

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair; Tyler Mack, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Matthew McCarthy, Rolanda Smith

OTHERS: Council Member(s): S. Burns, J. Cruz, J. Herron, M. McBride-Lee, E. Newton & M. Small; T. Gaudett, Office of the Mayor; C. Vickers, Director, Legislative Affairs; V. Jones, Tax Collector; Atty. L. Ouellette, Jr., Esquire; Dr. R. Ford, Jr.; Emily Marshall; Eneida Martinez, Barbara

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

January 24, 2022 (Regular Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022 MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

21-21 Appointment of Ralph R. Ford, Jr. (D) to the Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Ford said that he was a licensed clinical psychologist who practices in Bridgeport. He has been in practice for over 30 years and had previously served on the Civil Service Commission. He believes that he was asked to serve on the Commission due to his previous service and his expertise.

Council Member Newton said that he has known Dr. Ford for over 40 years and confirmed that Dr. Ford had served on the Civil Service Committee. Previously, Dr. Ford had not been comfortable with what was going on in Civil Service, so he subsequently resigned. Now there have been a number of new Commissioners appointed.

Council Member Newton said that there were other Council Members who made negative remarks about Dr. Ford. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that those comments had been recorded. Council Member Newton said that he would like to acknowledge that those comments

were made and was requesting that his fellow Council Members approve Dr. Ford's appointment.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 21-21 APPOINTMENT OF RALPH R. FORD, JR. (D) TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that this appointment would be presented on the next Council agenda for approval.

29-21 Refund of Excess Payments – Montrey LLC re: 1245 Fairfield Avenue.

Ms. Jones said that she was present to request a refund for Montrey LLC due to an overpayment. The bank made two payments and the staff member didn't realize that the payments had been made. The refund would be for \$12,347.25.

Council Member McCarthy said that he did not see the two checks from the bank. He also said that both payments had been made in July. Ms. Jones said that the funds were wired from the bank and they have the ACA documentation of the wire payments that includes the dates, the amount and the account number.

Council Member McCarthy asked that the wire transfer information included along with the email from the bank.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 29-21 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – MONTREY LLC RE: 1245 FAIRFIELD AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

30-21 Refund of Excess Payments – Greystone Servicing Co. LLC re: 215 Barnum Avenue.

Ms. Jones said that two different banks had made payments of \$19,912.20 and then the company made a payment. Physical checks were used. She is requested a refund of \$19,921.20 to Greystone Servicing Company.

Council Member McCarthy asked if the payor had submitted documentation with the payment. Ms. Jones said that there was a disbursement sheet that accompanies the payments.

Council Member McCarthy said that, as an auditor, he would prefer all the documentation be included when these cases are presented.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 30-21 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – GREYSTONE SERVICING CO. LLC RE: 215 BARNUM AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

27-21 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with William Gomez-Perez, et al Docket No. FBT-CV-19-6082893-S.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the Committee Members and Atty. Ouellette would be in the Executive Session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 27-21 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH WILLIAM GOMEZ-PEREZ, ET AL DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-19-6082893-S.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee members and Atty. Ouellette entered into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 6:18 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 6:28 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 27-21 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH WILLIAM GOMEZ-PEREZ, ET AL DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-19-6082893-S.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJORN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
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February 28, 2022