

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Baker, Bonney, Crowe, Curwen, Brantley (arrived at 6:16 p.m.)

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council President McCarthy

OTHER(s) PRESENT: Michelle Mount, Mayor's Office;
Bill Cosgrove, Deputy Fire Marshal

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

09-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code, addition to Title 8, Health and Safety.

Bill Cosgrove, Deputy Fire Marshal stated that a proposal was submitted 1 ½ years go. The purpose of the proposal was to create an ordinance to keep fires away from multi-family balconies. The ordinance will be all encompassing for all heating type devices that can be used or kindled on any hangover for any 10 foot building.

Council member Paoletto asked if he was talking about the second and third floors of condominiums and homes. Mr. Cosgrove said that was correct.

Council member Bonney asked if the ordinance would also apply to regular homes. Mr. Cosgrove clarified it would apply to 3-family homes and above.

Council president McCarthy asked if this was the same ordinance that was submitted last year. Council member Paoletto said yes, but the ordinance died.

Council president McCarthy explained that the condominium leadership people protested the ordinance, because they didn't think it was rational. He recalled that he thought the ordinance was the result of a fire that occurred in the north end. Mr. Cosgrove said the ordinance wasn't being proposed due to any specific incident, but it was being recommended as a safety precaution all over.

Council president McCarthy recalled that they tried to organize a session with condominium leaders to get their input, but they were never able to get it together.

Council member Paoletto stated that he hadn't received any calls regarding the issue. Council member Baker concurred.

Mr. Cosgrove explained that they could get to most of the grills one-by-one, such as the electrical, charcoal grills etc., but the problem was that there isn't enough manpower to address the matter one-by-one. He repeated that they received a lot of complaints from condominium residents to handle the matter, but the time and manpower to do that is difficult.

Council member Crowe asked what type of penalties would be enforced for not complying. Mr. Cosgrove said it would be the general penalty of \$99.00 per day, per fine. He also noted not complying might result in a court matter.

Council president McCarthy stated he wasn't against the ordinance, but he requested that if it was passed, some sort of outreach should be done to the condominium leadership to make the arrangements.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE

** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON
MARCH 4, 2008

** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

23-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code, add new Chapter 13.10 The City of Bridgeport Energy Improvement District and Energy Improvement District Board.

Council member Paoletto stated that the person scheduled to address the committee was unable to attend the meeting, so Michelle Mount of the Mayor's Office was present to address the committee.

Michelle Mount yielded to Council president McCarthy to introduce the topic.

Council member McCarthy stated that he was one of the co-sponsors of the resolution. He explained this was a new option offered to the municipality during the last session. It's part of an initiative to try to create new inventive ways to "Go Green" and to be more environmentally friendly and lower energy costs.

Michelle Mount further explained the idea was to create what's called an **energy improvement district** in the entire city, but that doesn't include residential properties. It includes commercial and municipal properties. The resolution outlines that they will get power from the district and fund the power source, i.e., through fuel cells, propane and natural gas. The process is similar to a

generator as a power source that can be hooked up to serve businesses and hospitals. For instance, if they implemented it at city hall, it would require taking up two parking spaces to generate. He looked at it as being their own utility, but they would stay on the grid to recapture the heat that is turned into electricity and put back into the grid, thus, this reduces energy costs, congestion and peak demand of the grid. So that's how the energy savings would occur.

Ms. Mount continued and said the districts are funded by revenue bonds and generation. The portion that opts into the district pays for the cost of the energy bonds that are approved by the mayor and the city council. The idea is to provide cheaper more reliable energy. She further explained this would also help during brown outs and black outs, because they will now have a power source. Again, the method allows them to recapture heat and put it back into the grid.

Council president McCarthy said it would be completely voluntary, but by having the district created, this opens up the city (or district) to federal grants and incentives. And it also allows all sorts of "green" money into the city to improve buildings and still helps the environment.

Council member Baker expressed that he understood the whole district concept, noting that it has done well in the City of Norwalk. However, he asked if it had to be the city to establish the district to receive the grants. Ms. Mount explained the way the legislature was crafted was that there had to be an energy improvement board that is set up under staggered terms. But it's consisted of volunteer persons that are appointed by the mayor and city council, who have certain powers to guarantee district funds, charge fees etc., but they are tax exempt. And if the board makes money they can pay a PILOT.

Council member Baker said that since this would only be for businesses and non-profits, he asked who would establish the board. Ms. Mount said it would be the same process as they chose a board for the city; the matter would go through the city council and ethics commission. So it will be the normal process as other committee selection. But the way the board is formed is up to the municipality.

Ms. Mount added when they are eligible for federal grant money, since they recently passed a \$30 billion block grant as an energy initiative, this will make the city eligible for funds. But there are also incentives for private businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and they can apply for any type of grant that is available. She mentioned that Connecticut was the first state that passed the legislature, but other larger cities are on board and waiting for state legislative approval.

Council member Curwen stated that his first point was that fuel cells don't generate taxes, so he would like something written into the ordinance, wherein, if the district is located in Bridgeport, they should pay taxes to Bridgeport. Ms. Mount said the legislation reads that they are tax exempt, but they can do a PILOT payment, however, there is no leeway to change the legislation.

Council member Curwen stated there have been various creations of boards through the years, and the problem in establishing them, is that he wasn't sure they wouldn't be creating an entity that can be controlled in the future. Ms. Mount stated that the legislature required the city to have a

board; so once a district is created, you have a board and the board is an entity unto themselves. But once again, they are appointed by the mayor and city council. Council member Curwen responded that a couple of boards have been established in the past, but they are now defunct. So he had a question whether or not the city council should control the board.

Ms. Mount clarified the transmission fee of the utility bill by the business customer, pays for the revenue bond. Council member Paoletto read the language pertaining to the board having the power to issue and receive funds. Ms. Mount referred to the last page of the document to clarify what that meant.

Council president McCarthy asked if the district or municipality was responsible. Ms. Mount said the municipality was not responsible. Council member Curwen said if that was true; it wasn't outlined in the information.

Ms. Mount referred to more information pertaining to bonding. She noted that the idea was to accomplish this with private monies. Council president McCarthy suggested removing the bonding language altogether. Ms. Mount said she thought it could be rewritten, although there were certain things required by the legislation. She thought the language was left vague so it could be geared towards a municipality's needs.

Council member Crowe asked if they had any statistics of other municipalities that are up and running. Council member Paoletto said that Stamford and Ansonia already adopted the district and it's pending in other towns in Connecticut in Wethersfield, Oxford, Manchester, Watertown and Berlin.

Council member Crowe asked if there were any statistics on the success ratio. Ms. Mount said that Stamford just passed the legislation in November, so there weren't any statistics available yet. She reminded them that this program was completely voluntary.

Ms. Mount stated that she could research more information to answer their questions. She noted that she did have an analysis for review.

Council member Curwen stated that he liked the idea, but by establishing the district, he questioned if it limited the city to be controlled by legislative law they weren't aware of. He further mentioned that sometimes when they create an entity, you end up creating a district that local legislatures can't control. Ms. Mount said the key was that it's all voluntary as far as the businesses and nothing mandates participation. The city has no policy that they must participate. Council member Curwen said that information wasn't spelled out though.

Council member Paoletto questioned if the district was created and there wasn't any business interest, then what would happen. Ms. Mount replied then it would be a case of no harm, no foul and they wouldn't purchase any equipment. She explained that the ordinance only enables the creation of the district, but if there isn't any interest to participate, then obviously, there is no point

in the creation of it. She said she didn't perceive the matter as one that could be manipulated, because once again, it's not mandatory.

Council member Paoletto questioned that because the board will have the right to bond, will they also have the option to shut the district down after for any reason. Council president McCarthy said that was correct, it can be structured to use all the private money. He further commented that it would be better to get more protection for the bonding.

Council member Paoletto read some information pertaining to the dissolution of the district. He questioned exactly what the language meant and noted that they needed more clarification on that.

Council member Baker also thought it was a great idea overall, but he said he still had a lot of questions, such as how the district could be dissolved if necessary.

** **COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE**

Council member Paoletto said if the matter was tabled, specific information should be requested for feedback. He asked the committee members if they all wanted **House Bill 7431 and 7432** included in the additional information. It was agreed that they would request those bills. Ms. Mount added that she would also attach copies of the entire research to the additional information. Council member Paoletto asked that the information be submitted before March 3, prior to the next city council meeting.

Ms. Mount suggested that perhaps holding a special meeting to hear the originator of the energy improvement district might be a good idea. Council member Paoletto commented that what happens with a special meeting is that scheduling one adds urgency to the matter, but he didn't see any reason to rush the matter. Ms. Mount said it wasn't a matter of rushing the issue, her purpose would be to have the originator attend, so they could get the best possible information and to hear someone with credibility on the matter. Council member Paoletto noted the next scheduled meeting would be on March 25, 2008.

Ms. Mount said they established an ordinance that will give the ability to create a district. Council member Curwen read the list of purpose for the ordinance. He said he wasn't comfortable with the impacts outlined without further explanation. Council member Paoletto agreed that they should probably have someone attend the meeting to answer their questions.

Council member Curwen also questioned what the rules were governing the district. Ms. Mount said they could be geared to the city's needs and through the creation of the board that can be tailored as they wish, within the guidelines of the state legislature.

Council member McCarthy said he would like a legal opinion from the city attorney. Council member Paoletto agreed that they should have the bonding issue and the entire ordinance reviewed by the city attorney. He added he would also like a copy of Ansonia and Stamford information to gauge how well the district has done in those towns.

Council president McCarthy specified that they should request a legal opinion from the city attorney's office, as to what the state legislation allows them (the city) to do.

Ms. Mount said she could also amend the ordinance to make it more specific as an option.

Council member Paoletto clarified the following information should be researched and submitted:

- House Bill 7432 and 7431
- A copy of the research information from the department regarding energy improvement districts
- Copies of Ansonia and Stamford ordinances
- A legal opinion from the city attorney's office, as to what the state legislation allows them (the city) to do.
- Specifics about the regulation of the board i.e., what they can and can't do as a board

**Council member Curwen commented that he thought control could be enforced by assuring that at least a couple of city council members are appointed to the board.*

Council member Brantley left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Martinez, Curwen, Baker

ABSENT: Council members: Brantley, Bonney, Crowe

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

09-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Amend Chapter 8.28 Fire Prevention Regulations, add new Section 8.28.220 – Use of Cooking/Heating Devices Prohibited

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor

- Bruce Collins, the Bridgeport Fire Marshal said the fire department was in support of the new ordinance as proposed.

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against

Hearing none,

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUINCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto; Co-chair, Baker; Co-chair, Crowe, McCarthy (*sat in to make a quorum*), *Brantley, *Bonney, *Martinez

* = arrived late

ABSENT: Council members: Curwen

OTHER(s): Associate City Attorney Melanie Howlett, City Attorney Mark Anastasi, Council member Blunt

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

March 3, 2008

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

23-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code, add new Chapter 13.10 The City of Bridgeport Energy Improvement District and Energy Improvement District Board.

Council President McCarthy updated that at the last meeting there were a lot questions regarding this item. It was noted that Gary Hale and Michael Scorrano were present to address the item.

Gary Hale stated he was a lawyer and a lobbyist for the Corado Energy firm. He recalled that six years ago, the state senate was headed to encourage enabling legislation to create an Energy Improvement District. This consisted of trying to enable businesses and city facilities to ban together through tax free revenue financing to develop clean local energy in cities and organize with other facilities to take advantage of low cost clean energy to help the following:

- Environment
- Reduce dependence on foreign sources of energy
- Empower communities to take control of energy resources

He further noted there were other towns moving forward to give the program a chance to accomplish goals without any financial risk to the community and do their best as citizens to

promote a friendlier environment. He went on to say that the legislation passed overwhelmingly in the senate and bi-partisan parties.

Council member Paoletto recalled there were questions from Council member Curwen regarding the bonding issue. One of his questions was if the issue will fall back on the city in regard to being forced upon the people and if there is any cost related to the city. Mr. Scorrano stated that they worked hard with lawyers in the legislature and the program is optional. For example, if they create an Energy Improvement District, if there are say forty (40) energy districts, any business that participates is entirely voluntary to the community and businesses with geographical boundaries of the district.

Council member Paoletto asked what would happen if they signed up initially and then decided against it. Mr. Scorrano said they would then have 30-days to withdraw.

Council President McCarthy stated that Michelle sent the packet of information to all the committee members regarding the item.

Attorney Howlett stated that she read the entire legislative history and she agreed with Mr. Scorrano on the details.

Mr. Scorrano spoke about the bonding issue. He explained that for the city, the legislation in place makes it optional. He clarified that he wasn't before the committee to ask for a penny to be bonded and whatever parties chose to participate is to pledge the following:

- Distribution – to allow wire poles from the building
- Transmission – to allow larger wires that carry energy from wherever it's generated

For example, if someone owns a manufacturing company and they chose to participate to reduce costs, that person would be urged to participate. But again, there is no interest in asking the city to bond anything.

Council member Baker asked where the generator would be located. Mr. Scorrano said that information wasn't known yet, but the size would depend on those interested in the Energy Improvement District. For instance, if they had 8 to 10 megawatts, the company would match the size of the generation needed, but the location will be up to the city, and whatever proposal that is made goes before the citing council. In terms of size, for small facilities, where there will be a fuel cell or small reciprocating energy or a small unit that can be placed in the building. He further noted it would be much cleaner and produces less fuel emission. They will do an initial assessment to determine what makes sense for the size of the facility. Overall, it will entail disbursed size of generation.

Council member Baker asked once it's approved to create the district, would the matter then be out of the city council's hands. Attorney Howlett explained that the board would be selected by the Mayor and ratified by the city council; then an RFP will go out and any contract signed by the board comes back to the city council.

Council member Baker asked who would set the duties of the board. Attorney Howlett said the board itself would do that, that's why they need to be extremely careful about who is nominated and selected.

Council member Brantley asked what type of people should be appointed to the board, i.e., should they be constituents, engineers etc. Attorney Howlett said there were standards to follow. She stressed that utility and transmission of energy was highly regulated, so only those with high credentials would be selected.

Mr. Scorrano used the Town of Ansonia as an example. He stated that a five member board was selected and appointed by the Mayor. The board members consisted of those with utilizes experience, two business persons and a person with education background.

Attorney Howlett reiterated that there were high standards to follow in the selection of the board. She further mentioned Mayor Finch's experience in the senate regarding this matter.

Council member Brantley expressed that since this was a new project to the city, she didn't want to see the same people appointed to the board.

Council member Paoletto recalled that some of the information previously requested hadn't been received. Attorney Howe stated that she thought Michelle forwarded the packet of information and sent it to all the committee members. *It was noted that some of the committee members didn't receive the information.*

Council member Baker stated that in view of the new board being created, he wanted to assure that if it was approved, it will be something they can live with. Attorney Howlett suggested that they specify the criterion for the board members who will serve. For instance, the people selected should be those legal/attorney experience; engineering experience and business persons. She thought persons with these backgrounds would give some comfort level to the city council. Council members Baker and Paoletto agreed this was a good suggestion.

Council member Baker suggested tabling this item so that all the information could be absorbed and reviewed.

Council member Paoletto expressed that some information shouldn't be e-mailed to the council members. Attorney Howlett suggested that she gather all the information required and submit it to Ann Murray/Assistant City Clerk who will have it available to submit prior to the next meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING ALL THE PERTINENT INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE FROM ATTORNEY HOWLETT AS TO HOW TO PROCEED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

43-07 Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, request to repeal Section 12.08.030 – Restrictions as to driveways.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO WITHDRAW ITEM 43-07**

*Attorney Howlett suggested that the withdrawal be submitted in writing to the Assistant City Clerk

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

55-07 Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, amend Section 5.16.010 Barber shop/beauty salon – License Fee.

** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO WITHDRAW ITEM 55-07
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

56-07 Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, amend Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulations, amend to add new Chapter Annual Place of Assembly Permit Fee.

** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LEGAL OPINION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Howlett updated that they needed to assure there was nothing to conflict with the current court order to the city. Attorney Anastasi said the item could be approved subject to Attorney Barbara Massaro's response.

Council member Paoletto recalled there was a motion to table the item due to other parties being interested in the item and to wait for the legal opinion.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** THERE WAS A TIE VOTE WITH TWO VOTES IN FAVOR TO TABLE AND TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION TO TABLE (COUNCIL MEMBERS BAKER and BRANTLEY)

**It was noted that Co-chair Paoletto voted to break the tie vote.*

** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR TO TABLE AND TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION TO TABLE (COUNCIL MEMBERS BAKER and BRANTLEY)

Attorney Howlett gave out her contact information for members of the public that were present tonight, to call her if they had any questions. (203) 576-7647.

- Council member Martinez also gave out his contact information for members of the public to call with questions.

58-07(a) Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, Chapter 5.12 Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists, amend Section 5.12.210 Issuance of permit - Fee.

Attorney Howlett stated there was a change in increasing the permit fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

Council member Paoletto asked if the fee was on the books currently as \$50.00 and they were now increasing it to \$100.00. Attorney Howlett said that was correct. She further explained that the permit fee has to be linked to someone getting the permit; she commented that she thought \$100.00 was reasonable.

Council member Blunt asked if the \$50.00 was previously collected by the police department and it was now coming under the jurisdiction of the health department. Attorney Howlett said that could be done. Council member Paoletto interjected to say that Mr. Blunt was the Supervisor of Environmental Health and his department currently doesn't inspect these establishments, only the police do. So now they were proposing that establishments be inspected annually. Mr. Blunt

acknowledged this was correct and that the purpose would be to inspect for water issues, cleanliness etc.

Council member Paoletto asked if there were any other functions that the police department works with the health department in conjunction with. Mr. Blunt said they work together on some issues, but he thought they could work together on this matter if requested. Council member Paoletto said then the matter would need more attention, in terms of reworking the language in the ordinance.

Council member Baker asked about justifying the increase. Attorney Howlett said the permit fees have to be connected to the processing of the paperwork.

Council member Baker asked the reason for the increase. Council member Martinez said he recommended a different amount, but he found out they raised the fee last year unofficially.

Council member Paoletto stated that Attorney Howlett would work with Mr. Blunt on the language.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REWORDING THE LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ATTORNEY HOWLETT and COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Crowe asked the types of massage establishments they were talking about. Council member Blunt said the matter pertained to spas with saunas. Council member Crowe added that it could also mean those spas that practiced unsavory practices.

58-07(b) Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, amend Chapter 5.16 Barber Shops and Beauty Salons, amend Section 5.16.010 Barber shops/beauty salon – License fee.

Attorney Howlett stated the fee met Mr. Blunt's approval and they were increasing the license from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Council member Paoletto asked if these establishments were currently being charged a fee. Mr. Blunt said the hair braiders weren't charged a fee. Attorney Howlett said that was why they were increasing the fee, especially due to the length of time required for hair braiding.

Council member Paoletto suggested that Attorney Howlett and Mr. Blunt clarify the fee agreed upon. Attorney Howlett said the establishments were currently paying \$100.00. Mr. Blunt said he thought the fee was going from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Council member Martinez clarified what his original recommendation was for charging a fee. Council member Paoletto read the 2nd paragraph of the ordinance to clarify under what circumstances the fee increases.

Attorney Howlett clarified that the ordinance was applied to capture several salons that only braid hair, because currently they aren't under any jurisdiction to monitor certain aspects of the operation.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED**

**** MOTIN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*** Consent calendar**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL METING ON APRIL 7, 2008**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**
**** MOTIN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

58-07(c) Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, amend to add new Chapter 5.14 – Tattoo Establishments and Tattoo Artists.

Attorney Howlett explained that they tried to license and oversee tattoo artists and establishments for anyone placing ink on the human skin. She pointed out that this matter wasn't covered in the ordinance at all. Council member Paoletto said he didn't think the city had the right to monitor this when the state hasn't even done it yet. He clarified that he was in favor of going after the shop, but not the individual person.

Attorney Anastasi said when the state regulates an activity, they generally pre-empt that enforcement, but when the charging of fees is not a revenue generator, it's to cover the concern about health and safety.

Attorney Howlett stated that she was comfortable with adding the language to include individuals to the ordinance.

Council member Paoletto questioned what could be done about the nail salons. He emphasized there were many more cases of illness and infections associated with nail salons than tattoo parlors. Mr. Blunt said that nail salons don't have to be licensed by the state. Council member Paoletto questioned why they were then enforcing the ordinance for tattoo parlors. Mr. Blunt said he was recommending that a doctor be available at the tattoo parlor to oversee the act as a safety issue.

There was some open discussion between Council member Paoletto and Mr. Blunt regarding the fairness of applying the ordinance to tattoo parlors.

Council member Paoletto read the language pertaining to tattoo establishments.

Attorney Anastasi stated that the language has to pertain to and address reasonable health and safety issues.

Council member Paoletto suggested that that item be tabled to review the matter closer and to include body piercing also.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE LANGUAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Baker, Martinez, Crowe, McCarthy (*sat in to make a quorum*)

ABSENT: Council members: Paoletto, Brantley, Curwen, Bonney

Council member Baker called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

**Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Amend Chapter 5.16 Barber Shops and Beauty Salons, amend Section 5.16.010 – Barber shop/beauty salon - License fee.
(Item # 58-07 (b))**

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor
The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against
Hearing none, the public hearing was closed

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

The public hearing closed at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Curwen, Crowe, Brantley,
McCarthy (*sat in to make a quorum*)

OTHERS: Associate City Attorney Melanie Howlett

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

23-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code, add new Chapter 13.10 The City of Bridgeport Energy Improvement District and Energy Improvement District Board.

Council member Paoletto distributed the full document copy outlining information about this item. He noted that Michelle Mount would be late to the meeting, so Council member McCarthy would address and the matter and give an update.

Council member McCarthy said they discussed the item at length and they needed the proper information, and thorough information was provided. He thought the ordinance would be a good thing for the city, because it will create an opportunity to have an Energy Improvement District. So he thought the ordinance should be supported to allow the city to be "cleaner and greener".

Council member Curwen asked about the 4-pgage document of the actual resolution that was reviewed at an earlier meeting. Council member Paoletto located the document in the city clerk's book.

Council member Curwen stated his concern was getting clarification about bonding, as it read in the court documents, there was an issue about obligation, regarding the bonds. The matter was in regard to having it come through legislature for bonding. And also being exempt from liability and municipality bonding funded through the municipality and exempt from the bonding debt. So there was a question that if legislation was exempt, then why not the municipality.

Council member McCarthy reviewed and read the language in the document on **page 2, the first sentence regarding indebtedness to the city and guaranteed by the city**; so the city will have to say the bonds are city bonds, otherwise, they are guaranteed by the Energy District. So he thought with that language included, the city would be covered. However, he suggested adding additional language to specify that.

The following language was added to the original resolution:

WHEREBY, ANY BONDING BY THE BOARD WILL REQUIRE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE FULL CITY COUNCIL

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO AMEND
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Attorney Howlett reviewed the qualifications for forming the Energy Improvement District Board. She relayed that the requirements would be 3 out of 5 voting members at all times. – *as outlined in her legal opinion to read:*

Qualifications of Board Members

Not more than three (3) of the members shall be from the same political party. To insure that the members of the Board have the highest knowledge of energy use and conservation, at three (3) of the members shall have education or training and three or more years of experience in one or more of the following fields:

Economics, engineering, law, accounting, finance, utility regulation, public or government administration, consumer advocacy, business management, and environmental management. At least three (3) of these fields shall be represented on the Board by individual members at all times.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO AMEND
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that **Subsection 13.10.030** was amended and will be added to the bottom of the document.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that Council members: Curwen, Brantley, Crowe, Paoletto should be added as co-sponsors in addition to Council member McCarthy.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

58-07(a) Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, Chapter 5.12 Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists, amend Section 5.12.210 Issuance of permit - Fee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

58-07(c) Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, amend to add new Chapter 5.14 – Tattoo Establishments and Tattoo Artists.

Council member Paoletto updated that this item probably would have passed at a previous meeting, but it was tabled, due to some questions Council member Blunt had. His questions have been answered and he felt good about approving it.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Baker, Crowe, Paoletto, McCarthy

ABSENT: Council members: Brantley, Curwen, Bonney

Council member Baker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

- 1) Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Add new Chapter 13.10 City of Bridgeport Energy Improvement District and Energy Improvement District Board. (Item # 23-07)

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor
The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against
Hearing none, the public hearing was closed

- 2) Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Add new Chapter 5.14 – Tattoo Establishments and Tattoo Artists. (Item # 58-07 (c))

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor
The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against
Hearing none, the public hearing was closed

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY**

The public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Baker, Crowe, Curwen
Council President McCarthy

OTHER(s): City Attorney Anastasi, Associate City Attorney Howlett

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes April 22, 2008; Public Hearing May 5, 2008
** **COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

56-07 Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, amend Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulations, amend to add new Chapter Annual Place of Assembly Permit Fee.

Attorney Howlett stated that she informed this resolution would be withdrawn, so she didn't prepare a legal opinion. Council member Paoletto updated that Council member Martinez would officially withdraw the resolution at the next scheduled meeting.

There was a suggestion by a concerned party that was present that the item be denied, so it doesn't resurface again in the future. Council member McCarthy felt they should wait until the maker of the resolution officially withdrew the item.

** **COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION
(COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN)**

58-07(a) Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, Chapter 5.12 Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists, amend Section 5.12.210 Issuance of permit - Fee.

Council member Paoletto updated that Council member Blunt spoke on this matter at the last meeting and since then, he indicated that he was okay with the resolution proposed.

Council member Crowe asked what the issue was with the ordinance. Council member Paoletto said there were language issues between the city attorney and the Office of Environmental Health, but as previously mentioned, Council member Blunt said he was now okay with it.

Council member Paoletto asked for an update from Attorney Anastasi about the discussion he had with Council member Blunt and Attorney Howlett in relation to the language changes. Attorney Anastasi said that Attorney Howlett would have that information.

-The following discussion was continued later in the meeting -

Attorney Howlett updated on the item. She stated that Council member Blunt wanted to charge a fee for the work that the health department conducts. She noted that previously, the fees only went to the police department, so the ordinance was modified, and now there will be two health certificates issues to both the health department and the police department. She clarified that it was not an inspection fee; it's the cost of processing the paperwork and low enough to allow the inspection.

Council member McCarthy asked if the fee would be \$100.00 each to the police department and the health department. He further questioned the \$250.00 cost. Attorney Howlett said it was for the application and permit fee.

Attorney Howlett explained that the police department was receiving the \$100.00 application fee and the \$250.00 permit fee. She clarified that both the application fee and permit fee now be collected by both departments.

Council member Crowe asked how often inspections would be conducted. Council member Paoletto read the language that there shall be no less than twice per year.

Council member Curwen asked the number of massage parlors there were in the city. Attorney Howlett said she wasn't sure. An additional response was that Council member Blunt estimated there were twenty (20) massage parlors in the city.

Council member Crowe stated that his district had far too many massage parlors. He stressed that the ordinance would enable them to be enforced more effectively according to the law. Attorney Anastasi stated that there would now be two agencies in place to enforce, however, any other violation of the standards should be cause for contacting the police.

Attorney Howlett noted that the fees to the police department were already in effect.

Council member Paoletto stated that the issue was that there were illegal activities going on in some of the massage parlors. He agreed that this type of activity should be discussed with Police Chief Norwood.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Associate Attorney Howlett amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office***

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR
TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

91-07 Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, Resolution to terminate the Role of Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Board of Directors.

Council member Paoletto asked Council member Curwen to address this item.

Council member Curwen stated there were fourteen council members who signed on to the resolution and they were eager to review the city attorney's opinion. He relayed that he did some research himself (*he distributed some documentation pertaining to the matter and the committee members took a few minutes to review and the legal opinion*).

Attorney Anastasi said that this matter wasn't taken lightly. He explained that when they created the board, it was done as a result of enforcement issues taken by the DEP. He further elaborated about the history dating back to the 1980's and when concerns were expressed, they were charged with enforcing the permits to Long Island Sound. And per Mayor Bucci's consent decree, he committed to doing a staffing plan and management study that was picked up. In 1974, the matter was out of litigation and a study was done by Cooper & Lybrand. He also noted that the policy rationale was to have a separate funding source and maintain autonomy - *outlined in his legal opinion*. He went on to say the reason was that the DEP wanted to assure they were adequately staffed, but absent the consent decrees and history, he stressed that the independent authority was done to conduct a management study, that recommended an independent board other than the city council - *the New Haven model was mentioned as a point to consider in this matter*.

Council member Baker asked who the quasi board members would consist of. Attorney Anastasi said it could consist of a nine member board of, city staff, financial director, public facilities director, city engineer and five members appointed by the administration.

Council member Baker mentioned the suggestion to table the matter to allow further research. Attorney Anastasi said he could present the supporting documentation, but the information about Cooper & Lybrand was provided by the DEP and accepted on good faith. That was the report that was sent to the DEP to conduct an independent study.

Attorney Anastasi said that short of the recommended modifications to the ordinance, he recommended going back to the DEP for more information. Furthermore, he said there was the question whether the independent board should be replaced with something else, and if that is done, they need to satisfy the DEP and the environmental board, so if the committee was insistent on the change, he strongly suggested no action taken until the DEP was contacted.

Council member Curwen said he appreciated Attorney Anastasi's legal opinion. He requested a copy of the Cooper & Lybrand report to gain additional information. Council member Crowe concurred with that request.

Council member Curwen said he didn't feel they would come to a conclusion today regarding the matter, at least until due diligence was done. He reiterated that the city council was given a task during the budget sessions to think outside the box. This came from outcries of the public who had concerns about the rate changes etc. Overall, he thought the system did need to be looked at and possibly restructured to address the matter effectively.

Council member Curwen mentioned that there were \$64 million of open checking account approvals on projects that were never rendered. So he questioned if that matter has been sitting since the 1980's, then what else might be sitting. Overall, he said he didn't have a problem tabling the item, but he stressed that the matter will be brought up again. He repeated that he would like a copy of the Cooper & Lybrand report.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO TABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE COOPER & LYBRAND REPORT and ANY OTHER CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTATION**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED**

City Attorney Anastasi also stated he would submit copies of the consent decrees.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

92-07 Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code, Resolution to Dissolve the Bridgeport Port Authority.

Council member Curwen reiterated what he previously mentioned, that in deliberations during the budget sessions, there was some discussion to look at the WPCA matter. He explained that the exception was that according to the CT General Statute, there was a lot more flexibility. He stated that the Port Authority has not lived up to the original inception and they have not lived up to the charge of overseeing the harbor or ports effectively. He said a question did arise about dissolving the Port Authority and he urged the Mayor to look at the matter to bring some tax relief to the City of Bridgeport and rebuild revenue.

Attorney Anastasi said he didn't have a legal opinion yet.

Council member Paoletto referred to a letter from the State of CT Department of Economic and Community Development. He urged the committee members to read the letter thoroughly.

Attorney Anastasi repeated that his legal opinion wasn't done yet. He said if it was done, it would have been premature, because there was a mix of business and legal issues to research before taking the steps to address the dissolving the Port Authority. He said there was also the matter of repayment and forfeiture of the bond funds and the matter of port security as well. He emphasized there was also the matter of looking at the issue, to determine what they need to consider in a long-term business and financial sense. He noted that the Mayor was looking at the issue closely.

Mr. Wood recalled that a letter from Congressman Shays's office was submitted and the matter is being taken under serious consideration by the Mayor and other parties. He noted that Council member Curwen would be involved in the working group sessions to make recommendations.

Council member Curwen stated that he had a conversation with the Mayor and Mr. Wood and he will sit in on the panel to do due diligence on behalf of the city council. He further stated that it wouldn't be a long drawn out process, but he suggested tabling the matter until more information was forthcoming.

Council member Paoletto agreed the matter needed to be addressed, per Council member Curwen working collectively with the task force. He said he hoped Council member Curwen would report back to the committee with any feedback. Council member Curwen acknowledged he would do that.

Dennis O'Malley stated that he was the chairman of the Port Authority board. He stated that he understood the difficulties to think outside the box. However, he said he felt one problem was that the Port Authority board has been hiding their light under a bushel. He explained that he said this in response to Council member Curwen's comment, that he hasn't seen any viable production on the Port Authority behalf. He went on to say that he requested that a document be created to highlight and outline just how viable the Port Authority is. He further explained how the revenue comes through the Port Authority fund and is collected through them to be spent on the Port Jefferson entity. He said he didn't think they could dissolve the Port Authority tariff. He further stressed that there were a lot of litigation issues going on between the Port Authority and Port Jefferson, so for now, he agreed with tabling the matter for the purpose of establishing what exactly was going on with the Port Authority - *he submitted a document for review and for the record.*

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: McCarthy, Crowe, Paoletto, Baker

Council member Baker called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Proposed amendments to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Amend Chapter 5.12 Massage Establishments and Massage Therapists (Item # 58-07 (a))

Council member Baker asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the ordinance

Council member Baker asked if there was anyone to speak against the ordinance

Hearing none

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN

** COMMISSIONER PAOLETTO SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 7, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Andre Baker, Chair; Richard Paoletta, Co-Chair; Brian Crowe,
Thomas McCarthy, Council President

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Item #130-07 Proposed amendments to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Amend Section 2.36.010 Officers and unaffiliated employees salaries to add Director of Public Safety Communications and Deputy Director of Public Safety Communications.

Chairman Baker asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this amendment. He repeated the request. Hearing none, he then asked if there was anyone who was present who wished to speak against the amendment. He then repeated the request. Hearing no response, Chairman Baker then closed the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

JOINT ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE *and*
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: ECDE Committee - Council members: Paoletto, Santiago, dePara, Blunt
Ordinance Committee - Council members: Baker, Brantley, Bonney

OTHER(s): Council member Walsh
Associate City Attorney Melanie Howlett

Co-chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

AGENDA

146-07 A Proposed New NRZ Ordinance: West Side.

Attorney Howlett distributed her legal opinion. She stated that the opinion covered items 146-07(A) and 146-07(B).

Mr. Tom Coble, OPED, NRZ thanked everyone for meeting tonight to pass the NRZ plans. He updated that everyone worked hard for over a year with a lot of time and effort put into devising the NRZ plans and they were now ready to move the matter forward.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE**

Council member Baker asked about the legal opinion and if a 501-C Corporation status would apply to the NRZ. Attorney Howlett responded that they may do it, if they receive grant money to help with the implementation. She further explained that they needed to apply for 501-C status, noting that it's on the NRZ agenda to be discussed, but it hasn't been done yet.

Council member Baker asked about the NRZ boundaries that were done last year. Mr. Coble said that matter was originally tabled, but they were approved a couple months ago.

Council member Walsh asked if any of the NRZ entities currently had monies available per the 501-C. Mr. Coble said that funds were applied for and they were eligible to help fund the NRZ's to get to the start up point.

Council member Brantley repeated her motion:

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE 146-07(A)
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

146-07 B West Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan Resolution.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE 146-07(B)
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO COMBINE and APPROVE
146-07(A) and 146-07(B)
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Consent calendar*

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING
PRIOR TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

147-07 A Proposed New NRZ Ordinance: Black Rock.

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** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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**JOINT ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE *and*
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** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO COMBINE and APPROVE
146-07(A) and 146-07(B)
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED
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The public hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Telesco Secretarial Services

JOINT ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE *and*
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: ECDE Committee - Council members: Paoletto, dePara, Santiago,
Ordinance Committee - Council members: Paoletto, Crowe, Bonney,
Martinez
OTHER(s): Council President McCarthy: *sat in to make a quorum*

Co-chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1)** Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Add new Chapter 8.94
West Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. (Item # 146-07 A)

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against
The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor

Angie Staltaro stated that she represented the Office of Revitalization and the West Side NRZ
Committee. She asked the committee's permission to approve the NRZ plan for
the west side, noting that they were ready to move into the implementation stage.
She further noted that they meet on a monthly basis.

Frank Borres, 586 Clinton Avenue stated that the committee worked on the plan for three years.
He said that he was impressed with the people who came out to the meetings and
he hoped they were ready to move forward. He commented that it was a well
thought out plan and everyone was involved, from kids to the elderly.

Paul Mendes, 401 Blackham Place said they were looking to go forward with the plan and he
requested that the committee approve the NRZ plan.

Richard Warren, 247 Bostwick Avenue said there was a lot of positive work in the community
related to the NRZ plan. He added that they were anxious to move forward. He
requested approval of the plan.

- 2)** Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Add new Chapter 8.96
Black Rock Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. (Item # 147-07 A)

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against
The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor

Angie Staltaro stated she was on the Planning Committee for the NRZ. She asked that the committee authorize and approve the NRZ plan. She noted this plan was similar to the West End NRZ that was done over the course of two years. She commented that they went through the community to get input from the residents of all ages and that resulted in them putting together the great strategic plan.

Joe Ainnello, 128 Balmforth Street asked the committee to approve the plan, so they could move forward. He said he was involved in the meetings and the workshops that included business people and residents. He noted that he was a Bridgeport resident and he mentioned the revitalization going on in the area, where there will be places to eat meal, shop etc.

Council member Paoletto thanked Angie Staltaro for all the work she does in the community with all her heart and soul!

Council President McCarthy moved to close the public hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
Joint - Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee *and*
Ordinance Committee
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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Chairman; Daniel Martinez, M. Evette Brantley,
Richard Bonney

STAFF: Michael Nidoh, Director of Planning; Mark Anastasi, City
Attorney, Paul Boucher, Zoning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 24, 2008; JULY 7, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING

156-07 Proposal amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 2.102 Planning and Zoning Commission, amend Section 2.102.060 Land Use Application and Review Fees.

Mr. Nidoh came forward and introduced himself and Mr. Boucher. Mr. Nidoh then reviewed the proposed text amendment in subsection E in the document and informed the Committee that the wording had been amended due to the omission of a preposition “of” in this section.

He also reviewed the changes in the fee schedule and said that the new fees schedule would be substituted and would be allow the department to break even on the costs.

Council Member Martinez had one question about the new fee schedule, which Mr. Nidoh reviewed with him.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO AMEND THE TEXT IN SUBSECTION E OF CHAPTER 2.102.060 FROM**

E. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MAY PERIODICALLY RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THIS “FEE SCHEDULE” TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THIS CHAPTER HOWEVER; IT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND ALTER AS NECESSARY THIS “FEE SCHEDULE” DURING THE UPDATING EVERY FIVE YEARS OR DURING THE REWRITING EVERY TEN YEARS THE CITY’S LAND USE REGULATIONS AS MANDATED BY THE CT GENERAL STATUTES.

TO:

E. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MAY PERIODICALLY RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THIS “FEE SCHEDULE” TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THIS CHAPTER HOWEVER; IT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND ALTER AS NECESSARY THIS “FEE SCHEDULE” DURING THE UPDATING EVERY FIVE YEARS OR DURING THE REWRITING EVERY TEN YEARS OF THE CITY’S LAND USE REGULATIONS AS MANDATED BY THE CT GENERAL STATUTES.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING CITY OF BRIDGEPORT INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PREVIOUS ONE:**

City of Bridgeport Land Use Permit Fee Schedule

<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>	Base Fee	Tech. Fee (apply once)	State Fee (apply once)	Total
Appeal of Zoning Official	\$300.00	\$10.00		\$310.00
Variance (other than listed below)	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$240.00
Use Variance and New Gasoline Station	\$450.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$490.00
Variance 1,500 foot Rule for Liquor Outlets	\$450.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$490.00
Modification to Plan of Development, Extension of Time Request & Rehearing Request	\$200.00	\$10.00		\$210.00
Deferral Request (Applicant Initiated) <u>ZBA approval not requiring P&Z approval:</u>	\$300.00	\$10.00		\$310.00
New Residential Units	\$100.00 per Dwelling Unit			
Non-Residential Building Space *	\$100.00 per 1000 sf (gross)		(Not to exceed \$7500.00)	
Outdoor Storage Yards * (excludes MV licensed lots)	\$50.00 per 1000 sf (gross of lot area)		(Not to exceed \$7500.00)	

**PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION**

Zone Amendment (Text)		\$600.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$640.00
Zone Change (Map) (excluding MUW/PDD)		\$600.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$640.00
MUW/PDD		\$5,000.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$5,040.00
Certificate of Approval for Motor Vehicle Licensing	Existing/No Upgrade	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$240.00
	New Location/Upgrade	\$450.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$490.00
Modification to Plan of Development, Extension of Time Request & Rehearing Request		\$200.00	\$10.00		\$210.00
Deferral Request (Applicant Initiated)		\$300.00	\$10.00		\$310.00
Coastal Area Site Plan Review Applications		\$200.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$240.00
Special Permit & Site Plan Review		\$450.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$490.00
Subdivision (\$100.00 per lot)		\$200.00 base	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$240.00 Plus
Site Plan Review		\$200.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$240.00
Site Plans Filed as DDP are Assessed Additional Base Fee		\$2,000.00			
<u>P & Z Commission Review Which Includes:</u>					
New Residential Units		\$100.00 per Dwelling Unit			
Non-Residential Building Space * (excludes PDD & MUW)		\$100.00 per 1000 sf (gross)		(Not to exceed \$7500.00)	
Outdoor Storage Yard * (excludes MV licensed lots)		\$50.00 per 1000 sf (gross of lot area)		(Not to exceed \$7500.00)	

* New Space or that portion of an existing building or lot proposed for re-use.

**IN-HOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCESSING**

	Base Fee	Tech. Fee (apply once)	State Fee (apply once)	Total
<u>Zoning Compliance Applications:</u>				
New One, Two & Three Family Dwelling **	\$100.00	\$10.00		\$110.00
All Accessory buildings or structures, minor alterations or additions and certificates to use existing space and buildings for 1, 2 & 3 family dwellings	\$50.00	\$10.00		\$60.00
New Multi-Family Dwellings ** (4+	See Note	\$10.00		\$510.00/\$1510.00

units)		**		
Additions	\$150.00	\$10.00		\$160.00
Alterations/Accessory Structures New Industrial & Commercial Buildings & Structures	\$100.00	\$10.00		\$110.00
Additions	\$500.00	\$10.00		\$510.00
Alterations	\$250.00	\$10.00		\$260.00
	\$150.00	\$10.00		\$160.00
	\$500.00			
New Mixed Use Commercial & Residential **	base (See Note **)	\$10.00		\$510.00 Plus **
Outdoor Storage Yard (includes MV licensed lots)	\$150.00			
<u>Other Fees:</u>				
Property Inspection: (excludes enforcement)				
Initial On Site	No Charge			
Each Additional On Site	\$25.00			
Sign Permits	\$50.00	\$10.00		\$60.00
Letter of Zoning Compliance/Rebuild	\$40.00	\$10.00		\$50.00
Deferral – Any item for which a legal notice has been published for Public Hearing that is requested to be deferred by the petitioner (and deferral granted) & not resulting from any action by the “Board or Commission” is subject to an additional fee for re-advertising				
	\$300.00	\$10.00		\$310.00
Liquor Certification	\$100.00	\$10.00		\$110.00
Zoning Regulations	\$35.00	CD \$25.00 (\$5.00 with regulations)		\$35.00
Zoning Map	\$10.00	CD \$25.00		\$10.00
Master Plan	\$35.00	\$25.00		\$35.00
Existing Land Use Map	\$10.00			\$10.00
Future Land Use Map	\$10.00			\$10.00
Land Subdivision Regulations	\$10.00			\$10.00
Inland Wetland Regulations	\$25.00			\$25.00
Inland Wetland Map	\$10.00			\$10.00
Plan Review For New Commercial or New Residential (3 units or more)	\$250.00 for 3 rd review and each subsequent review			
(excluding additions or alterations to existing commercial or residential)				

** Residential Unit Fees:

1-3 Units: \$100.00
4-10 Units: \$500.00
14+ Units: \$1500.00

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED APPROVE THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT AND NEW FEE SCHEDULE TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
SECTION 2.102.060 – LAND USED AND REVIEW FEES
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING
SCHEDULED AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Crowe, Baker, Brantley, Bonney

Co-chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

AGENDA

Proposed amendments to Municipal Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2.102 Planning and Zoning Commission amend Section 2.102.060 Land use application and review fees (Item #156-07)

The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak in favor
The co-chair asked if there was anyone to speak against
Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Bonney, Curwen, Martinez and Brantley

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council President McCarthy, Walsh and Blunt

OTHER(s) PRESENT: Lawrence Osborne, Labor Relations; Acting Police Chief Gaudett
Nestor Nkwo, Finance Department.
City Attorney Anastasi, Conte and Howlett

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

June 24, 2008

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings July 2, 2008 and September 2, 2008

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

204-07 Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code, Section 2.36.010 Officers' and unaffiliated employee salaries, amend Executive Management Class (7a) to add new position Assistant Chief of Police.

Council member Curwen stated that he had some questions and concerns regarding this item, since he is a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Council member Curwen addressed these questions to Mr. Osborne and Police Chief Gaudett.

Council member Curwen stated that he would support the item if it was referred to the Budget and Appropriation Committee or the possibility of eliminating one of the Deputy Chief of Police positions. Council president McCarthy stated that he was in favor of Council member Curwen's suggestion.

Council member Walsh asked the question who would report to the Assistant Chief of Police.

The reply was everyone from Deputy Chief down.

Chief Gaudett requested that this item be tabled in order to answer the questions.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO TABLED THIS ITEM
** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

206-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code, 5 Business License and Regulations relating to fees.

Attorney Conte handed out a spread sheet regarding the proposed fee increases. Attorney Conte called attention to page 3 of the spread sheet which showed the comparison with other cities. Attorney Conte submitted a copy of the spread sheet to the City Clerk's office.

Council members Walsh, Bonney, Brantley and Martinez asked questions to City Attorney Conte and Howlett concerning the increase in fees and whether or not they were appropriate.

Mr. Nkwo from the Finance Department handed out a sheet with amendments to Section 5.36.050 Outdoor exhibition license fee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Mr. Nkwo amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office*
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

207-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Title 8, Health and Safety related to Fees.

Mr. Nkwo handed out two sheets with amendments to Article I General Section 8.20.090 Sandwich license Fee and Article V. Itinerant Food Vendors, Section 8.20.650. Food vending license.

Council member Martinez expressed his concerns regarding Section 8.20.090 Sandwich license-fee increases and how they would affect small businesses in his district. Other Council members had questions regarding restaurant license fees. Attorney Howlett and Mr. Blunt representing the Health Department addressed these questions.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Mr. Nkwo amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office*
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

209-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Title 15, Buildings and Construction relating to Fees.

Mr. Nkwo handed out a sheet with amendments to Section 15.08.010 Building permit and related fees. There was a discussion on this section.

The Building Department requested that the part dealing with school work done be removed. Council member Curwen questioned this change and it was agreed not to make any change dealing with school work at the present time.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Mr. Nkwo amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office*
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

210-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic relating to fees.

Mr. Nkwo handed out a sheet with amendments to Section 10.12.010 Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally. Also, submitted was a Summary of Bridgeport Traffic Violations Recommended Fees Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009. There was a discussion on this section.

Attorney Howlett stated that the fees in Section 10.12.010 were approved by the Board of Police Commissioners at the October 2008 meeting.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Mr. Nkwo amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office*

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR
TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

208-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Title 12,
Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places relating to Fees. .

211-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Section
8.68.050 Merchants' duty to keep sidewalks clean.

212-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Chapter 8.76
Anti-Blight Program.

213-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Section
15.12.410 Board of condemnation continued.

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO COMBINE AND APPROVE
ITEM NO. 208-09, 211-07, 212-07 and 213-07
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR
TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO RECONVENE THE MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Council member Paoletto reconvened the meeting at 7:50

212-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Chapter 8.76 Anti-Blight Program.

City Attorney Melanie Howlett handed out amendments to Chapter 8.87 Anti-Blight Program.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Associate Attorney Howlett amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office*

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

213-07 Proposed amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinance amend Section 15.12.410 Board of condemnation continued.

City Attorney Melanie Howlett handed out amendments to 15.12.410 Board of condemnation continued

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** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED - *per Associate Attorney Howlett amended copy submitted to the city clerk's office*

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN

** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy McHale

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MONDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto, Crowe, Martinez, McCarthy (sat in to make a quorum)

Council member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated that they would make one motion for the items to approve them.

-Called three times-

Council member Paoletto asked if there was anyone to speak in favor or against the items Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED**

- 1) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulations relating to Fees. (Item # 206-07)
- 2) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 8, Health and Safety relating to Fees. (Item # 207-07)
- 3) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 12, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places relating to Fees. (Item # 208-07)
- 4) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 15, Buildings and Construction relating to Fees. (Item # 209-07)
- 5) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic relating to Fees. (Item # 210-07)
- 6) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 8.68.060 Merchants' duty to keep sidewalks clean. (Item # 211-07)
- 7) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 8.76 Anti-Blight Program. (Item 212-07)
- 8) Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 15.12.410 Board of condemnation continued. (Item # 213-07)

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER McCARTHY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** COMMISSIONER CROWE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Councilmembers Andre Baker, Jr., Chair; Robert Curwen, Sr.; T. McCarthy (133rd);
R. Bonney; B. Crowe (6:05 p.m.)

STAFF: Nestor Nkwo; Finance Department

OTHER: Councilmember M. Valle (137th); Melanie Howlett, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2008; NOVEMBER 3, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2008 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**195-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
TITLE 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, AMEND TO ADD NEW
CHAPTER 12.60 STREETLIGHT INSTALLATIONS.**

Chairman Baker said that he had received a request to table this item, but gave Councilmember Valle an opportunity to speak on the item. Councilmember Valle said that the request is to have something in writing in the books so that when people request lighting, there is something to go by.

Councilmember Crowe arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Some discussion took place regarding the streetlights and public safety, and it was decided to make the following amendments to the Streetlight Installation Ordinance.

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2. A letter from United Illuminating indicating whether the service requested can be provided; a recommendation as to which type of streetlight should be installed if the request is approved

by the City Council; and the costs to the City associated with providing and maintaining this service. If not responded to within 21 days from receipt, the Office of the City Attorney shall file a formal complaint with the Department of Public Utility Control.

3. A letter from the Utilities Manager as to whether funding is currently available to pay for the cost of the proposed service and shall be responded to within 21 days from the date of notification of the request by the Council person.

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4. A letter from **(the traffic) an engineer in the Office of the City Engineer** as to whether or not the proposed installation location for a streetlight is an area with a high incident of accidents based on the nighttime versus daytime ratio, and shall be responded to within 21 days from the date of notification of the request by the Council person.
5. A letter from the Tree Warden indicating whether tree trimming **is authorized (will increase) and a reevaluation by the Engineering Department as to whether** the illumination of streetlights already locate within 200 feet of the proposed installation **has increased as a result of said trimming** and shall be responded to within 21 days from the date of notification of the request by the Council person.

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4. Approval of a streetlight installation request shall not be approved for the current fiscal year if there is insufficient funding to pay for the proposed service. Therefore, the approved streetlight [**or sidewalk light**] installation request must coincide with the approval by the City Council of budgeted monies associated for this request. **If monies are not available in the current fiscal year when the Resolution is adopted, the costs shall be reviewed by the Budget Committee for inclusion in the budget for the following fiscal year.** The City Clerk shall forward a copy of the approval of the request, and approval of the budgeted costs, to the City's Utilities Manager **who shall forward the request to United Illuminating for said service to commence.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 195-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.60 STREETLIGHT INSTALLATIONS.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER CROWE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 195-07 STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION ORDINANCE AS AMENDED.**

- ** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND PUT ON CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**204-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
SECTION 2.36.010 OFFICERS' AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES SALARIES,
AMEND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CLASS (7a) TO ADD NEW POSITION
ASSISTANCE CHIEF OF POLICE.**

- ** COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE 204-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.36.010 OFFICERS' AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES SALARIES, AMEND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CLASS (7a) TO ADD NEW POSITION ASSISTANCE CHIEF OF POLICE.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**213-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
AMEND SECTION 15.12.410 BOARD OF CONDEMNATION CONTINUED.**

Ms. Howlett provided some information regarding the proposed amendment.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 213-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 15.12.410 BOARD OF CONDEMNATION CONTINUED.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER CROWE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND PUT ON CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**224-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
TITLE 12 STREET, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, AMEND SECTION 12.16.210
PERMIT TO OCCUPY PORTION OF STREET – ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION TO
ADD NEW LANGUAGE.**

Ms. Howlett said that she included “Block Party” in the definition of items/events that require a permit from Public Facilities so that streets, not sidewalks, can be closed off for block parties.

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE 224-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 12 STREET, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, AMEND SECTION 12.16.210 PERMIT TO OCCUPY PORTION OF STREET – ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND PUT ON CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**225-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
TITLE 89 HEALTH AND SAFETY, AMEND TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE RELATING
TO FEES.**

Ms. Howlett said Mr. Anastasi is working on this, but it is not ready yet.

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO TABLE 225-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 89 HEALTH AND SAFETY, AMEND TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE RELATING TO FEES.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**226-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,
AMEND CHAPTER 12.28 PARK USE REGULATIONS TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE
RELATING TO FEES.**

Ms. Howlett said this is pending before the Parks Commission.

**** COUNCILMEMBER CROWE MOVED TO TABLE 226-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 12.28 PARK USE REGULATIONS TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE RELATING TO FEES.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

227-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 8.64 RECYCLING PROGRAM TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE RELATING TO FEES.

Ms. Howlett said that this amendment was placed in the wrong place, behind the Recycling Program, and she needs to amend the position. Councilmember Curwen spoke in opposition of this. Councilmember Crowe was not in favor of it. Some discussion took place to raise the fees, and it was mentioned that if fees were raised to use the facility, it would encourage items to be left on the street.

**** COUNCILMEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO DENY 227-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 8.64 RECYCLING PROGRAM TO ADD NEW LANGUAGE RELATING TO FEES.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCILMEMBER CROWE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services

