

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 6, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Tyler Mack, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Jorge Cruz, Michelle Lyons, Ernest Newton

OTHERS: Council Member(s): S. Burns & M. Pereira

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Mack called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 2.108 – Bylaws Citizens’ Union. [13-22]

Council Member Mack opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 2.108 – Bylaws Citizens’ Union by asking if there was anyone present who wished to address the Committee on this item.

Council Member Pereira came forward and said that there had been discussion about the separation of the City administration and the Council. She noted that the Deputy Director of Staff, Thomas Gaudett, had written the changes for the Citizens Union amendment. The administration has nothing to do with the Citizens Union.

Council Member Pereira then listed her concerns about the way that the amendment had been presented to the Committee. She stated that because the changes had not been done properly, she would be voting against it.

Council Member Mack asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak about the proposed amendments to the Citizens Union. No one came forward. He repeated his request again.

Hearing none, Council Member Mack closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 13-22 -- Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 2.108 – Bylaws Citizens’ Union.

Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.08 – City Contract and Purchasing Procedures, amend Section 3.08.070 – Purchasing Procedure. [14-22]

Council Member Mack opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.08 – City Contract and Purchasing Procedures, amend Section 3.08.070 – Purchasing Procedure by asking if there was anyone present who wished to address the Committee on this item.

One member of the audience came forward to ask for clarification on the item, which the Committee provided.

Council Member Mack asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak about the proposed amendments. No one came forward. He repeated his request again.

Hearing none, Council Member Mack closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 14-22 at 6:08 p.m.

Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.04 – Financial Provisions Generally, amend to add NEW Section 3.04.040 – Capital Budget Reporting. [15-22]

Council Member Mack opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.04 – Financial Provisions Generally, amend to add NEW Section 3.04.040 – Capital Budget Reporting by asking if there was anyone present who wished to address the Committee on this item.

Mr. Jermain Roberts of Main Street came forward and requested clarification. Council Member Mack explained that the Capital budget was for major projects like school buildings.

Council Member Newton said that the Council wanted to be able to track the funding on the various projects.

Council Member Mack explained that it was a new ordinance.

Council Member Mack asked again if there was anyone who wished to speak to the Committee about the proposed amendment. He repeated his request again.

Hearing none, Council Member Mack closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 15-22 the Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.04 – Financial Provisions Generally, amend to add NEW Section 3.04.040 – Capital Budget Reporting at 6:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mack adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services