

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted by teleconference.

The public may listen into this meeting by calling the following conference line and then entering the conference code:

Dial-In Number: (929) 436-2866

Meeting ID: 381 083 245

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 7, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 09-20** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Subrecipient Agreement between the Bridgeport Police Department and the University of Bridgeport regarding the UB Safer Campus Project, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

- 08-20** Resolution presented by Council Member Burns re: Proposed resolution urging the Federal Government to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763) in order to address the current climate emergency as so declared this day, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *195-19** Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City Code to restrict selecting, reclassifying or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during period Mayor is a "lame-duck".

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR) CONTINUED:

- *196-19** Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add New Chapter 12.17 – Establishing an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport.
- *180-19** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Donald W. Greenberg to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.

(Special Note: All items listed on the agenda can be found on the City Clerk's website within 24 hours of meeting: City Council Agendas/Minutes; City Council; 2020-2021; Full/Minutes/Size; 2021-01-04 pdf)

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE. THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON MAY DIAL INTO THIS MEETING TO SPEAK BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE LINE AND THEN ENTERING THE CONFERENCE CODE:

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NAME	SUBJECT
Alexander Morales Green Village Initiative 135 Clarence Street Bridgeport, CT 06608	The attempted effort to replace the land on which Reservoir Community Farm lies, with a library.
Maria Pereira 206 Bradley Street Bridgeport, CT 06610	Edwin A. Gomes, conduct of Council Woman Valle and governance.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

6:30 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking portion of the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

- 130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
- 131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jorge Cruz
- 132nd District: Marcus Brown, M. Evette Brantley
- 133rd District: *Michael DeFilippo*, Jeanette Herron
- 134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
- 135th District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee
- 136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Avelino Silva
- 137th District: Maria Valle, Aidee Nieves
- 138th District: *Maria Pereira*, Samia Suliman
- 139th District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newton

During the roll call, there appeared to be no response from the individuals whose names are listed in italics.

City Clerk Martinez stated that Council Member Pereira had contacted her earlier in the day to say that she was not feeling well.

Council President Nieves announced that there was a 3 minute time limit for each speaker.

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NAME

Alexander Morales
Green Village Initiative
135 Clarence Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

SUBJECT

The attempted effort to replace the land on which Reservoir Community Farm lies, with a library.

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Ms. Ellie from Green Village Initiative said that Mr. Morales had signed up on behalf of the Green Village Initiative and asked if she could speak on behalf of the Initiative. When Council President Nieves explained that they only allow the individual who signed up in advance to speak, Ms. Ellie said she would try to contact him. Council President Nieves stated that they only allow the individual who signed up in advance to speak since it is a published agenda. Ms. Ellie said she was not able to contact Mr. Morales and their group would speak at the next Council Meeting.

Maria Pereira
206 Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Edwin A. Gomes, conduct of
Council Woman Valle and
governance.

Council Member Pereira was not present due to illness.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves adjourned the public speaking at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER

Council Member Brantley requested a moment of silence in honor of the late State Senator Edwin Gomes. At the conclusion of the moment of silence, Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee to lead the Council in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 7, 2020

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

09-20 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT REGARDING THE UB SAFER CAMPUS PROJECT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

08-20 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (H.R. 763) IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT CLIMATE EMERGENCY AS SO DECLARED THIS DAY, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Brantley said she would like some information on Agenda Item 08-20. Mayor Ganim suggested that since Agenda Item 08-20 was being referred to Committee, she could ask her questions in the committee meeting.

**** THE MOTION TO REFER THE ITEMS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

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***180-19 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Donald W. Greenberg to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**

Mayor Ganim asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Brown requested Agenda Item 196-19 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

The City Clerk then read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

***195-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY CODE TO RESTRICT SELECTING, RECLASSIFYING OR OTHERWISE PLACING POLITICAL APPOINTEES/UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE APPOINTEES IN VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE DURING PERIOD MAYOR IS A "LAME-DUCK".**

***180-19 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD W. GREENBERG TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

196-19 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add New Chapter 12.17 – Establishing an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA 196-19 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.17 – ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET NAMING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO LEGAL OPINION PROVIDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Newton asked for a moment of silence for Wanda Geter who lost her nephew due to gun violence recently.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

**Comm. #09-20 Ref'd to Public Safety & Transportation Committee on
01/04/2021**

December 16, 2020

Office of the City Clerk
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace, Room 204
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

**Re: Resolution – Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Bridgeport Police
Department and University of Bridgeport- UB Safer Campus Project**

Attached, please find a Grant Summary and Resolution for the **Subrecipient Agreement between the
City of Bridgeport Police Department and University of Bridgeport- UB Safer Campus Project** to
be referred to the **Committee on Public Safety and Transportation** of the City Council.

**Grant: Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Bridgeport Police Department and
University of Bridgeport - UB Safer Campus Project**

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at 203-576-7134 or
Isolina.DeJesus@Bridgeportct.gov.

Thank you,

Isolina DeJesus
Central Grants Office



GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE: Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Bridgeport Police Department and University of Bridgeport- UB Safer Campus Project

NEW RENEWAL CONTINUING

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Central Grants Office

CONTACT NAME: Isolina DeJesus

PHONE NUMBER: 203-576-7134

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION: The City of Bridgeport Police Department intends to partner with the University of Bridgeport and various other agencies to carry out the US Safer Campus Project which is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The roles of the BPD will be to participate in various activities such as active members on the Coordinated Community Response team, respond to and investigate domestic violence, dating violence sexual assault and stalking on campus and participate in technical assistance training required by DOJ. Funds will be used to cover the expenses of the these required trainings.

CONTRACT PERIOD: 10/1/2020- 9/30/2023

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching funds):	
Federal:	\$ 0
State:	\$ 0
City:	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 7,800

GRANT FUNDED PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED	
Training:	\$ 7,800
Other:	\$ 0

MATCH REQUIRED		
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Source: N/A		
Training:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 0	\$ 0

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council

Regarding the

**Subrecipient Agreement between the
City of Bridgeport Police Department and University of Bridgeport
UB Safer Campus Project**

WHEREAS, the **University of Bridgeport** authorized to extend financial assistance to the City of Bridgeport in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the **U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Grant to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Campus Program**; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to support the reduction of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on the University of Bridgeport Campus; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport execute a subrecipient agreement with **University of Bridgeport** to support the implementation of the UB Safer Campus Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application to and contract with **University of Bridgeport** for the purpose of the **UB Safer Campus Project**; and
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee, the Director of Central Grants, to execute and file such application with **University of Bridgeport** and to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts, amendments, and documents as may be necessary to administer this program.



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RESOLUTION FORM

SECTION I CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Log ID/Item Number:	08-20			
Submitted by Councilmember(s):	Scott Burns			
Co-Sponsors(s):	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
District:	130TH			
Subject:	Carbon Dividend & Climate Emergency			
Referred to:	ECD and Environment Committee			
City Council Date:	January 4, 2021			

SECTION II RESOLUTION (PLEASE TYPE BELOW)

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (H.R. 763) IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT CLIMATE EMERGENCY AS SO DECLARED THIS DAY

WHEREAS, damaging weather systems are increasingly threatening lives and properties and stressing community emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, there is strong scientific agreement that climate change is occurring and is at least partially the result of human activity, including but not limited to the use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, continuing to use fossil fuels at the current rates will increase the long term damage of climate change which will become more and more difficult and expensive to reverse and even to slow; and

WHEREAS, the world is on course for 2°C (3.6°F) of warming by 2060, at which point most scientists believe that this temperature will initiate a chain of self-reinforcing changes (feedback loops) that dramatically accelerate warming (example: hotter temperatures cause more forest fires, releasing more CO₂, causing more warming, causing more fires, etc.); and

WHEREAS, sea levels of the world are rising and if unabated will substantially impact private, public, and commercial properties in Bridgeport and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, citizens have become concerned with the ramifications of poor management of the environment and its impacts now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, 73% of Connecticut residents think global warming will harm future generations and over 80% of Americans think CO₂ should be regulated as a pollutant; and

WHEREAS, an effective plan to address climate change must provide a measurable benefit to improving the environment while not detracting from economic viability or opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has acknowledged that climate change is an important matter that needs to be considered and addressed; and

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WHEREAS, a federal revenue-neutral carbon fee on fossil fuels would reflect their net real costs to our nation and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, such carbon fee revenue would be returned to citizens to mitigate its economic impact and that 58% of households would receive enough in dividends to exceed their increased costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport approved the PlanBridgeport Plan of Conservation and Development in 2019, and

WHEREAS, under that plan, Bridgeport declares itself an Equitable City, working to “ensure that Bridgeport’s economically disadvantaged neighborhoods are not disproportionately impacted by environmental hazards and climate change,” and

WHEREAS, also under that plan, Bridgeport declares that it Values Nature, working to “enhance resilience against impacts of coastal storms and climate change,” and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport’s legacy reflects a long and continuing history of environmental injustice, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport lies directly on Long Island Sound, relying on this billion dollar asset for Connecticut, but also wary of sea level rise, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Bridgeport has utilized solar, fuel cell and thermal loop alternative energy sources, and

WHEREAS, the city supports the federal money and energy devoted to the Resilient Bridgeport project and supports utilizing Pleasure Beach as a buffer to storm surge, and

WHEREAS, climate change is one of the biggest political issues for young people, because rising temperatures will create issues like stronger storms and drought conditions that today's youth will have to address when they are adults, and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bridgeport declares a climate emergency as a way to focus on making decisions through an environmental lens in order to enhance the quality of life of the city’s residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City of Bridgeport hereby supports of a federally mandated, national revenue neutral carbon fee with all revenues refunded to the citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to US Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and U.S. Representative Jim Himes.



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SECTION III SUBSEQUENT REFERRALS/REPLIES AND DATE SENT/RECEIVED

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SECTION IV PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Public Hearing Required	Details	Date
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SECTION V AMENDMENTS/EXHIBITS

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SECTION VI COMMITTEE ACTION/APPROVAL INFORMATION

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SECTION VII WITHDRAWN/SINE DIE INFORMATION

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SECTION VIII DATE OF APPROVAL/DENIAL FROM CITY COUNCIL

City Council Approval Date: _____

SECTION IX COMMENTS (if any)

Pettway, Lonnelle

From: Boyer, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Burns, Scott; Pettway, Lonnelle
Cc: Martinez, Lydia; Ortiz, Frances; Pettway, Lonnelle; Brantley, Mary E.; Valle, Maria; Nieves, Aidee
Subject: RE: ECD&E carbon dividend and climate resolution
Attachments: New ResForm ECD&E Resolution Burns.docx; ECD&E resolution Burns 01052021.docx

Here you go. @ Lonnelle this is submitted at Councilman Burns request. Original form attached also for reference as it was a cut and paste.

From: Burns, Scott <Scott.Burns@Bridgeportct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Boyer, Mike <Mike.Boyer@Bridgeportct.gov>; Ortiz, Frances <Frances.Ortiz@Bridgeportct.gov>
Cc: Brantley, Mary E. <Mary.Brantley@bridgeportct.gov>; Valle, Maria <Maria.Valle@Bridgeportct.gov>; Nieves, Aidee <Aidee.Nieves@Bridgeportct.gov>
Subject: ECD&E carbon dividend and climate resolution

Hi Mike -

Attached is a resolution for the ECD&E committee that I would like to be added to next Monday's council agenda. The chairs and the Council President have seen the resolution via other emails.

The fillable form I used, however, only includes dates from the past year. Would you be able to edit it so that the January 4, 2021 referral date is included?

Thanks, and let me know if you have any questions.

Scott Burns
City Council rep 130th District
Co-chair, Miscellaneous; Co-chair Budget & Appropriations; member ECD&E
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Item# *195-19 Consent Calendar

Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City Code to restrict selecting, reclassifying or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during period Mayor is a "lame-duck".



**Report
of
Committee
on
Ordinance**

City Council Meeting Date: January 4, 2021

Attest: *Lydia N. Martinez*
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed: _____

Please Note: Mayor did not sign Report.

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City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

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To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on Ordinances begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

Item No. *195-19 Consent Calendar

WHEREAS, one of the fundamental duties of the City Council is to be a steward of the City's budget and to ensure that public funds are being spent for their intended purpose and in compliance with the City Charter and City Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17, Civil Service, of the Bridgeport City Charter serves as a labor relations guide for the City and reflects the principles of merit, equity and fairness on which the City was founded; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17, Civil Service, of the Bridgeport City Charter establishes that the civil service of the City is divided into the unclassified and classified service; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17, Civil Service, of the Bridgeport City Charter establishes the "merit principle" of City employment and specifically provides that all appointed promotions to positions in the classified service shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness, demonstrated by examination or other evidence of competence"; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the integrity of the City's employee selection process that the selection of an applicant remain free of political influence or advantage and that the most qualified applicant be selected for a position, particularly during a "lame-duck" period; and

WHEREAS, the selection, reclassification, or placement of a political appointee/unclassified service appointee in a classified service position during a "lame-duck" period may cause significant harm to the public trust, employee morale, and City governance; and

WHEREAS, political appointees/unclassified service appointees are generally limited to the term of the Administration in which they are appointed or serve at the pleasure of the person who appointed them, those in the classified service generally constitute a work force that continues the operations of government without regard to the change of administrations; and



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WHEREAS, converting a political appointee/unclassified service appointee to a classified position often limits the opportunity for other employees (who were competitively selected for their career positions, following examination of their knowledge, skills, and experience) to be promoted into another career position with greater responsibility and pay; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that an Ordinance to restrict selecting, reclassifying, or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during a period that Mayor is a "lame-duck" is an effective device by which the public trust may be enhanced and by which the public may be assured that public funds are used for their intended and highest and best purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of Bridgeport that the City Attorney's Office immediately draft a new Ordinance for inclusion in the City Code of Ordinances to include the following for the review and acceptance by the City Council's Ordinance Committee and to become effective upon passage by the Bridgeport City Council to restrict selecting, reclassifying, or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during period Mayor is a "lame-duck" as defined by Ordinance;

DEFINITION. *Lame-duck period* shall mean either (a) the period of time between when the mayor fails to win an election (primary or general) and the inauguration of a successor; or (b) the period of time between an election (primary or general) in which the mayor does not run for reelection and the inauguration of a successor.

(a) During any lame-duck period, no political appointee/unclassified service appointee shall be selected, reclassified, or otherwise placed into any vacant position in the classified service.

(b) A political appointee/unclassified service appointee may apply to any vacant position in the classified service during a lame-duck period. After the expiration of the position posting period, the examination, evaluation, and selection process may not proceed until after the lame-duck period, except in the case of a public emergency as explained herein. The application of the political appointee/unclassified service appointee shall be evaluated, along with any other applications, after the conclusion of the lame-duck period. If it is necessary to fill a vacant position in order to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace, the vacant position may be filled during the lame-duck period if the Director of Personnel certifies that such emergent circumstances exist and the Civil Service Commission approves the certification.



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(c) If no applications are submitted by a political appointee/unclassified service appointee for a vacation position in the classified service during a lame-duck period, the examination, evaluation, and selection process for such position may proceed during the lame-duck period.

PENALTIES. Any person who by him or herself or with others violates this ordinance shall be ineligible, for a period of five years, to hold any City of Bridgeport office or position and, if he or she currently is an officer or employee of the City of Bridgeport as a result of violation this ordinance, shall immediately forfeit his or her office or position.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES

Marcus A. Brown, Co-Chair

Rosalina Roman-Christy, Co-Chair

Ernest E. Newton, II

Michelle A. Lyons

Avelino D. Silva

Maria I. Valle

M. Evette Brantley

City Council Date: January 4, 2021



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Office of the City Clerk

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on Ordinances begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

Item No. *196-19 Consent Calendar

Be It ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, that the following amended language included in Exhibit A be made a part of the Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 12.17 – *Honorary Street Designations* effective upon publication.

Exhibit A

Chapter 12.17 – Honorary Street Designations

12.17.010 – Establishment and Purpose.

- A. There is hereby established an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport. The program sets forth criteria for requesting that a street be designated with an honorary street sign, fees to be paid, and process for seeking final approval by the City Council.

12.17.020 – Designation of Administering Agency and Responsibilities.

- A. The Office of the City Engineer is hereby designated the administering agency for the Honorary Street Naming Program.
- B. The City Engineer shall establish an application, to be made publicly available, which shall include all questions necessary and proper for the consideration of an honorary street sign designation including, but not limited to: the name of and biographical information for the honoree, the street intersections to be designated, the proposed wording of the honorary street sign, a description of the honoree's contribution to the City of Bridgeport and connection to the street or area be designated, and such other criteria as the City Engineer may deem appropriate. Applications must be filled out in their entirety in order to be considered.
- C. The City Engineer shall establish a petition form for honorary street sign designations, and applicants must file said petition—signed by residents representing at least fifty (50) percent of the addresses on the specific block being designated with honorary signage—at the time of application.



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

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Report of Committee on Ordinances
Item No. *196-19 Consent Calendar

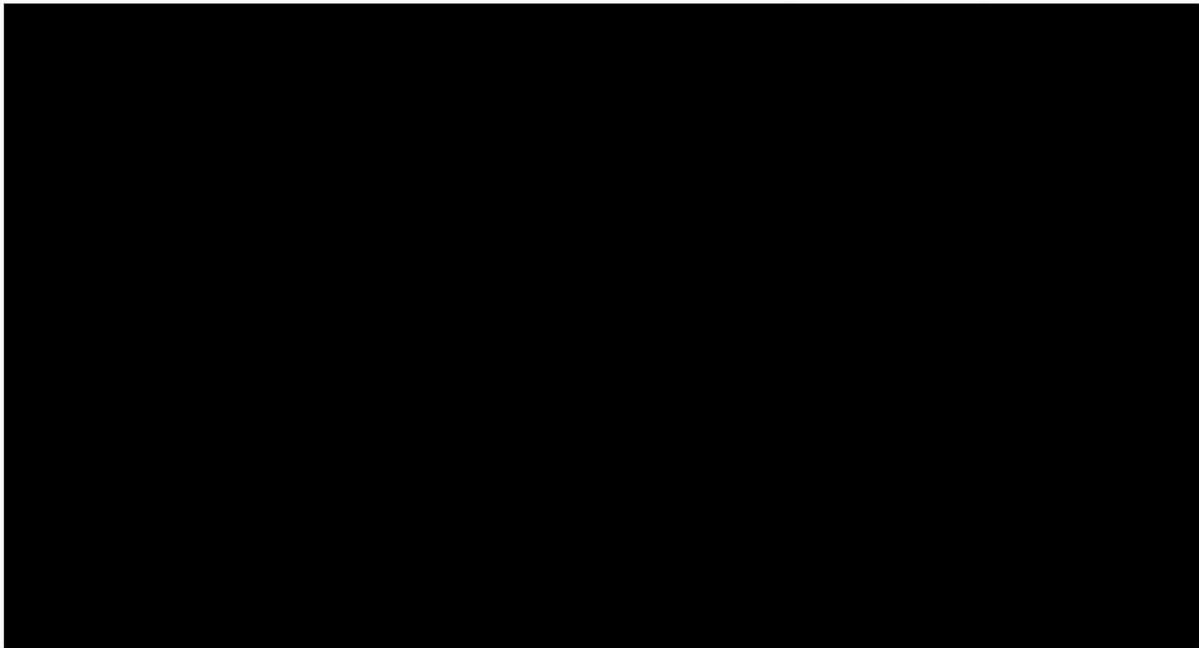
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D. The applicant shall pay a one-time filing fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) to cover administration costs and the cost of the sign production and installation. The City shall, upon a negative vote of the City Council, refund the fee in its entirety to the applicant.

12.17.030 – Council Approval.

A. The City Engineer shall, upon a determination that the application is complete, forward the application and associated documents to the City Clerk for consideration by the City Council. The City Council shall have the power to review and approve or disapprove any request for an honorary street sign designation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES



*City Council Date: January 4, 2021, Tabled by City Council
Resubmitted on January 19, 2021*

Item# *180-19 Consent Calendar

Reappointment of Donald W. Greenberg to Board of Directors, Public Library and Reading Room.



Report
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on

Miscellaneous Matters

City Council Meeting Date: January 4, 2021

Attest: Lydia N. Martinez
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed: _____

Please Note: Mayor did not sign Report.

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To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Matters begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

Item No. *180-19 Consent Calendar

RESOLVED, That the following named individual be, and hereby is, reappointed to the Library Board of Directors and Reading Room in the City of Bridgeport and that said reappointment, be and hereby is, approved, ratified and confirmed.

NAME

TERM EXPIRES

Donald W. Greenberg
265 Balmforth Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

June 30, 2023

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

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Council Date: January 4, 2021