# CITY OF BRIDGEPORT MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Scott Burns, Co-chair; Matthew McCarthy, M. Evette Brantley; Raymond

Collette, Denese Taylor-Moye

**OTHERS**: Council Member(s): E Newton & E Martinez; Thomas Gaudett, Mayoral

Aide; Atty. Lawrence Ouellette; Atty. Bruce Levin; Atty. John Bohannon;

Tyler Mack, Barbara, iPhone

#### CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Burns called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

September 27, 2021. (Regular Meeting)

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### 129-20 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Marcus Stewart.

Council Member Burns asked Atty. Bohannon to give a brief summary of the incident when Mr. Stewart was at a gathering outside of a venue near UB. He said that Mr. Stewart had put his cell phone with a light up by an officer's face, which disorientated the officer.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ATTY. BOHANNON TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 129-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARCUS STEWART.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City of Bridgeport Miscellaneous Matters Regular Meeting October 25, 2021 The Committee members and Atty. Bohannon entered into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation at 6:09 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 6:26 p.m. No actions were taken or motions made during Executive Session.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 129-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARCUS STEWART.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.

Council Member McCarthy asked what the officer's name was. Atty. Bohannon said that it was Officer Flaherty.

#### \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 131-20 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Jordan Taylor.

Atty. Levin gave a brief summary of the slip and fall incident and the injury that Mr. Taylor sustained while walking on a damp City sidewalk.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ATTY. LEVIN TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 131-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JORDAN TAYLOR.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee members and Atty. Levin entered into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation at 6:30 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 6:52 p.m. No actions were taken or motions made during Executive Session.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 131-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JORDAN TAYLOR.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.

Council Member Burns said that he appreciated Atty. Levin's candor during the Executive Session.

\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (BRANTLEY, COLLETTE AND TAYLOR-MOYE) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY).

#### 130-20 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with William Gomez-Perez, et al.

#### 135-20 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Marciano Gomez-Salazar.

Council Member Burns asked Atty. Ouellette to explain how the two cases were linked. Atty. Ouellette said that these cases came out of an auto accident with a private vehicle and a police vehicle. There were five occupants in the private vehicle. Two other claims have been tentative settled. Agenda Items 130-20 and 135-20 encompass the remaining three individuals involved in the accident.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ATTY. OUELLETTE TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 130-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH WILLIAM GOMEZ-PEREZ, ET AL. AND AGENDA ITEM 135-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARCIANO GOMEZ-SALAZAR.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee members and Atty. Ouellette entered into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation at 6:55 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 7:29 p.m. No actions were taken or motions made during Executive Session.

# \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 130-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH WILLIAM GOMEZ-PEREZ, ET AL.
- 135-20 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH MARCIANO GOMEZ-SALAZAR.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Member Burns thanked Council Member Collette for his service.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services