

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 28, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Tyler Mack, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Jorge Cruz, Michelle Lyons, Ernest Newton, Rosalina Roman-Christy, Co-chair (6:06 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member(s): S. Burns, M McBride-Lee, M. Pereira & R. Smith; Ken Flatto, Finance Director; Thomas Gaudett, Deputy Chief of Staff; James Maye, Associate City Attorney; Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Call in User 1; 203-576-7956

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- **February 28, 2023 (Regular Meeting)**
- **March 6, 2023 (Public Hearing)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING MINUTES FOR:**

- **FEBRUARY 28, 2023 (REGULAR MEETING)**
- **MARCH 6, 2023 (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

82-21 Proposed Resolution concerning the Budget and Appropriations Amended 2022-2023 Municipal Budget.

Council Member Roman-Christy joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Council Member Mack said that the Council Members are always pressed for time at the end of the budget cycle. He explained that this ordinance would not affect this budget cycle but would move the date for presenting the budget to the fourth Tuesday in May.

Council Member Newton requested that his fellow Council Members support this measure.

Council Member Pereira asked several questions regarding the details. Council Member Mack displayed the CGS Section 7-192b.

Council Member Pereira objected to the fact that there was no underlining or underlining on the updated screen display. Discussion followed.

Mr. Flatto pointed out that the Mill rate has to be set by June 15th and he was concerned that there may not be enough time to follow the process if they delay the final decision until the fourth Tuesday in May. He suggested they consider the third Tuesday of May.

A lengthy discussion followed moved to the time needed to print the tax bills and the question as to whether this was an actual Charter change. It was agreed that this was amending the Charter

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 82-21 PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS AMENDED 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY SUBSTITUTION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 82-21 PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS AMENDED 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Atty. Anastasi suggested that the Committee hold a Public Hearing.

Council Member Pereira questioned whether they needed a Public Hearing. Atty. Anastasi then reviewed the details with her.

42-22 Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.06 – Common Council, amend Section 2.06.020 – Regular Meetings.

Council Member Mack gave a brief overview of the item. He said that this would add another meeting to the May Council schedule. This extra meeting can be cancelled if there is no need for it.

Council Member Pereira stated that she found the language to be confusing and overly worded. She suggested some alternative language.

The discussion moved to the FOI requirements. Atty. Anastasi then suggested that they consider to reconvene the meeting until Monday on April 3rd. It was decided that the item would be approved in the current form and the amendments would be made from the floor.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 42-22 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.06 – COMMON COUNCIL, AMEND SECTION 2.06.020 – REGULAR MEETINGS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 3 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

42-22 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.06 – COMMON COUNCIL, AMEND SECTION 2.06.020 – REGULAR MEETINGS.

82-21 PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS AMENDED 2022-2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services