ITEM 175-15, PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT WRITTEN NOTICE BE SENT TO ALL ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING BY APPLICANTS CONCERNING THE ZONING BOARD.**

ITEM 194-15
PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH LIUNA FOR AN APPLICATION SPECIALIST

Mr. Heller came forward to speak on this resolution, saying that he was there before the Committee to ask approval for a new and very much needed position in the IT Department. He said it is a position which would help all the other departments understand the programs that they use in IT and to make sure they have everything they need to be able to use the programs, that they are legally allowed to use it, that they are properly trained to use it, and that it is a cost-saving as well as an efficiency effort since this position will make sure they are not buying things they already have.

Mr. Heller stated that there is currently no one who helps the departments understand the programs they are using, saying that every department uses computers and programs, and with someone to coordinate the appropriate licensing and appropriate understanding of how those computers are used, they are not fully utilizing what the City has already purchased to help the taxpayers.

Mr. Heller asked that this position be approved so that they can begin the hiring process for this desperately needed position.

Council Member Olson asked how much the position paid and Mr. Heller answered \$65,000. Council Member Olson asked if this salary was in line with that type of job and that it sounded low to him to which Mr. Heller responded that it is in line with the salaries in the department and that he believes the position will attract qualified applicants.

**** PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 194-15, PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH LIUNA FOR AN APPLICATION SPECIALIST.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the following agenda items, Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia explained the Committee procedure for all appointments whereby appointees come to the table, provide some information about themselves, why they seek to be appointed and what their duties might be if appointed.

Denese Taylor-Moye joined the meeting at 6:10.

She said the item is then opened for discussion by the Committee and, if approved, will go to the full Council and, if approved there, the appointee will be contacted by the Mayor's Office.

ITEM 200-15
APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Roman-Christy came forward, gave her address in Bridgeport, and stated that she was a City employee for 26½ years in the Department of Housing and Economic Development. She said that she was asked about a 1½ years ago to serve on the Board and the reason she wants to be appointed is because she believes she can be an asset to the Board, saying she is bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish. Ms. Roman-Christy said that she could serve as a liaison to the Hispanic communities which sorely needed since a large number of Bridgeport residents are Hispanic and that she is the only Latina that has been appointed and is also a Democrat.

Council Member Denese Taylor-Moye wanted to know whether Ms. Roman-Christy had anything that would sway or hinder her in regard to everything that has been going on in the Library Board, and whether she feels she can make sound decisions in regard to the upkeep and everything that needs to be done with the libraries and the children and the families. Speaking as an unofficial Board member, Ms. Roman-Christy said they were working on three different library sites, lower east side, upper east side and on the east end, remarking that this is one of the accomplishments of this Board and that the hope is that these libraries will be up and running at least by 2020. Ms. Roman-Christy continued that these libraries will of top design and will bring people from outside Bridgeport into the community. Council Member Taylor-Moye thanked Ms. Roman-Christy for being up-to-date with some of the things that are going on with the library.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 200-15, APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
- ** CO-CHAIR SALTER, SR. SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Feliciano joined the meeting at 6:15.

ITEM 202-15
APPOINTMENT OF DONALD W. GREENBERG TO THE
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Greenberg came forward to introduce himself and told the Committee he has lived in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport for about 20 years and taught political science at Fairfield University for 44 years, retiring in 2015. He stated that he has been an educator all his life and taught in the New York City School System before Fairfield University. Mr. Greenberg said he had been appointed to the Board in 2011 and had erroneously thought that he had been confirmed by the City Council, saying that he served as a voting member until 2015 when it became known to him that he had not been formally confirmed. Since then, he stated, he has attended Board meetings, but has made no motions, has seconded no motions, and has voted on no motions. Mr. Greenberg said he is a life-long Democrat and has worked in many political

campaigns in Bridgeport and then identified two of his former students, Mr. Coviello and Mr. McCarthy, saying that the Committee could judge the quality of him by the quality of them.

Mr. Greenberg commented that he is very dedicated to the Library and is especially interested in advancing literacy in the school system, saying he wants the Library to become part of that literacy project and has worked with Mr. O'Donnell on literacy activities which he said he would like to do again. He said also that he would to see the Library have an after-school homework program rotating at the libraries, adding that he has already been in touch with Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University and, if approved, he is ready to move in that direction. Mr. Greenberg stated that his concern is education and that the library is a vital institution in any city. He said he would be honored to serve on the Library Board.

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia addressed Mr. Greenberg's statement that he did not know he had not been confirmed by remarking that the Council had contacted the Library Board and was told that the confirmation would be made by the Library Board, and stating that the Council had done its due diligence. She added that, through the Library Board Director at the time and the City Attorney's Office, the Council had to side-step the issue. Mr. Greenberg stated he blamed himself, since it was his responsibility to make sure everything was done and that he is blaming neither the City Council nor the Miscellaneous Matter Committee. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia commented that she makes a point to see that everything is done correctly, and that she is glad that they are back at the table and are can move forward for the people in the City.

President McCarthy wanted to make a comment which, he said, he probably should have said earlier in the meeting. Firstly, he echoed the statements of Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia's comments and said he believes he speaks for the entire Council that there is an immense discomfort and disappointment in the Library Board for not having sent names to the Council for such a long time. He stated that there had been many conversations between himself and the Board and he wanted in on the record that the Council is very disappointed that it has taken this long, since the Council, he stated, does not have the ability to start that process as it comes from the Board. President McCarthy said that he appreciates that the appointees are at the meeting, but he mentioned the other issues that are going on within the Board which bring up some difficulty for Council members when they are taking votes. He said they just have to work through this and the place to do it is at the meeting table.

President McCarthy continued with a question which, he stated, is important to talk about before the Library Board process is undertaken, i.e. party affiliations of the listed appointees. He called the names of the appointees present and they all answered that they were democrats, and, remarking that the people present do not make up the whole Board, he asked if there were people currently serving who are not democrats. A woman in the room answered that her name is Ann Cunningham and that she is a republican. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she did not ask that question, but she had been informed that there might be a different situation with the Library Board with the party affiliations and President McCarthy said that was only in regard to there being no requirement for party affiliation, but told Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia he understood where she was going. A discussion amongst the members ensued regarding Library Board members' party affiliations, the names of Senator Baraka and Sarah being mentioned. President McCarthy said that Mr. Gaudett knows where he is going with this, adding that he has been a strong democrat all his life, but stating they represent a city that has other folks in it and that they have

to always understand that they have to represent everybody in the city. He concluded his point by saying that they are approving a list of democrats at the meeting and remarked that they have to understand what they are doing when they do that stuff. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked President McCarthy if he wanted to explain why and commented that something had been changed years ago to make sure there was a balance to which President McCarthy answered that he did not know what she meant. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia referred to legislation that had been put through by a former Council member which ensured a balance of party affiliations for all Boards.

Council Member Feliciano wanted to ask a question and Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked if Council Member Feliciano wanted to have the City Attorney present to hear the question to which Council Member Feliciano answered in the negative. She stated that she had noticed that the Committee did not receive the proper paperwork that they always get for any nominee to any Board and Commission that states their party affiliation, tax debt, criminal background, and she asked where that paperwork was. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she had asked about that paperwork that day, saying that Sarah had some information and she hoped that Mr. dePara had some information. Mr. dePara stated that the background check and the paperwork from the Ethics Commission had not yet been completed. Council Member Feliciano stated that she did not think they should move forward without this paperwork that is required from everybody else, saying the process should be consistent across the board and said she would not be voting on any of the Library Board agenda items. She assured the nominees that it had nothing to do with them, but that, without consistency, she would not be voting. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia commented that, what has been done in the past, is that the appointees would be heard from and when the paperwork was finalized, the vote could be taken without the appointees having to return because the fault was not theirs. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the paperwork should have been completed. Council Member Feliciano told Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia she understood and that they could listen to the appointees to hear their credentials, but, referencing a similar situation in December where a certain person's appointment had to be tabled for months due to incomplete paperwork, she stated that the same needs to be done in this situation.

Council Member Olson expressed his extreme disappointment that, again, the Ethics Commission had not done its job, saying that they are really tired of the Ethics Commission and the Police Department not doing their job.

President McCarthy stated that he agreed with Council Member Feliciano's statements, and was hoping to get a sense of timing on when these items would be ready to come before the Council. i.e. background check and Ethics Commission paperwork, and asked if there was anybody present to talk about that. He added that the timing issue relates to the annual Judge Saden award money which is at risk if the vote is not taken by a certain date. He said that the items should be voted on until all the paperwork has been received, adding that he needs to cover the Council in terms of proper procedures being followed. He thanked Council Member Feliciano for bringing up the issue, but said he wanted to return to the timing for the paperwork completion.

Council Member Martinez stated that she had a question on the party affiliation previously discussed, saying that she does not see it the Library By-laws or the Ordinance for the City of Bridgeport and asked if it was in the State Statute that the Library follows. President McCarthy

asked Attorney Anastasi if there was a requirement for minority representation for the Library Board to which Attorney Anastasi replied that he did not believe so because it is not part of another body. He said, frankly speaking, that he did not mean to suggest that it is inappropriate for the Council to insist on following its ordinary criteria on ethics and background check, but he stated that it can be argued it is not mandatory in the situation of approving appointees, adding that he thought this would explain why the paperwork was not readily available to the Council. Attorney Anastasi stated that the background check and tax check could be done overnight and that it was just a matter of a meeting of the Ethics Commission being scheduled. He asked if the Committee would accommodate his request for a special meeting between the first and second meetings in November so that the Committee could meet and vote on the appointees.

President McCarthy asked if there was someone who could present a brief explanation of the Judge Saden award money, saying that he is not the expert on that. Attorney Anastasi stated that the Council is supposed to vote within 30 or 60 days and President asked Attorney Anastasi to describe what the Judge Saden is. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said that they had discussed this at full Council the previous week, with President McCarthy urging Attorney Anastasi to at least tell what it is, but Attorney Anastasi stated that he is not comfortable discussing this in public, referring the issue to Mr. O'Donnell. President McCarthy remarked that Attorney Anastasi had already discussed this in public at the full house meeting. Mr. O'Donnell explained that Judge Saden was a long-standing and well-respected member of the bench in Connecticut and, in regard to party affiliation, he was a staunch republican. Not having family of his own, he had accrued a lot of money and awarded \$1,500,000 to the Bridgeport Public Library and served its director. Judge Saden had apparently experienced some concern over his own appointment due to some confusion about the process and he instituted two provisions which apply to the continued receivership of the money by the Library Board:

- if the money were used to for funding the library's operational level enjoyed before, this would trigger a penalty.
- that, if the Council fails to approve appointees within in 60 days, there would be a penalty under which the Library Board would not receive the money and it would paid to Yale for five years.

Mr. O'Donnell spoke about Judge Saden's request that no money be used for brokerage fees and the money was, therefore, invested in T-bills which had been paying interest of a little over \$50,000 per year, but he stated that now they bring in about \$40,000 per year, with a \$200,000 loss over five years for the purchase of books. Mr. O'Donnell also commented about the issue of the incomplete paperwork, saying that Mr. dePara has been working hard to assist the Library Board in getting that information together. He stated the Board's problem was that they had previously thought the paperwork had been submitted and when they realized the process had fallen down which he said is entirely their fault, in order to comply with the obligation, they felt it was incumbent upon the Board to bring this to the Committee's attention now even though all the paperwork had not been completed.

Council Member Feliciano commented that she appreciated Mr. O'Donnell's explanation, but stated that if they were so unsure, maybe they should have called and asked for information. She continued that the Committee is put in a tough situation because they do not only approve the appointees for the Library Board, saying there a whole host of board and commissions in the

City and she re-stated that it is only fair to hold everyone up to the standard, adding that the Council gets scrutinized daily for not doing the right thing and further stated that the Miscellaneous Matters Committee always does the right thing. Mr. O'Donnell said that he simply provided the explanation of how things had gotten to this point and stated that he is not looking for special treatment for the Library Board.

Attorney Anastasi commented that there was a time when the CAO through Mr. dePara and the City Clerk's office worked with the Library Board to try to reconstruct history because there were some record-keeping over the years in terms of what was and was not submitted and what paperwork was provided, saying that Mr. O'Donnell has a good handle on this.

Council Member McBride-Lee stated that she is very glad to know that the Library Board is human in admitting it had made a mistake, but she quoted a saying which, in essence, says that, "You start out where you want to end up." She said that she agreed with Council Member Feliciano, adding that to continue on and to worry about the money they will or will not get and the Committee having to make a rash decision without the standard criteria for paperwork is not the place to start. She also voiced her concern that the Library Board has been operating without being subjected to anybody, but said that the meeting was the place to move forward. She said that she did not have vote at the meeting, but would have one the following Monday and concluded her point by asking why, if they knew about the Judge Saden money, did they not make sure the paperwork was ready.

Attorney Anastasi wanted to make a point for clarity that there is a bit of leeway in 24 in terms of interview of prospective appointees. Ordinarily, he said, the last five members of the Council requested re-appointments do not come before the Council for interviews, saying he believed Judge Holden and Mr. O'Donnell are re-appointments and he asked whether five members of the Council would want to interview those two members. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that, in all the time she has been there, they have always had all re-appointments come before the Miscellaneous Matters Committee. Attorney Anastasi read from By-Law 24: "An exception to this rule is all re-appointments for a board or commission to the Committee of Miscellaneous Matters shall not have to be interviewed a second time during the confirmation process. An exception to this rule will be when a number of five members of the Council request an interview." Attorney Anastasi stated that both the afore-mentioned gentlemen would be happy to make themselves available.

Council Member Olson commented that, to make one thing perfectly clear, adding that he is not criticizing Mr. dePara, the Committee should interview, then wait until the paperwork is received and then make their decision. Council Member Casco had a question for any member of the Board who wanted to answer, and, referring the the period of time that the Board had not come to the Council, he wanted to know about the money requested by the Library Board through the Council every year is spent and who does the financial reports. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia informed Council Member Casco that those questions can be requested through Budget and Appropriations Committee during the process, adding that those are all open records and that Mr. O'Donnell would also have the answers. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia also said that the information can be requested through any Council member or through the Budget co-chairs. Council Member Casco thanked Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia.

Council Member Feliciano said she did not know if the Committee wanted to interview the appointees that were present or if the Committee wanted to have another meeting where both appointees and re-appointees are present. She asked if the re-appointments were present to which a few people answered in the affirmative. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that there were six on the agenda, but that everyone was there, and the six were presented and accepted at the Council meeting when it was put on the agenda. Council Member Feliciano continued that her question at the full Council meeting was how to proceed with only approving six, when all nine needed approval. She reiterated that there were only six that were referred to Committee with which Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia agreed, but Council Member Feliciano pointed out that all nine still need approval from the Council because all Board members have not been approved since 2006. She asked how they move forward with interviewing six and not all nine when they specifically know that all nine need Council approval. Attorney Anastasi stated that, for one, like any other board of commission, their job is to respond to and address nominees as they come before them, saying that there are expired positions in various boards all the time and that does not mean that the conducting of business should be held up. Council Member Feliciano said they had never waited 10 years to approve or deny new board members. Attorney Anastasi replied that this Administration and the Library Board have been working aggressively and cooperatively to ensure that the Council plays its proper role in this process, adding that, in good faith, he thought he had submitted names and that, to the extent that there are more due, they will be forthcoming. He said he thought it was appropriate that they proceed as the nominees are brought in front them in the full recognition that everyone that needs to be appointed will come before them. Council Member Feliciano replied that she understood that they have been working aggressively, but she insisted that, if this is true, then they would have had the paperwork, and then asked how this can be corrected. She asked the Council members if they wanted to vote on the nine or on the six at the meeting and do they want to make sure that the other three are recommended for a vote from the Council, remarking that it is they that have to take the votes.

President McCarthy asked if there was a rationale as to why six had been submitted and not nine. Attorney Anastasi answered that Mr. O'Donnell had provided information as to why six had been submitted, saying that six of the terms had expired whereas three would not expire until next year. President McCarthy asked what Attorney Anastasi meant when he said the terms up and also asked how long it had been since the three had been approved by the Council. Mr. Errichetti answered that the board has nine members who had staggered, 3-year terms – three members, he said, are before the Committee - two of whose terms had expired on June 30, 2016 and three other members whose terms will expire on June 30, 2017 have never gone before Miscellaneous Matters Committee, even though, he stated, the Library Board process had appointed people. Where the breakdown occurred, he said, had been discussed. The other three members, Mr. Errichetti stated, were Senator Baraka, himself and Ann Cunningham who make up the third class whose terms expire in 2018, saying that is why they wanted to bring forward those that are expiring immediately and those that have been serving but have never been appointed, the other three in that class, he said, had at one point come through Miscellaneous Matters and had been approved and they will continue to serve until re-appointed by the Library Board and then brought back to this Committee. President McCarthy said he understood the rationale, but, for clarity, he pointed out that there are enough Board members who have been approved in order to keep the Board running, and noted that, in the past three years, no one has been approved by the Council. Mr. Errichetti interjected that he had followed instructions such as getting finger-printed to come before this Committee, but he said that that he had never heard anything after that, and

that had been five or six years ago.

President McCarthy reflecting Council Member Feliciano's sentiments, stated that there is nobody, from the Council's point of view, who is current in their approvals and he stated that it seemed to him that all nine would have to go through the process. Attorney Anastasi disagreed with President McCarthy, citing Chapter 16 of the Charter which describes the Council's role.

Council Member Olson asked how they could get something done, suggesting that they interview the six and that they interview the other three before the second meeting of the City Council.

Council Member McBride-Lee stated that they do not have a Library Board because this Board is not legitimate until they come before the Council and are voted on. She continued that the Board members are smart people and she said it is difficult for her to believe they did not know they were not doing the right thing in not having come before this Committee since 2006. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said that there are other boards which need to be updated and that is why the Committee needs to do its due diligence, but it should give the courtesy to the folks present at the meeting, with the understanding of all the Committee's concerns. She stated she had presented appointees over the years to two Council presidents, Administrations and the City attorneys, and referred to the current back-and-forth situation, saying that, although she had done per part in process, she had not gotten any feedback.

President McCarthy provided a suggestion to go forward by giving the courtesy to the folks present at the meeting to introduce themselves and be asked questions, but he also suggested that all the appointments be tabled until all documents are received. adding that, based on his opinion, the nominees might have to come back again because of questions about the paperwork received. Attorney Anastasi remarked that if the taxes are up-to-date, there is nothing in the background check and a clean ethics report, he did not think, in that vein, they would want the person back. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia requested that the paperwork be provided to the co-chairs, possibly several days prior to the meeting. Co-Chair Salter, Sr. commented that his concern about the nominees having to be re-interviewed after the paperwork has been established because, lack of paperwork, is not fair to the nominees and it is not fair to the Committee. Council Member Brantley asked Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia if the Committee was going to set a date before the next Council meeting or if it was going to wait until the meeting the next month. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she needed to check with the City Clerk and would not know until the following day, stating that, hopefully, the Library Board and the City Administration can get themselves together so that the Committee can move forward at a quicker pace. She added that the communication with the Council needs to get better and in a more timely manner. Council Member Brantley commented that no mayor should be called out, since this happens in all administrations, and she referred to Lydia who can make re-appointments as well, saying that she has been on committees where they have had that done as in cases where Fleeta would get people on the committee so that business can be conducted. She said that she hoped that they all have learned from this experience which she said should never have happened, saying that they should no be pointing fingers at anybody, but just moving forward to get the Board going again.

Council Member Feliciano commented on what Co-Chair Salter, Sr. said, stating that she understands that the appointees are here and she thanked them for coming out to the Committee meeting, but she said she would feel more comfortable interviewing them with the paperwork in

front of her. She cited time constraints which may interfere with additional meetings and said she does not want to have anyone come back two and three time as had happened last December, since people's time is valuable. Council Member Feliciano stated that she would prefer interviewing nominees having received the paperwork ahead of the meeting. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said that many concerns had been voiced, that the appointees and re-appointees will come back, and that the library Board, the Administration with the City Attorney's Office will get the paperwork sooner rather than later, and they will have it by the next meeting. She concluded that the nominees can then be interviewed with all paperwork received by the Committee beforehand. Council Member Feliciano said she understood the process, that she was stating her own opinion and asked what the Committee wanted to do.

Council Member Olson moved to table all the appointee items until they have all the paperwork and Council Member Feliciano seconded, but Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked that the motion be rescinded as the City Attorney had some comments. Council Member Olson stated that the sense of the Committee should be followed and that a motion has been made and seconded, at which point President McCarthy interjected with a point of clarification. He noted that each item would have to be tabled separately and then they would have to go back and decide what they wanted about Ms. Roman-Christy.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 201-15, APPOINTMENT OF DONALD W. GREENBERG TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 202-15, APPOINTMENT OF KENYA OSBORNE-GRANT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 203-15, REAPPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY JAMES O'DONNELL TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 204-15, REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE WILLIAM HOLDEN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF PHYLICIA R. BROWN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia returned to the first motion which was to approve Ms. Roman-Christy and asked Council Member to make a motion to reconsider his first motion.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO RECONSIDER ITEM 200-15, APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** CO-CHAIR SALTER SR. SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 200-15, APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Feliciano wanted to comment to the appointees and re-appointees that it was nothing personal, but she wanted them to understand they always, on the Council, have to do the right thing. She said she appreciates that they are volunteering for the Board and the Committee looks forward to reading the paperwork, having discussions, and moving forward. Council Member Olson agreed with Council Member Feliciano's comments after which all the nominees left the meeting.

ITEM 126-15

RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RECONSTITUTION LIBRARY BOARD DIRECTORS (ADOPTED FOR DENIAL ON 10/3/2016)

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia introduced this item as one which was put back on full Committee at the last meeting, even though it was denied in Committee at the last Miscellaneous Matters meeting and voted on for denial at another Committee meeting. Attorney Anastasi distributed a copy of the resolution as made by the Office of the City Attorney and asked the members to take a minute to look at it, introducing it by saying that he did not think it was appropriate for the Committee to be debating something that is not property in front of them. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia replied that this was understood and that she had made mention of this, but was overruled, saying that the City Attorneys could handle this and discuss it further.

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Council Member Casco if he would like to speak to the Committee about why he had originally brought the issue of the reconstitution of the Library Board the Council to which Council Member Casco answered in the affirmative. He started by apologizing for the length of time the item remained in the Miscellaneous Committee, saying that he had been researching this issue. He continued that he has no affiliation with anybody regarding this issue, and said he is not looking to be part of the Board which, he stated, is reflective of some comments he has received. Council Member Casco stated that the reason he brought it to the Committee is because the Board has been working illegally for years, no financial reports or audits have been received from them, and questions about financial expenditures. He said he brought this up because he cares about the constituents, i.e. those people who are receiving services from the libraries, saying that they are the ones who are supposed to receive all that information also. Further clarifications about his intent, he stated,

are the facts that the Council has not received any appointees nor has it received any information about the plans and goals of the Library Board. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that Council Member Casco had put this through the Miscellaneous Matters Committee which had met on it several times, but then it was not on the agenda over the summer and then got put back on and has been on the agenda ever since. She said, however, that there had been no one at the meeting to present and that it had been the Committee's choice, not hers, not the City Attorney, not the Administration's to deny it at the last meeting and then bring it to full Council where it was denied and then it was changed last week at the previous Council meeting. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that it had been heard, it had been brought to Committee, but it had been tabled several times and the Committee thought to deny it. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia also referred to the legal opinion received by the Committee which stated that the Council has jurisdiction over the Library Board.

Attorney Anastasi stated that the present issue is whether this piece of business is properly in order, and referring to the legal opinion he just handed out, he stated that is not because it had not been properly submitted. He said that the Motion to Reconsider had not been properly passed by the Council because it had not appeared on their agenda and it was not added by a 2/3 vote prior to reconsideration. He said, therefore, the matter was not properly submitted and the Committee had nothing before them.

Council Member Martinez stated, in regard to Attorney Anastasi's comments, that the City Attorneys should be shamed because they were present at the Council meeting and should have taken a motion. She stated that, if that was the issue, it should have been addressed with the Council members prior to the Council taking a vote and should have stated that a motion needed to be made to add to the agenda, voted on, and then counted. Again, Council Member Martinez shamed the City Attorney for not pushing that as well, saying also that they push everything else on the floor when it is convenient, but now the Committee is before the Attorney and something is a problem. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia pointed out that, at the last Miscellaneous Matters meeting, she read into the record, a legal opinion from the City Attorney, and that Attorney Meyers had been present at that meeting. Attorney Anastasi stated that it was important to bear in mind that this is form over substance because he had submitted, as acknowledged by Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia, a written legal opinion before the Committee which stated that, except for the Council's role in appointing commissioners or nominees, they have no jurisdiction over the Library Board's operations. He said that it is not inappropriate to ask the questions posed by Council Member Casco, but the proper forum for that, he stated, had already been discussed at the meeting, and he suggested that the Committee have a dialogue with the Library Board, saying that he was sure they would be happy to have that dialogue. Attorney Anastasi also suggested having a dialogue with OPM and the Finance Department and any other internal City department, adding that this should not be adversarial and that the Library Board has been working very cooperatively with the current Administration. He stated that, in the past, this had not always been the case, but it is the case at present, and said that the Committee should take advantage of that dialogue to ask substantive questions and get concerns answered.

Council Member Feliciano stated that, at the last meeting of this Committee she had been late and may not have heard the legal opinion that had been read into the record, but she said that she had never received a legal opinion on this item. She took issue with being provided with a legal opinion at the meeting, instead ahead of time as in the case with receiving an agenda, saying that

it was not right, and again stating that she had not received a legal opinion on this item. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she had it was not on paper, but had been read it into the record, to which Council Member Feliciano replied, notwithstanding the fact that she had been late, that she had not received a legal opinion. She added that, if a member was not present at the meeting, does that mean they would not receive the legal opinion which had been handed out by Attorney Anastasi to the members who were present. Attorney Anastasi replied that the legal opinion would have been in the minutes to which Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that they, in fact, were because she had read them. Attorney Anastasi remarked that the current matter at issue was not what had been previously acted on, but was whether the Committee properly had anything in front of them on this item. He stated again that he thought Council Member Casco's issues should be addressed, but said that they ought not to be addressed through this particular item. He suggested that those issues be addressed through a cooperative dialogue with finance people from the City and Library Board members, noting again that the Board was willing to work cooperatively with the Council.

Council Member Feliciano stated to Attorney Anastasi that she understands that the relationship with the Library Board was a good one at the present time and she said that she is happy about that, but she pointed out that it is the Committee that has to make a decision on this. She posed a wanted to know what the Committee could do. Referring to the improperly submitted item and saying the item was not on the agenda because it had not been voted on correctly, she asked what the Committee could do and wanted to know if the item could be brought back for reconsideration or whether an item could be added onto the agenda. Attorney Anastasi answered in the negative, since the item has to be referred by the full Council and since this particular matter was now dead because the time to reconsider had expired at the October 17th meeting. Council Member Feliciano wanted to know why, if the item were dead, had it been put onto the agenda to which Attorney Anastasi answered that it had been passed by the full Council and had gotten onto the agenda. He stated that he had called the City Clerk earlier that day to find that she was not in, but said that, even if she had been in, she would not have had the authority not to print items. He encouraged the Committee to do the right thing which he said was to report back to the full Council that they had taken no action because the matter was not in front of them. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she had not approved this to go back on the agenda and had asked President McCarthy and Attorney Meyer about it who both said it was going back on the agenda. She stated that she did not approve this to back on the agenda because she said that had been the night she had made that comment, after the fact.

Council Member Feliciano asked President McCarthy how this gets fixed, since the item is currently dead and was not corrected at the full Council meeting when the City Attorneys were present, continuing that the Committee is now receiving a legal opinion that the item should not be on the agenda. Attorney Meyer came forward and rejected the notion that the attorneys had made a mistake when it was the voting that caused the problem. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said that was why she had asked for a legal opinion on whether this was a legitimate thing which could be voted on. Attorney Anastasi replied that everyone makes mistakes and that Council people also know that it takes a 2/3 vote to add something to the agenda, and referenced Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia and Council Member Olson who, right before this matter on the same agenda, both added items to the agenda and who both took a 2/3 vote to add them. He pointed out that this matter had slipped through in the course of business and said he is trying to correct it to which Council Member Feliciano said she is trying to correct something on the agenda. Co-

Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that Attorney Anastasi was not present at the last meeting and that there had been no legal representation at the last few Miscellaneous Matters meetings.

Council Member McBride-Lee wanted to comment about Attorney Anastasi's statement that the Board and the current Administration have a good relationship, saying that she was not so sure about that. She said that, if she sat in a Board meeting and heard some of the comments about the Mayor, such as, "Forget the Mayor. The Mayor has no jurisdiction over us and neither does the Council." Council Member McBride-Lee asked who the Board was listening to if they if the Mayor and Council have nothing to say to them, adding that the Board needs to have a relationship with the community – never mind with the Mayor and the Attorney's Office. She continued that she has heard Board members say negative and downright ridiculous things, saying that, if there is a good relationship, she does not see it, having been to Board meetings and having heard very negative remarks. She concluded with the statement that, if Council Member Casco had not brought up the issues, she would have brought them up herself, concluding that something needs to be done about the Board and accountability must be put in place.

President McCarthy expressed his respect for the City Attorneys, but he stated that it is the Council's expectation that, if the Council is doing something incorrectly, the City Attorneys will correct it to which Attorney Anastasi remarked that they will when they pick up on it. President McCarthy said he wanted to be very clear that the attorneys do not have to wait for nor should they wait for being asked a question, as the Council relies on the City Attorney's Office for advice when it is doing its business. He continued that the members are told over and over again that the attorneys are the both the Council's and the Mayor's representation, saying the Council appreciates and accepts that, but stated that, in return, there needs to be legal representation when the Council is doing things and, if a mistake is made, it is the obligation of the City Attorneys to do something about it. Attorney Anastasi agreed, saying he was not disputing that at all and said that the purpose of noting that no question had been asked was simply to say that, just like everyone else, the attorneys are human too and have difficulty hearing as do the Council members when there is a lot of business going on and a lot of people talking to different people. He continued that the attorneys did not pick up on every mistake any more that the Council did, saying that President McCarthy is the Council President and that he knows the process as did several people sitting in the room who knew the process also, and he referenced the previously-mentioned items which had been voted on at the full Council meeting with a 2/3 majority. He said that nobody picked up on it because mistakes get made in the course of business and, unfortunately, he said, this was one of those situations where form does control over substance, saying that, under the F.O.I., it is not before the Council.

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said that she has recommended that the City Attorney sit in the front, saying it would be the City Clerk and the Mayor or Council President and then the City Attorney in front and not sitting in the back. She continued that there are distractions in the back of the room which make it difficult to hear, and that she had requested this change for many years that the City Attorney should be up front with access to a microphone, but it has not been brought forward.

President McCarthy wanted to clarify that he did not think that the agenda item is legal and that he thought the Council can do this, but he stated that it does not mean the Council members who were behind this did not have the ability to discuss it and deal with it in this Committee. He

continued that he firmly believed that, even if it is not something that in the long run is legal to do, they could put it on the agenda, have the discussion, then vote on it. He affirmed his belief that these Council members deserved the opportunity to have the discussion. President McCarthy's suggestion regarding the resolution, in light of the legal technicality, was that it should be put on the agenda for the next meeting to be done again because there would not be a time constraint and it would serve the purpose of generating a discussion. He stated that he had supported the item coming back to the Committee, not because it was something legal that happened, but because he said it is always a good thing when the Council wants to have open discussion on the items, especially given that there are strong opinions on the Council about the Library Board. A discussion between Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia and President McCarthy followed about the missed timeline and bringing the item back to the Committee, with President McCarthy clarifying that, because the Council did not take the 2/3 vote, the timeline was missed and the item would have to come as a new item with a new item number.

Council Member Olson commented that, if the members did not agree with the City Attorney's opinion that this resolution was not possible for the Council to do, he stated that, in fact, they could do it and were doing it by approving or disapproving individual people on the Board. He remarked that that is where the Council's power is and that they can vote on each appointment as they see fit. He concluded that there was no point in trying to make alive a dead item and that they should just do it by approving the nominees.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 126-15, RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RECONSTITUTION LIBRARY BOARD DIRECTORS (ADOPTED FOR DENIAL ON 10/3/2016).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

No vote was taken because Council Member Feliciano stated she wanted to discuss the vote on the item, noting that, according to the legal opinion, the item was not supposed to be on the agenda. She asked if a motion could be made to deny the item and suggested that Council Member Casco make a new resolution.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO RESCIND ITEM 126-15, RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RECONSTITUTION LIBRARY BOARD DIRECTORS (ADOPTED FOR DENIAL ON 10/3/2016).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO DENY ITEM 126-15, RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RECONSTITUTION LIBRARY BOARD DIRECTORS (ADOPTED FOR DENIAL ON 10/3/2016).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 192-15
PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR LIEUTENANTS
IN THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT BE INCREASED FROM TWENTY
ONE (21) TO TWENTY TWO (22) POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked if there was anyone to speak on this item. Attorney Anastasi came forward and distributed a hand-out which he stated was a section of Chapter 206 of the Charter, and he said that the authority to increase the table of an organization does emanate from or start with the department head which was Chief Perez. He stated that the process involves the Civil Service Commission, and said that the Civil Service did not get the Chief's referral. Attorney Anastasi said that he had spoken to David Dunn and to the Chief earlier that day and they both agreed that this matter should be denied on the basis that it has not properly wound its way through the Civil Service Commission. He continued that, if the Chief wants to increase from 21 to 22, he would submit it to the Commission, the Personnel Director would do the review required by the Charter and, if it is approved, it would end up in front of the Council. Until that time, Attorney Anastasi said, it is not properly presented. He continued that the opinion is shared by the Labor Relations Director, the Civil Service Commission, the Personnel Director and the Chief who would eventually submit it.

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia read aloud from Chapter 206 of the Charter which was the hand-out distributed by Attorney Anastasi:

“Whenever the appointing authority of any department desires to establish a new permanent position in the classified service, the personnel director shall make or cause to be made an investigation of the need of such position and report his findings to the commission. If upon consideration of the facts the commission determines that the work of the department cannot be properly and effectively carried on without the position it shall classify and allocate the new position to the proper class after the position has been established by the city council.”

Council Member Eneida Martinez stated that, in January of 2010, Joseph Gaudett signed a letter to David Dunn to increase the number from 21 to 22. Apparently, said Council Member Martinez, the hold-up was that it had never made it to the Council. On September 16, 2016, Council Member Martinez stated that Chief A.J. Perez had submitted another letter with the approval to make the change from 21 to 22 and that it did go to David Dunn who did not have a rebuttal. Now, she said, here they were again, but the Chief was not there and David Dunn was not there, remarking that all they have is the information the City Attorney has given us. Council Member Martinez continued that they have documentation that the Chief had signed a letter on September 16 to increase from 21 to 22, stating that she, in fact, had the email. Attorney Anastasi stated that he was quite aware of that, saying that the Chief had not been aware that it had needed to go to Civil Service. Council Member Martinez said that it had gone to Civil Service to which Attorney Anastasi stated that the issue is moot because of the passage of time and that something from six years ago cannot be resurrected and brought in front of an entirely new Council. Council Member Martinez said that was fine and that she would just put in another resolution. Attorney Anastasi suggested that Council Member Martinez talk to the Chief if she wants to move forward with this, saying that, if the Chief is amenable to doing this, he can put it to the Civil Service Commission at the next meeting. Attorney Anastasi said he was assuming

that the Chief may be in favor of the matter, since he had submitted the letter. Council Member Martinez answered that the Chief had been in favor of it and had submitted the letter to the City Clerk's Office to which Attorney Anastasi remarked that he had submitted it to the wrong place because it had to go first to the Commission. He said that David agreed, the Chief agreed, and Labor Relations agreed. Council Member Martinez stated that it had been submitted to Civil Service Commission to which Attorney Anastasi remarked that it had been six years ago. Council Member Martinez stated that the Chief had re-drafted the letter on September 16, 2016, but Attorney Anastasi said that he had not submitted it to Civil Service first, adding that the Council's role was at the tail end of the process. Attorney Anastasi said that this had to be done legally, stating that, if there is one thing they know about the Police Department, it is very litigious and there are people who will challenge anything. Council Member Martinez said she would put it in again and she thanked Attorney Anastasi.

Council Member Olson wanted to know why it was so important that the Police Department go from 21 to 22 positions in the classified service. Council Member Martinez answered by saying that promotions had been stopped for certain individuals for certain purposes and that, in order for an individual who is currently on the list to be promoted, it has to move from 21 to 22. She continued that they have a mark, and when the mark is reached, the promotions are stopped, saying that is the reason it is important. Attorney Anastasi, with all due respect and saying he wanted this on the record, took issue with Council Member Martinez's statement, calling it speculation and said the record should reflect that this was not necessarily accurate. He stated that that is what Council Member Martinez believes, but that is impugning motives, saying that the real question is whether the department mans to the level it is presently manned, i.e. does the City want more lieutenants or does it want more patrolmen. Those are decisions, Attorney Anastasi pointed out, that are for the department head to make which is why he is the one to start the process and then it goes to the Commission which has to do a determination as to whether the work of the department cannot be done without that permission, adding that something from six or seven years ago is totally irrelevant at this point in time. Council Member Martinez then shamed the Council for voting on the budget for 22 lieutenants and having it on the budget, saying, therefore, that there should not have been a rebuttal to accept the 22 because it is already in the budget. She then asked what had happened to the extra monies for the 22 lieutenants. Council Member Martinez then referred to Attorney Anastasi's comment about wanting his statement reflected on the record, saying that everything said in the meeting should reflect the record, saying that the Council members have their opinions. Attorney Anastasi then replied to the question about the extra monies, stating that, as the Committee members all know, allocated money in the budget does not mandate that the money is spent on what it is allocated for.

Council Member Feliciano commented that, at the last meeting, she had asked three questions which wanted to have answered, saying she had put them in the minutes because she wanted to make sure that, during this meeting, the Council would get answers and continuing that she did not see any legal opinions nor answers to her questions. Referring to page 6, Council Member Feliciano read from the minutes and Attorney Anastasi interjected, saying that the first one had been answered, i.e. that it had to go through the proper channels. Council Member Feliciano continued with the second question about it having to go through the Budget Committee to which Attorney Anastasi answered in the affirmative, adding that he had already talked about whether money gets expended in the manner in which it was allocated. Pre-empting the third question on how the issue gets corrected, Attorney Anastasi answered that it would start with

whomever talks to the department head, the department head agrees and wants to do this because it his decision and he sends a letter to the Civil Service Commission which meets twice a month, and then it comes back to the Council. Not speaking for the Chief, Attorney Anastasi said there seemed to be some sense that the Chief still wanted to do this.

Attorney Anastasi commented that everyone is subject to making a mistake and, even though he stands in the meeting and “bloviates”, it does not mean he is perfect to which Council Member Feliciano replied to Attorney Anastasi that nothing in the meeting is ever personal and said she is not saying that the Council is perfect and that he is not, asking him not to take offense. She commented further, saying that, in the course of City business, the Committee wants to make sure that it is doing what is in the best interest of the people who voted the members into office, adding that one of the Council's main responsibilities is to make sure that it is handling City business correctly. Council Member Feliciano said, that when the members go out into the community, they are questioned, adding that she does want Attorney Anastasi to feel that she is badgering him. She continued with another question which related to when she had gone back and read the Civil Service minutes when this item had been voted and approved to increase from 21 to 22, she noted that it had not been referred to Council then, adding that this is why it had died to which Attorney Anastasi answered in the affirmative. She reiterated the steps which have to be taken to fix this, beginning with the new Chief sending this back to the Civil Service, and Attorney Anastasi interjected, explaining that, generally speaking, the Civil Service will do what the department had requested because they defer to the department head in terms of what is needed and allocating manpower. He raised the point again that what had happened six years ago with a vastly different department in terms of the chain-of-command structure, saying that the Chief's job in addition to fighting crime it to control over-time. He explained that one of ways of doing that is to determine where there are shortages of manpower, so that people are not being brought in for over-time, adding that the right balance of manpower is important.

For the record, Council Member Feliciano stated that, the next time this item is discussed, she wanted to make sure the Chief is present so that the Council can know whether he wants to proceed with the increase or not. She also wanted to know if the Chief could use the original letter which was submitted, but Attorney Anastasi said that there would have to be a new letter and reiterated the steps it would have to go through, saying that the Chief or his representative should certainly be present to affirm their stance on the issue. Council Member Feliciano thanked Attorney Anastasi for all the information he had provided.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO DENY ITEM 192-15, PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR LIEUTENANTS IN THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT BE INCREASED FROM TWENTY ONE (21) TO TWENTY TWO (22) POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 195-15

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDIND LITIGATION WITH SHERON BUCKNOR

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that, for this item, the Committee would go into Executive Session.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO THAT THE COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ITEM 195-15, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDIND LITIGATION WITH SHERON BUCKNOR.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee went into Executive Session at 7:55. The Committee resumed its regular session at 8:05.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 195-15, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDIND LITIGATION WITH SHERON BUCKNOR.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER, SR. SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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