

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair; Scott Burns, Co-chair; M. Evette Brantley; Matthew McCarthy; Denise Taylor-Moye; Samia Suliman

ABSENT: Alfredo Castillo

OTHER: Thomas Gaudett; Stuart Sachs; Susan Tabachnick; Constance Vickers; Kristen Alvanson; N. Thomas; Tim O'Connor; Clem Young; Barbara; Council Member Marcus Brown; Osiba Nelson

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Burns called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. There was a quorum present.

The Council Members introduced themselves to those present.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES: JANUARY 25, 2021. (REGULAR MEETING)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2021 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES: MARCH 1, 2021. (SPECIAL MEETING)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION**

**** THE MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021 AS SUBMITTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13-20

REAPPOINTMENT OF OSIBA NELSON (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

Mr. Nelson was not present at this moment. It was decided to wait on this item. There had been no questions or concerns from any of the Council Members regarding Mr. Nelson.

14-20
REAPPOINTMENT OF CLEMENT YOUNG (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CLEMENT YOUNG TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION**

Co-chair Burns noted that Mr. Young has an outstanding tax bill.

Ms. Vickers said that Mr. Young had sent her the invoice number for the bill that had been paid but the tax assessor had not yet confirmed that it had been paid. It was noted that the amount was small (\$100). It was noted that when someone has an outstanding balance that they are not supposed to be joining any board or commission until it is resolved.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE RESCINDED HER MOTION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CLEMENT YOUNG TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- 1) THE BALANCE DUE IS PAID IN FULL BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND THEN CAN BE MOVED FORWARDS ON THE FINAL VOTE ONCE THE DOCUMENTATION IS OBTAINED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION**

Council Member Suliman asked what the outstanding balance was. It was confirmed to be under \$100.

Council Member McCarthy asked if Mr. Young had a receipt from when he paid.

Ms. Vickers said that Mr. Young had had technical difficulties with the payment system. Discussion followed regarding potential wordings of the motion to account for the outstanding balance and approval.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13-20
REAPPOINTMENT OF OSIBA NELSON (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

Mr. Nelson was in the call but having trouble with the settings and was unable to speak. It was decided to delay for the moment.

15-20
REAPPOINTMENT OF NINA M. THOMAS (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NINA THOMAS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if this was her first reappointment or her second reappointment.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said it was Ms. Thomas's first appointment.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked how Ms. Thomas was an asset to the Commission.

Ms. Thomas stated that she was committed to the Commission and had attended every single meeting.

Council Member McCarthy asked Ms. Thomas what her thoughts on the proposed upgrades to the facilities were.

Ms. Thomas said that she had been down to the West Side Plant. She has seen the conditions and thought it was troubling. The place is crumbling though the East Side is not as bad. The new facility is necessary and probably should have been done several years ago.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13-20
REAPPOINTMENT OF OSIBA NELSON (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.

Mr. Nelson was present for this item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF OSIBA NELSON TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member McCarthy asked Mr. Nelson about his thoughts regarding the proposed upgrade to the West Side Plant.

Mr. Nelson said that it was definitely needed, long overdue, and had been in the works for years. He proceeded to talk about how eager he was to see the project get underway.

Council Member McCarthy asked how many terms Mr. Nelson had served on this board.

Mr. Nelson answered that he had served on the board for two or three years.

Co-Chair Burns asked about a local business Mr. Nelson was involved with that he owned and potential conflicts of interest.

Mr. Nelson confirmed that he did own several properties but said that there would be no conflicts of interest with his position.

Co-Chair Burns asked if he needed to recuse himself from things or if that didn't factor into his role.

Mr. Nelson said he didn't own that many properties to where it made a substantial difference either way. He is invested in the community.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

27-20
APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN TABACHNICK (D) TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN TABACHNICK TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member Marcus Brown came forward to speak. He said that Ms. Tabachnick has been diligent as a member of the Stratfield Historic Commission. She has been vocal and played a huge role in amending city ordinances to allow the merger of the two historic Commissions. As such he is voicing his support for her.

Chairman Burns said that he and Ms. Tabachnick had been on the same Committee and had appreciated her input and insights.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

28-20
APPOINTMENT OF STUART SACHS (D) TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF STUART SACHS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member Taylor-Moye commented that she approved of Mr. Sachs and what he has done with the Historic District. She said he is an asset to any commission he is on.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said she had met Mr. Sachs back in the late 80's and recounted some of her history with him for the commission.

Chairman Burns also voiced his support for Mr. Sachs.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Sachs recounted the history of several houses in the city as a thank-you. It was noted that one of the houses he referenced was once part of the Underground Railroad.

29-20
APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN ALVANSON (D) TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN ALVANSON TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Ms. Alvanson thanked Council Member Brantley for nominating her. She said she was excited to be continuing on with the combined committee.

Council Member Marcus Brown came forward to speak in favor of Ms. Alvanson's appointment.

- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

30-20
APPOINTMENT OF GUY HORVATH (D) TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GUY HORVATH TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Council Member Marcus Brown came forward to voice his support for Mr. Horvath's appointment.

It was noted that Mr. Horvath is a registered architect which has helped with the vocabulary when it came to describing historic buildings. His knowledge has been helpful in communicating with the home-owners about what exactly is required and needed for work.

- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

31-20
APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY V. O'CONNOR (D) AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY O'CONNOR AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Chairman Burns voiced his support for the appointment of Mr. O'Connor. He said he trusts his opinion and ability to offer insights and pushbacks on decisions.

Mr. O'Connor said that this was first and foremost about getting more involved with Bridgeport. He's always been an old-house renovation person and recounted some of his history doing so for the Board. He is looking forward to participating and learning.

It was added that three of the commissioners were from the 132nd district.

Council Member Marcus Brown came forward to ask if he could be included on the meeting notice mailing list as he is the liaison to this historic commission. He was informed that Zoning was the ones who sent out the announcements.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Further discussion followed regarding Robert's Rules and the possibility of having a friendly competition between the 132st and 132nd districts to find the most historic location in their areas at some point.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

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