

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair; Tyler Mack, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Matthew McCarthy, Samia Suliman (6:17 P.M.)

OTHER: Atty. John Bohannon; Atty. Lawrence Ouellette; Veronica Jones, Tax Collector; Kenneth Flatto, Finance Director; Ava Showah; HCD Administrative/IDIS Finance Co-Ordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING: DECEMBER 27, 2022

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2022 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

01-22

REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – BLD WATERFRONT UPLAND OWNER LLC

Ms. Jones and Mr. Flatto came forward to discuss this item. The requested that this item be removed from the agenda due to an error in the calculations. The assessor had noted that there wasn't supposed to be a refund. A packet of information was provided to those present. Mr. Flatto reviewed the contents of the packet for those present. He noted that there was an adjustment but the adjustment did not require a refund as they had not paid their January taxes yet. Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she thought it would still have to go before the full council to have it withdrawn.

Council Member McCarthy suggested that they attach the packet to the item as 'Exhibit 012323-A'

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADMEND ITEM 01-22 TO INCLUDE EXHIBIT 012323-A.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The question of whether the tax abatement was strictly for the housing was raised.

Mr. Flatto reviewed what the tax abatement was for and how it would impact housing.

Council Member McCarthy asked what made the properties undevelopable.

Mr. Flatto replied that part of them was underwater. Further discussion followed regarding the details of the property. Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia said the item would need to be withdrawn by the Committee at which point it would go before the full Council to be withdrawn.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO WITHDRAW ITEM 01-22 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – BLD WATERFRONT UPLAND OWNER LLC.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12-22
PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024
CITIZEN UNION COMMITTEE

Ms. Showah came forward to discuss this item. She wished to review the Citizen’s Union list and amend it to include two names after the list was submitted. The list had been amended to include Charles J. Hebert Jr. for the 134th district and Carmen Nieves for the 136th district.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 12-22 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 CITIZEN UNION COMMITTEE AS AMENDED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Suliman arrived at 6:17 P.M.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS 02-22, 10-22, AND 11-22.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER SULIMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee and the Attorneys entered into Executive Session at 6:17 P.M.

The Committee and the Attorneys returned to Normal Session at 7:17 P.M. No actions were taken or votes made during the Executive Session.

02-22
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF
BRITTANY LAWRENCE DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-21-6102576-S.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 02-22 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF BRITTANY LAWRENCE DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-21-6102576-S AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10-22

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF JERI
D. KOLLOCK DOCKET NO. 3:20-CV-1286 MPS.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 10-22 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF JERI D. KOLLOCK DOCKET NO. 3:20-CV-1286 MPS AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR (VIZZO-PANICCIA, MACK, BOYD, SULIMAN) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY).**

11-22

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD STARKEY DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-206095747-S.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 11-22 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD STARKEY DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-206095747-S AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

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