

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Co-Chair; Council President Thomas McCarthy, Richard Bonney, Lydia Martinez

OTHERS: Council Member Susan Brannelly, David Kooris, OPED Director

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

140-11 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add new Chapter 2.123 Bridgeport Food Policy Council.

Council Member Paoletto informed the Committee members that this item has been through committee and had a public hearing. There were some typographical errors and the proposed Commission was reduced to a 9 member commission in order to be consistent with the other Committees and Commissions. Council Member Paoletto and Council Member Blunt appreciate everyone's hard work on this.

Council President McCarthy said that this was a job well done.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 140-11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 2.123 BRIDGEPORT FOOD POLICY COUNCIL BY SUBSTITUTION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

Council Member Martinez said that she was part of the originally committee and that it will benefit the residents.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

162-11 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinance, Chapter 15.08 Building Permit and Fees amend Section 15.08.010(A) Building permit and related fees - Renewable Energy Source Projects.

Mr. Kooris, the OPED Director came forward and distributed a revised version of a document with. He said that the ordinance was designed to request the renewable fuel cells be exempted from building permits and related fees. The fuel cells will be in a building and the inspectors

will be responsible for inspecting the building for code violations, but the actual fuel cells will be exempt. This is enabled under State statutes. He said that some language to clarify the issue had been added. Footings, pipes and wiring are still subject to permitting fees, but the machinery would not be. Council Member Martinez asked what would be covered by the exemption. Mr. Kooris said that it could be a solar panel, a windmill, a fuel cell or something similar. It is an incentive for clean power. This is consistent with other States that have decided to promote green energy.

Council Member Bonney asked what kinds of regulation would be in place if there was a problem with a panel. Mr. Kooris said that the City's concerns would be focused on items such as the bracket for a solar panel to insure that it was safe and wouldn't fall off a building. There would not be a public concern about the actual solar panel itself. Mr. Kooris said that if it was determined that the solar panels were detrimental; there would be an additional regulations.

Council Member Martinez asked if enough study has been done to insure that this was a positive thing for Bridgeport and would be safe. Mr. Kooris said this only covers Class One renewables, which is defined by the State. Anything else would not be considered.

Council Member Brannelly asked why the City needed a statute. Mr. Kooris said that this was an enabling statute. He said that the clarification was to insure that the building inspectors were doing what they needed to do. The City

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO MARK THE UPDATED REVISION AS EXHIBIT 162-11-A.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 162-11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 15.08 BUILDING PERMIT AND FEES AMEND SECTION 15.08.010(A) BUILDING PERMIT AND RELATED FEES - RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE PROJECTS AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING ON AGENDA ITEM 162-11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 15.08 BUILDING PERMIT AND FEES AMEND SECTION 15.08.010(A) BUILDING PERMIT AND RELATED FEES - RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE PROJECTS BEFORE THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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