

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Scott Burns, Co-chair; Raymond Collette, Matthew McCarthy, Denese Taylor-Moye; Council President Aidee Nieves; Samia Suliman (6:55 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member(s): J. Herron, E. Martinez, M. Pereira & E. Newton; Atty. John Mitola; Atty. John Bohannon; Atty. Mark Anastasi; Constance Vickers, Director, Legislative Affairs; Thomas Gaudett, Mayoral Aide; Tyler Mack, Ira Nachem, Marcie Patton, Barbara Rogo, Barbara, iPad, Tom, Galaxy S9c; 203-275-6429

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Burns called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

He stated that Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia would not be attending due to health issues.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

• August 23, 2021 (Regular Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2021 MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.**

Council Member Martinez questioned whether Council Member Collette could be a second because he had not been on the Council at the time of meeting. Atty. Anastasi said that Council Member Collette could second the motion but could not vote on the item.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2021 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY AND TAYLOR-MOYE) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (COLLETTE).**

113-20 Reappointment of Marcie J. Patton, Ph.D. (D) to the Board of Directors of the Bridgeport Public Library and Reading Room.

Council Member Burns noted that this was a re-appointment to the Board and said the Committee appreciates her willingness to serve.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 113-20 REAPPOINTMENT OF MARCIE J. PATTON, PH.D. (D) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.
**COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

114-20 Reappointment of Thomas R. Errichetti (D) to the Board of Directors of the Bridgeport Public Library and Reading Room.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 114-20 REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS R. ERRICHETTI (D) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

Mr. Errichetti said that he had been on the Board for several years and he hoped to get the East Side opened before the start of 2022. He said that as treasurer, he does his best to ensure the Library spend their money wisely.

Council Member Pereira said that the Library Board was the best in the City because they were all professionals. She said that she felt the Library Board had demonstrated competence.

Council Member Burns said that he had spoken with Mr. Errichetti about the Libraries and felt he was well aware of the ongoing projects.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

115-20 Appointment of Barbara A. Rogo (R) to the Board of Directors of the Bridgeport Public Library and Reading Room.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 115-20 APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA A. ROGO (R) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if Ms. Rogo was a re-appointment. Council Member Burns said that it was a new appointment to the Board.

Council Member Pereira said that Ms. Rogo was her 8th grade math teacher and that Ms. Rogo was as beautiful on the inside and outside. She felt that Ms. Rogo would be a wonderful addition to the Library Board.

Ms. Rogo thanked Council Member Pereira and said she was honored to be considered for this position. She listed a number of other previous positions where she had served.

Council Member Martinez congratulated those who were reappointed to the Library and Ms. Rogo who was new to the Library Board.

Council Member Martinez said that it amazes her that there were those that were re-appointed to Board and the new appointment. She added that there was a Council Member who continually commented negatively on those who were appointed to Boards and Commissions but that member had nothing but praise for Ms. Rogo. This shows that Council Member's bias.

Council Member Burns asked Ms. Rogo why she wanted to be on the Library Board. Ms. Rogo said that she had been wanting to participate on the Library for some time. She noted that the Library was the first place her parents allowed her to walk to by herself. She said the Library was the most valuable entity in the City and had many ideas for the students and patrons.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

123-20 Appointment of Ira Nachem (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 123-20 APPOINTMENT OF IRA NACHEM (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had noticed that Mr. Nachem had been appointed in November 2020. She wished to know which Commission vacancy Mr. Nachem was filling. Ms. Vickers explained that Mr. Nachem was filling the vacancy for Ms. Maria Alves. She added that there were two other recent resignations on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

There was an inaudible question asked about the legislation. Atty. Anastasi stated that he would send the enabling legislation to the Council Members. Ms. Vickers noted that the website needs to be updated.

Mr. Nachem said that it was an honor to serve. He said that he takes the challenge very seriously and had taught real estate courses at NYU for 10 years. He said that he had a great sense of how the decisions the Board makes affects the lives of the residents. He visits all the sites, sometimes numerous times and reads the applications, plans and specifications carefully.

Council Member Burns asked if Mr. Nachem had reviewed the Zoning Regulations. Mr. Nachem said that he had gone over it and it updates the current regulations. He said that he felt that City Attorney's counsel will be helpful. Council Member Burns thanked Mr. Nachem for his willingness to serve.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Collette said that he had a scheduling conflict and left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

110-20 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Johanna Georgia.

Atty. Mitola said that there was not much information that he could share in public. This was a case that was brought under the Rehabilitation Act.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 110-20 -- PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JOHANNA GEORGIA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Burns said that Atty. Mitola would be included to present the matter. The Committee and Council President Nieves entered into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 6:55 p.m. No actions or motions were taken during Executive Session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 110-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JOHANNA GEORGIA.**

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

Council Member Burns said that it was a settlement request for \$15,000 from a Federal rights case.

Council Member Suliman stated that she arrived at 6:55 p.m. and was abstaining from the vote.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (NIEVES, TAYLOR-MOYE AND MCCARTHY) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION.**

124-20 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with G.F.

Atty. Bohannon stated that all the information needed to be disclosed in Executive Session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 124-20 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH G.F.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SULIMAN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee Members, Council President Nieves and Atty. Bohannon entered into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. They returned to Public Session at 7:23 p.m. No actions or motions were taken during Executive Session.

Council Member Burns said that the City Council packet indicates that the event took place in 2021, but police misconduct incident took place in 2016. This settlement is for the amount \$38,750.00.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 124-20 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH G.F.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Suliman said that she would be abstaining because she did not receive the information. Council Member Burns reminded her that she was present during the Executive Session and received the same amount of information that everyone else on the Committee did.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services