

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

(MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021
CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER)
ALL ITEMS CARRIED OVER TO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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: January 4, 2021

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

- 18-20** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Dr. Lesly J. Valbrun (U) to the Ethics Commission, **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**
- 20-20** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund – COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480), **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

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

- 19-20** Resolution presented by Council President Nieves re: Proposed resolution to review and amend the Bridgeport City Council Rules of Order as Adopted on December 7, 2020, referred to Special Committee on Governance.
- 21-20** Resolution presented by Council President Nieves re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 8.90 – Regulation of the Sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products, referred to Ordinance Committee.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *17-20** Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance Prohibiting Targeted Residential Picketing within 300 Feet of the Property Line of Certain Residential Dwellings.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR) CONTINUED:

- *37-19** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution for the Paving and Development of the Municipal Surface Parking Lot at the corner of East Main Street and Nichols Street, **DENIED.**
- *145-19** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to Ensure Public Spaces Reflect Diversity and Values, **DENIED.**
- *08-20** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: 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.
- *10-20** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- 137-19** Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution to Review the Use of Bridgeport Police as School Resource Officers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 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.

(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; 2021-02-16 pdf)

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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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John Marshall Lee 30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605	Current Status of Civil Service/Employees.
Eddie Jamal Phoenix Gulf 580 North Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606	Proposed resolution for Amendment to City Code Chapter 8.90 Regulation of the sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products.
Yasser Alany Boston Shell 1917 Boston Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06610	Opposition to the Proposed Amendments to the Municipal code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 8.90 – Regulation of the Sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products.
Isik Yildiz Puff City 575 E. Main Street Bridgeport, CT 06608	Opposition to the Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 8.90 – Regulation of the Sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products.
David Daniels III 325 Lafayette Street U-5205 Bridgeport, CT 06604	Proposed Resolution for amendment to City Code to regulate the Sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products.
Maria Pereira 206 Bradley Street Bridgeport, CT 06610	Conduct of Maria Valle, Senator Ed Gomes, Governance & lack of qualified cabinet level appointees.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

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

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

Council President Nieves informed everyone that they had three minutes to address the Council.

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SUBJECT

Ellie Angerame
 Executive Director
 Green Village Initiative
 497 Laurel Avenue
 Bridgeport, CT 06605

Sharing how Green Village Initiative's organization adapted for the community during the pandemic and asking for intentional communication with the Council in 2021.

Dear Esteemed Members of the City Council,

Sincere condolences for the loss of Senator Gomes, a legend and one-time chef for the Green Village Initiative Youth Leadership Program. I'm pleased to come before you to advocate for the farm on Reservoir Avenue, and vision ways for us - the people of Bridgeport and our City Council - to work together in the year ahead.

Last month you heard from Briana Wahl, our Director of Operations, who shared GVI's mission, 2020 adaptations, and our work for food justice in Bridgeport.

I'm proud to introduce myself to you as GVI's new Executive Director as of last year. My insight to understand the leadership I hope to bring to GVI is informed by 22 years living here and the past five years spent managing Reservoir Community Farm. I believe in GVI's investment in generations of young people, gardeners, and families of the past decade and the urban farmers, food business owners, and city leaders to come.

GVI's work is vital. As a food justice organization we understand the power of Bridgeporters to change our food system and community health, especially during a pandemic disproportionately taking black and brown lives.

Thus, we were alarmed in November of 2020 to discover plans already in place - plans made without a public community forum - to convert the urban farm site and green space at 1469 Reservoir Avenue into a public library with budgetary approval given by the City Council on April 20, 2020.

To understand if our community had asked for this development we knocked on doors within a half mile of Reservoir Community Farm with the Sacred Heart approved survey you can find in the attached report. You will find that only 6 people of 96 collected responses had heard any kind of communication concerning plans to build a library.

This is a pattern - GVI came before you in 2019 concerning a top-down decision by council leadership converting Yaremich Drive into a one-way street that was reversed after GVI collected testimony from over 65 impacted households not in favor of the change. Decisions are being made on behalf of the community without community input.

This exclusion of community input means neighbors are now asked to make a decision between the library and our food justice work - a false and unfair choice to a City already challenged with both food insecurity and illiteracy.

GVI is in communication with the Library Board to discuss compromising to divide the land, and doing all we can to hold on to some of the space we have developed and cultivated since 2012. We hope that our district leadership will take up offers to join a community charette in order to move forward through this conflict.

We ask that 2021 will bring rigor and respect to the decisions you make for our farm and other community lands. We seek more open and transparent communications from you, our Council, with GVI, our fellow NRZ members, community gardeners, youth, market-

goers, volunteers, and neighbors who have been impacted and dismayed by the Council's decision.

We hope you can appreciate that our investment in the land of the farm, its market, and its community garden goes far beyond financial inputs - it is a space for incubating dreams, businesses, and new futures for Bridgeport.

Bridgeport can't see the same emergence of black and brown liberatory farming work, new food businesses, and community-driven economic growth as other major cities have if we work against ourselves digging up community roots. Thank you for your time.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Current Status of Civil
Service/Employees.

Members of the City Council what do you know about City of Bridgeport employment practices? In most work environments, as an employee, you know that there is someone to whom you report on your task progress and who observes you in your field of work; they in turn are directed and report in similar fashion to a "boss". Many organizations find that training, guidance, and quality results can be obtained with regular, official oversight and record keeping including personnel records signed by and available to each party in such reviews.

Is this the normal and official process among those employed by the City of Bridgeport? Police? Fire? Teachers? Financial staff members? What is your understanding?

This process is not familiar to many current City employees whom I have questioned. Do we have rules about such matters? Have they fallen into disuse? How many grievances are filed with the City because of misunderstandings that likely would be resolved with an annual employment review process? What is the cost to taxpayers ultimately? Why are settlements kept so secret?

Accountability for one's own duties and responsibilities extend to "seeing something" and then "saying something". When employment reviews are not a regular and functioning engagement, comprehensive training, guidance, and oversight suffer a loss to say nothing about a respectful and productive attitude around completing the work tasks of a department. Why does the State of CT, who provides the City with more than \$200 Million annually employ such a practice, but Bridgeport does not, apparently?

Employment reviews are made available to everyone in a governance structure other than the highest official. Elections are the only time the people get to indicate their approval or disapproval of actions, style, honesty, or accomplishments. In our case the Mayor has represented himself as on the job 24/7 though he has been difficult to locate for as long as a month it has been reported to participate in a legal procedure. Activity as an investor in real estate takes time and our Mayor has been active in this term in this regard. What might be said about his public and private real estate activities were he to inform us fully?

Time will tell.

City of Bridgeport
City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021

Eddie Jamal
Phoenix Gulf
580 North Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Proposed resolution for Amendment
to City Code Chapter 8.90
Regulation of the sales
and Marketing of Tobacco Products.

Mr. Jamal said that he was present to testify against the proposed tobacco regulation. He said that he had a convenience store and kept his store open during the COVID pandemic so that the local neighbors could purchase food items.

Mr. Jamal said that while he does not like tobacco, banning tobacco would just drive the business underground. Now about 25% of the tobacco business is already underground. Taking away the tobacco would destroy a major portion of his income and also affect his employees, many of whom are working to support families.

Yasser Alany
Boston Shell
1917 Boston Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Opposition to the Proposed
Amendments to the Municipal code
of Ordinances, amend
Chapter 8.90 – Regulation of the
Sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products.

Mr. Alany said that he owns a number of retail locations, including one on Boston Avenue. 70% of his sales are for flavored tobacco and cigarettes. He employs 12 people at his store, and he supports the City of Bridgeport. His business is open 24 hours a day and this ban would force him to close early and lay off employees. The ban would also give the illegal businesses a golden ticket. Trying to stop people from smoking will do the exact opposite.

Isik Yildiz
Puff City
575 E. Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

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Amendments to the Municipal
Code of Ordinances, amend
Chapter 8.90 – Regulation of
the Sales and Marketing of Tobacco
Products.

Mr. Yildiz greeted the Council Members. He owns a tobacco shop. He came from Turkey to work in Bridgeport. He pointed out that his staff take extra care to make sure that they only sell to adults, not underage customers. It is hard to keep the business open during COVID-19, and there is also competition from other shop owners. But his business supports the City with taxes. Banning vape and tobacco products would mean that his employees would have to find new jobs, along with him. It is concerning to see that the City and the State would take this kind of action. He suggested that they look at Massachusetts, where the State is losing revenue because of the ban.

David Daniels III
325 Lafayette Street U-5205
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Proposed Resolution for amendment
to City Code to regulate the Sales
and Marketing of Tobacco Products.

Mr. Daniels greeted the Council Members. He said that he was a retired Bridgeport Police Lt. And would like to address the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 8.90 – Regulation of the Sales and Marketing of Tobacco Products. He said that he doesn't vape but was concerned particularly that it includes menthol cigarettes. He said that this ban would force the market underground. A step in a positive direction for the public good is good, but they have to look at the long term effects. It is important to do no harm.

Maria Pereira
206 Bradley Street
CT 06610

Conduct of Maria Valle, Senator Ed
Gomes, Governance & lack of Bridgeport,
qualified cabinet level appointees.

Council Member Pereira said during the summer, there was a neighbor that resides on the same block as her Council representative in the 137th District. This neighbor repeatedly contacted Council Member Pereira about a developer who was caught illegally dumping on the East End. Council Member Pereira contacted a number of City Agencies via email and also copied the Council Member of the 137th District on those emails. However, she never received a response.

Council Member Pereira went to the home of the neighbor and was appalled by the absolute disregard of the developer and contacted News 12 who then broadcasted the story.

The Council Member who lives a few doors down from her own constituent then approached the neighbor's in-laws to admonish an adult woman who is the homeowner with four children for reaching out to Council Member Pereira because Council Member Pereira was not the City Council representative for that area.

Council Member Pereira said that the Council Members should not be admonishing their constituents. They are the ones that should be admonishing the Council Members.

That Council Member lives five doors down from her constituent and sees the developer on a daily basis but did not address this issue. If Council Members fulfilled their obligations, there would not be a need to reach out to other City Council Members from other Districts.

Council Member Pereira said that there was someone who described her attempts to honor the late Senator Gomes as something negative. This is disingenuous. There were only three members of the City Council that the late Senator Gomes described as friends.

Council Member Pereira said she worked very hard to back the late Senator Gomes in every election without compensation because she believed in him. She spoke about a colleague who illegally worked to prevent Senator Gomes from being on the ballot in 2018. Anything that this individual has to say is the most disingenuous.

In closing, Council Member Pereira said that this administration was in shambles because they had not had a tax assessor in over a year, which is critical in the evaluation process. There is no

Director of Civil Service after Mr. Dunn who was in an Acting capacity for 12 years, was arrested, charged and retired in September. There is no Chief of Police, after A.J. Perez was arrested, charged and resigned in September. He served over 400 days in an Acting capacity, also. There is no Health Director during this once in a lifetime pandemic when Bridgeport has the highest number of COVID cases and deaths in Connecticut and there are only 30 days left to fill that vacancy under Connecticut State Statutes. The City has not had a Director of Public Facilities in over a year.

This administration is in shambles and anyone who remains silent is complicit. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves adjourned the Public Speaking session at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee to lead the Council in prayer.

Council Member McBride-Lee requested a moment of silence for Council Member Newton who lost a nephew, along with Council Member McBride-Lee who lost a niece. There was also a mention of a Mr. Primus Jackson who recently passed away also. Council Member Cruz asked that all those who passed away from COVID also be remembered.

At the conclusion of the moment of silence, Council Member McBride-Lee led those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked City Clerk Martinez to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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During the roll call, there appeared to be no response from any individual whose name is listed in italics.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: January 4, 2021

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2021.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that the minutes included a ridiculous statement that she did not respond during the roll call. She stated that she was absent and the minutes should reflect this.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO CORRECT THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2021 TO REFLECT THAT COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA WAS ABSENT FOR THAT MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2021 TO REFLECT THAT COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA WAS ABSENT FOR THAT MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

20-20 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund – COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480), FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INCLUDE AGENDA ITEM 20-20 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED WAY OF COASTAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY IMPACT PHILANTHROPY FUND – COVID RELIEF FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED (#21480), FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President Nieves said that there was gentleman from United Way on the call along with Ms. Papa.

Council President Nieves said Ms. DeJesus was not present due to illness. Council President Nieves gave a brief overview of the voucher program for families involved in the Rental Assistance Program to purchase food. There will be a list of stores that will accept these gift cards.

Council Member Pereira said that the grant indicated that there would be 80 \$50 gift cards purchased from local food establishments. It does not say groceries. She wished to know if the cards were for a grocery store or local restaurants.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED AGENDA ITEM 20-20 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED**

WAY OF COASTAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY IMPACT PHILANTHROPY FUND – COVID RELIEF FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED (#21480), FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Council President Nieves said that it was her understanding that these were for grocery stores. Mayor Ganim said that if additional information is available, they will send it to the Council Members.

Council Member Pereira said that it would be important to purchase the cards from grocery stores located throughout the City that people could easily access.

Council President Nieves said that it was for both the smaller stores and the larger chains. She said that they would make sure it was now in the record. Mayor Ganim said that this was now in the record and it would be important not to micromanage the project.

Council Member Brantley said that usually when these types of programs for families in need are done, usually it is for grocery stores.

Council Member Newton pointed out that United Way services a broad area and he asked if it was for Bridgeport residents. He also wished to know who would be distributing them, or if there was an age limit or income limit. Council President Nieves replied that it was through City of Bridgeport Rental Assistance program and would be for Bridgeport residents.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

19-20 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO REVIEW AND AMEND THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 7, 2020, REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE.

21-20 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES,

AMEND CHAPTER 8.90 – REGULATION OF THE SALES AND MARKETING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had communicated with Council President Nieves repeatedly about the creating of a City Council Rules Committee. Council Member Pereira cited Rule 12 and Rule 18 of the City Council Rules prohibits her from serving on any committee for the Council since she serves as the alternate. She appointed herself as a member of this Committee and this is prohibited. She may not serve on the Committee.

Mayor Ganim reminded everyone that these items were for referral to Committees.

**** THE MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE AND REFER THE ITEMS PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, PEREIRA, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***17-20 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance Prohibiting Targeted Residential Picketing within 300 Feet of the Property Line of Certain Residential Dwellings.**

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***145-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to Ensure Public Spaces Reflect Diversity and Values, DENIED.**

***08-20 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: 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.**

***10-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834.**

Mayor Ganim asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Brantley requested that Agenda Items 37-19, and 145-19 be removed. She said that they were two items that were denied in ECDE because of the lack of information. Both sponsors of Agenda Item 37-19 agreed that the item should be denied at this time.

Regarding Agenda Item 145-19, the Committee agreed to deny the item since it dealt with erecting a statue and there were no funds available.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Items 17-20 and 08-20 be removed.

Mayor Ganim announced that there was no Consent Calendar.

17-20 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance Prohibiting Targeted Residential Picketing within 300 Feet of the Property Line of Certain Residential Dwellings.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 17-20 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TARGETED RESIDENTIAL PICKETING WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPERTY LINE OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Cruz said that he was trying to understand what the action was. Mayor Ganim said that it was a vote to refer it to the City Attorney's Office.

Council Member Burns said he was not able to attend the Committee meeting and was concerned about it encroaching on First Amendment rights based notwithstanding what they saw in Washington D.C.

Council Member Brown said that they had sent the item to the City Attorney to draft language but had not heard anything back. Now this was a referral for an opinion.

Council Member Newton said that he was glad that this was just being referred to the City Attorney.

Council Member Pereira said that she had never voted against a referral to Committee because she believes in debate. She said that during the Committee meeting, she had stated that the ACLU would become involved in this. There was a CT Post article that stated that this would be illegal.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she wanted to wait to hear what the City Attorney's Office decides. She said that she would not like to have them in front of her house, but the resolution would put them in front of her neighbor's house.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she would be voting against it and did not understand why it was on the agenda. There are too many resolutions going through without the proper documentation. It could be a touchy legal situation.

Council Member Brown said that it was on the Consent Calendar because it was passed in Committee unanimously. He said that a vote by the Council would carry more weight than just something on a letterhead.

Council Member Cruz said that this was not written in stone and they should give the City Attorney the benefit of the doubt. Declaring that they would vote against it before they even hear the City Attorney's opinion is wrong.

Council Member Lyons said that she would like to have a legal opinion.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 17-20 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TARGETED RESIDENTIAL PICKETING WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPERTY LINE OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, PEREIRA, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) SIX (6) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA, DEFILIPPO, MCCARTHY, LYONS, BURNS, ROMAN-CHRISTY).**

37-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution for the Paving and Development of the Municipal Surface Parking Lot at the corner of East Main Street and Nichols Street, DENIED.

145-19 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to Ensure Public Spaces Reflect Diversity and Values, DENIED.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

37-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR THE PAVING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL SURFACE PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF EAST MAIN STREET AND NICHOLS STREET, DENIED.

145-19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO ENSURE PUBLIC SPACES REFLECT DIVERSITY AND VALUES, DENIED.

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

**** THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE DENIALS FOR AGENDA ITEMS 37-19 AND 145-19 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

08-20 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: 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.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 08-20 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.

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

Council Member Pereira said that Council Member Burns had brought forward this item along with Representative Gresko and someone from CCL. It was stated on the record that Jim Himes was in favor of H.R. 763. Council Member Pereira said that there was a conversation about this with Congressman Himes and she received a letter from him telling her that "going forward, please do not state on the record that I support bills that I have no knowledge about." She said that she had responded to Congressman Himes and explained that Council Member Burns and Representative Gresko said he was supporting this bill.

Council Member Pereira went on the Congressional website and Congressman Himes was a co-sponsor of the bill in 2019. The bill has died because there is a new Congress.

Council Member Pereira repeated that she had received a formal letter from Congressman Himes on his letterhead stating that he was not supporting this bill. She said that she wanted this on the record because she did not know anything about this bill. It was Council Member Burns that introduced the resolution and made the assertion that Congressman Himes supported it. She said she wanted to clear the record on this.

Council Member Brantley said that she was supporting this in spite of the fact that Congressman Himes was not supporting this. It is an environmental issue that everyone is concerned with. If Congressman Himes is not supporting this, they will not use his name. She would like to see a copy of the letter Council Member Pereira received.

Council Member Pereira said that she would be voting against it because she did not get the answers to her questions in Committee.

Council Member Burns said that he was in touch with Congressman Himes and they were pleased to know that the Council was moving ahead with this. There were a number of CT cities, such as Stamford and New Haven that have passed a resolution, and Hartford is working on it. This is a State-wide initiative and now that there is a President who cares about climate change, Council Member Burns was supporting this.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 08-20 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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 PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED, (VIZZO-PANICCIA, PEREIRA AND DEFILIPPO).**

10-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 10-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 834.
** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that there was no Executive Summary which is required. She said that she had read the resolution and it was about a firefighter who was fired twice and the Department filed an appeal to rehire this individual. She said that the documentation was about the elimination of a position.

Atty. Mitola said that this was a mandamus action brought by the Firefighter Maintenance Union and had nothing to do with Firefighter Green's case. The Executive Summary was sent out on January 11, 2021 to the City Clerk's Office. The item was presented to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee three weeks ago. The Committee voted unanimously to approve it.

This will settle the mandamus action brought by the Firefighter Maintenance Union. It is a reorganization of that department. Best case scenario is that the City saves \$87,000 a year due to the settlement. The worst case scenario would be the City saves \$83,000 a year. Any additional information would require an Executive Session.

Council Member Pereira said that the case refers to something she did not understand.

Mayor Ganim said that rather than stating there was no Executive Summary was incorrect, she should ask about the Executive Session.

Council Member Pereira said that she was trying to understand why the litigation was listed in the agreement. Mayor Ganim said that he did not know.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 10-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 834 PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

137-19 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution to Review the Use of Bridgeport Police as School Resource Officers.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 137-19 EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE USE OF BRIDGEPORT POLICE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

Council Member Cruz said that they had many meetings with Lt. Grech and that the goal of the meetings were to determine whether the SROs were physically in the school building. They are not. The case was closed as far as the SROs.

Council Member Pereira said that this was initially referred in July to the Education Committee. It was on the agenda for months. On December 9th, they were concerned that Acting Chief Garcia did not attend and the item was tabled with the condition that Lt. Cotto, Lt. Grech, Acting Chief Garcia and the Superintendent of Schools attend the next meeting.

During the January 13th meeting, Council Member McCarthy stated that Acting Chief Garcia was not on the call. Council Member Cruz announced that they were abusing the Police Department by repeatedly asking questions and he had made the decision that the Committee did not need to speak to Acting Chief Garcia.

Council Member Pereira said that with the democratic form of government votes matter. The only people who don't believe that are Donald Trump and his loyal cult followers. In a democracy, Council Members Cruz and Silva are not kings and Council Member Pereira is not one of their subjects in court. When a vote is taken, that vote is binding, whether it is in Committee or on the full Council. For either of them to say after the unanimous December 9th vote, that those people did not need to come to a meeting was outrageous and unlawful. She said that she wanted to place this on the record.

Council President Nieves said that she wished to clarify this and the reason that they moved it was because they had exhausted the subject. The obligation to keep the SROs on ends this year with the COPS grant. There has been language introduced by Senator Murphy about the SROs. There have been conversations about this transition of the SROs in the Police Department. These are regular Bridgeport Police Officers filling the SRO positions. The Federal grant has been changed and there is a bill being drafted in Hartford. The grant will be ending. They need some time to do the restructuring. The conversation has been exhausted.

Council Member Lyons said that she understood Council President Nieves's comments and the restructuring. Lt. Grech explained about the roles that the SROs had. Her concern was about the legality and Council Member Lyons noted that Acting Chief Garcia had been requested to attend but did not attend the Committee meetings. Because of this, she will be voting no.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that this was a grey area that was not part of the City Council. This is a personnel matter and not a budgetary issue. She said that she would wait for the information. Let Lt. Grech do his job along with officers.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 137-19 EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE USE OF BRIDGEPORT POLICE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND FIVE (5) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO, PEREIRA, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCCARTHY AND LYONS) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (SULIMAN).**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

18-20 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Dr. Lesly J. Valbrun (U) to the Ethics Commission, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION: 18-20 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF DR. LESLY J. VALBRUN (U) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 18-20 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF DR. LESLY J. VALBRUN (U) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira stated Chapter 5, Section 10 of the City Charter, any election by the City Council had to be done by roll call vote.

Council Member Pereira said she was troubled the Ethics Commission was supposed to hold everyone else accountable and questioned if they were violating the ordinance. They were bypassing the process and she was trying to understand. All nominees to Boards and Commissions shall submit to a criminal background check by the City's Office of Internal Affairs or such office determined by the Chief of Police and submit to the Ethics Committee a disclosure of their property, business and financial interests on the forms provided by the City Clerk. They are supposed to hold everyone accountable but the Council was violating the ordinance to place this candidate on the Ethics Committee.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that this was going to be referred to Committee but due to the City Council meeting being cancelled because of the weather conditions. The two Chairs have received the documentation.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 18-20 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF DR. LESLY J. VALBRUN (U) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO AND PEREIRA).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 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 REFERRED BACK TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she did not know where the authority came from to refer the item back to Committee. She said that there was no such authority to refer this back to Committee in the Council Rules.

Council Member Newton disagreed.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 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 REFERRED BACK TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (DEFILIPPO AND PEREIRA).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services



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IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Below to be used for processing of Immediate Consideration items only

Log ID/Item number: 18-20
Submitting Department / Contact Name: Mayor's Office
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor
Subject: Appointment of Dr. Lesly J. Valbrun (U) to the Ethics Commission.
Referred to Committee: Immediate Consideration
City Council Date: February 1, 2021 (Cancelled) Carried over to February 16, 2021

Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Date

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date

Please Note: Mayor did not sign.

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JOSEPH P. GANIM
Mayor

TO: Lydia N. Martinez
FROM: Mayor Joseph P. Ganim
DATE: January 25, 2021
RE: Boards & Commissions

Please place the following name on the February 1, 2021 City Council Agenda for referral to ~~the Miscellaneous Matters Committee~~ for the purpose of appointment to the **Ethics Commission:**

Dr. Lesly J. Valbrun (U)
538 Lincoln Ave
Bridgeport, CT 06604

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This term shall expire on 12/31/2022.

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Log ID/Item number:	20-20
Submitting Department/ Contact Name:	Central Grants Office Isolina DeJesus, Director
Subject:	Grant Submission: re: United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund- COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480).
Referred to Committee:	Immediate Consideration
City Council Date:	February 1, 2021 (Cancelled) Carried Over to February 16, 2021

Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez

Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Date

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

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Date

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45 Lyon Terrace, Room 204
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Re: Resolution – United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund – COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480)

Attached, please find a Grant Summary and Resolution for the **United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund – COVID Relief for Residents in Need**. Acceptance of this grant award requires legislative authorization. We respectfully request that this be added as an item to the City Council meeting agenda on Monday, February 1, 2021 for **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION** to accept the award and immediately provide much need relief to residents.

Grant: United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund – COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480)

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

Thank you,

Isolina DeJesus
Central Grants Office

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GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE: **United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund – COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480)**

NEW RENEWAL CONTINUING

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: **Central Grants Office**

CONTACT NAME: **Isolina DeJesus**

PHONE NUMBER: **203-576-7134**

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION: In a response to challenges created by the COVID-19 public health crisis, the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County is seeking to work with town social services departments to support people struggling with mental health or in need of emergency financial support as a result of the crisis and the resulting economic fallout. The City of Bridgeport is seeking funding for the purpose of purchasing eighty \$50 gift cards from local food establishments. The gift cards will be provided to clients of the rental assistance program who have expressed a lack of resources that has resulted in food insecurity.

CONTRACT PERIOD: 1/21/2021-6/30/2021

Federal:	\$ 0.00
State:	\$ 0.00
City:	\$ 0.00
Other:	\$ 4,000.00

GRANT FUNDED PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED	
Salaries/Benefits:	\$
Contractual	\$
Other:	\$4,000

MATCH REQUIRED		
N/A	CASH	IN-KIND
Source:	\$ 0	\$0

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council

**Regarding the
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County Impact Philanthropy Fund
COVID Relief for Residents in Need (#21480)**

WHEREAS, the **United Way of Coastal Fairfield County** is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the **Impact Philanthropy Fund- COVID Relief for Residents in Need** in response to the challenges created by the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funding is to provide much needed financial support to residents impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Social Services will utilize the funds to provide relief to residents who have expressed food insecurity caused by COVID-19.

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 the **United Way of Coastal Fairfield County** for the purpose of **Impact Philanthropy Fund- COVID Relief for Residents in Need**.
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 **United Way of Coastal Fairfield County** and to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts, amendments, and documents as may be necessary to administer this program.

Ortiz, Frances

From: DeJesus, Isolina
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Gaudett, Thomas; Nieves, Aidee
Cc: Oliveira, Melissa; Ortiz, Frances
Subject: RE: \$4,000 Grant from the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County...MOU to sign
Attachments: Resolution Package - United Way_docx

Good afternoon,

We are respectfully requesting that the attached item be placed on the agenda for immediate consideration. Please see my description below.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Isolina DeJesus
City of Bridgeport
Office of Central Grants
Phone: (203) 576-7134
isolina.dejesus@bridgeportct.gov

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From: DeJesus, Isolina
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:13 PM
To: Papa, Tammy <Tammy.Papa@Bridgeportct.gov>; Gaudett, Thomas <Thomas.Gaudett@Bridgeportct.gov>; Nieves, Aidee <Aidee.Nieves@bridgeportct.gov>
Cc: Oliveira, Melissa <Melissa.Oliveira@Bridgeportct.gov>
Subject: FW: \$4,000 Grant from the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County...MOU to sign

Tammy, United Way sent an MOU for the \$4K.

Tom/Aidee, we put this application in last week. Will you support placing this on the next CC agenda for immediate consideration? The intended use of the funds is to address food insecurity during the pandemic. The Social Services department will enhance the rental assistance program (funding provided through CDBG CARES Act) by providing \$50 gift cards from local food establishments to 80 families.

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From: Jeff Kimball <jkimball@unitedwaycfc.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:41 PM

To: DeJesus, Isolina <Isolina.DeJesus@Bridgeportct.gov>

Cc: Hilda Johnson <hjohnson@unitedwaycfc.org>; Michele Litt <mlitt@unitedwaycfc.org>; Gail C. Carroll <gcarroll@unitedwaycfc.org>

Subject: \$4,000 Grant from the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County...MOU to sign

Hi Isolina,

Thank you for completing our online application – we're glad we can help our fellow residents of the city of Bridgeport. The process for getting a check to you is simple. Please just sign the standard MOU, which you'll find attached, email it back to us and that's it!

Of course, if you have any questions at all, please just let me know.

Warm Regards,

Jeff

Jeff Kimball
CEO & President
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SECTION I CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Log ID/Item Number: **19-20**
Submitted by Councilmember(s): **Aidee Nieves, City Council President**
Co-Sponsors(s): *Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item.*
District: **137TH**
Subject: **Proposed resolution for Special Committee on Governance review of and proposed amendments to the Rules of the Bridgeport City Council as adopted on December 7, 2020.**
Referred to: **Special Committee on Governance**
City Council Date: **February 1, 2021 (Cancelled & Carried over to 02/16/2021)**

SECTION II RESOLUTION (PLEASE TYPE BELOW)

Whereas, on December 7, 2020 the Bridgeport City Council adopted Rules of Order; and

Whereas, on December 7, 2020 the Bridgeport City Council created a Special Committee on Governance; and

Whereas, the Bridgeport City Council Rules of Order adopted on December 7, 2020 be referred to the Special Committee on Governance for review and proposed amendments; and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Bridgeport City Council Rules of Order adopted on December 7, 2020 be referred to the Special Committee on Governance for review and proposed amendments.

(See Attached)

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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 VIII DATE OF APPROVAL/DENIAL FROM CITY COUNCIL

City Council Approval Date: _____

SECTION IX COMMENTS (if any)

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

RULES OF ORDER

As approved by City Council December 7, 2020
Amended October 18, 2004
Amended December 6, 2004
Amended October 19, 2009
Amended February 7, 2011
Amended April 18, 2011
Amended October 7, 2019
Amended July 6, 2020

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

RULES OF ORDER

NOTE: Gender Neutral Terminology

Unless the context otherwise demands, words importing any gender shall be interpreted to mean any genders (i.e. use of the masculine gender shall include the feminine and/or gender neutral).

Rule I: Order and Appeal

The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, may speak on questions of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council by motion regularly seconded. No other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal shall have been decided.

Rule II: Order of Motions

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received by the presiding officer except:

- Without Debate < <<<<<< < To fix the time of Adjournment.
- < To Adjourn.
- < To Reconsider.
- < To Lay on the Table.
- < For the Previous Question.

To Postpone to a certain Time.

To Commit or Re-commit.

To Amend, or

To Postpone indefinitely (unamendable) which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged. The presiding officer shall declare all votes; if a vote be doubted, the presiding officer shall order arising vote without further debate.

Rule III: Limitation on Debate

A motion to fix the time in which to adjourn, or such a motion not being before the meeting, then one to adjourn shall always be in order. A motion to adjourn, to fix the time in which to adjourn, to reconsider, to lay on the table and for the previous question shall be decided without debate and without amendment, except the motion to fix the time in which to adjourn, which can be amended by altering the time.

The presiding officer (for both the full City Council and any committees) shall call the question for vote on his own volition or may accept a call for the question from any single member.

When a member is about to speak in debate, he shall respectfully address the presiding officer; shall maintain a courteous tone; shall confine himself to the question under debate and shall avoid personalities or imputing to any member improper motives.

Without permission of the chairperson, no member can speak more than two times, until all other members have had an opportunity to speak to the matter.

It shall be unnecessary for a member to rise from his seat either to be recognized or to speak. Debate must be confined to the merits of the pending question and speakers shall address their remarks to the chairperson.

Rule IV: Restrictions on Speaking

At City Council meetings only members of the City Council may speak on any matter before the Council unless by a majority vote of all the members of the City Council, or at a duly scheduled Public Hearing.

At City Council committee meetings only members of the particular committee may first speak on any matter pending before the committee. Thereafter, any other Councilperson in attendance may speak as of right, subject to the debate limitations set forth in Rule III.

No other persons may speak at a committee meeting except at a duly scheduled Public Hearing or as permitted by a majority vote of all the members of the committee. However, City staff may speak as permitted by the Councilperson chairing the meeting when in the exercise of the chairperson's discretion it is deemed to be in the best interest of the committee to do so.

Rule V: The Previous Question

The previous question shall be in this form: "I move the previous question". It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and after adoption of the previous question, the sense of the Board shall forthwith be taken upon all pending amendments in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule VI: Amendments and Divisions

No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment. All questions shall be divided - when the sense will admit of it - on demand of any member.

Rule VII: Endorsements and Presentation

All resolutions, ordinances or orders shall be endorsed with the name of the mover thereon, and shall be taken up in the order of their presentation, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, or unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sums and the longest time shall be put first.

Rule VIII: Calls to Order

No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, except by a call to order or to correct a mistake. If any member, in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of the Board, the presiding officer shall, and any member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain. When there is an appeal to the Board, and a decision in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise.

Rule IX: Motion to Reconsider

The mover of a question may withdraw his motion at any time before a decision or amendment, and when a motion has been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move a reconsideration thereof at the same, or at a meeting next succeeding that at which the vote was passed; and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to fix the time to which to adjourn, and to adjourn; but no question can be twice reconsidered, nor can a vote which has caused action that cannot be reversed or reconsidered. Upon passage of a motion to reconsider, the matter is back pending before the body for further action as appropriate.

Rule X: All Must Vote

No member shall be excused from voting on any question unless he is personally interested in the result, except by unanimous consent. Councilmembers should familiarize themselves with the provisions of Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.38 *Code of Ethics*. When a Councilmember abstains from voting, he shall state generally the nature of the conflict of interest justifying such abstention. No member shall be permitted, under any circumstances whatever, to vote after the decision is announced from the chair.

Rule XI: Motion in Writing

When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or being in writing shall be read aloud, before debated. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer or any member desires it.

Rule XII: Council Committees

At the commencement of the City Council year, the following standing committees, each to consist of seven councilpersons, shall be appointed by the President of the City Council and ratified by the City Council. The President may remove and/or reassign to a different committee any Committee Member upon ratification by the City Council. The reason (including but not limited to a pattern of poor committee attendance) for the removal or reassignment shall be stated for the record by the President prior to the City Council vote to ratify the President's action to remove or reassign. The first two (2) Councilpersons named on each standing committee shall be Co-Chairpersons of said Committee. The President of the City Council shall be an alternate for each member of each committee; but may only serve as an alternate for one committee member at each committee meeting. When serving as an alternate for a committee Co-Chairperson, the Council President shall exercise all the powers and authority and perform all the duties of the Co-Chair for whom he is serving as alternate, including presiding over the committee meeting in the event both Co-Chairs are absent. In the event both Co-Chairs and the

President all are absent from a committee meeting, but nonetheless there is a quorum of the committee present, those committee members in attendance shall elect (by majority vote) a temporary chairperson from amongst themselves to serve as presiding officer for the duration of the committee meeting.

Committee on Ordinances

Committee on Public Safety and Transportation

Committee on Contracts

Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment

Committee on Miscellaneous Matters

Committee on Education and Social Services

Committee on Budget and Appropriations

Joint Committee

The Joint Committee becomes a single committee for the purposes of the item or items referred to it. The membership of the Joint Committee is comprised of the members of Committees it formed from, with any members serving on more than one of the committees from which the Joint Committee is formed, counting as a single member of the Joint Committee and having only a single vote on the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee shall be chaired by the Co-chairs of the committees from which it is formed, with the chairmanship being filled on a rotating basis, in an order agreed to by the co-chairs or by vote of the Joint Committee in the event the co-chairs cannot agree upon the matter.

Rule XIII: References to Committees

Unless acted upon by the consent of two-thirds of those present, the following references shall be made of all matters presented to the City Council, except as otherwise noted in the case of the Committee on Public Safety and Transportation:

1. All bills for material or labor furnished to the City, and all matters of finance, excepting as herein otherwise referred, shall be referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.
2. All resolutions or petitions concerning streets, sidewalks, sewers, bridges, the airport or matters relating to the transportation infrastructure of the City shall be referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Transportation.
3. All resolutions or petitions asking for tax refunds or other moneys or for monetary damages for injuries sustained through the negligence of the City, or because of any statutory claim for money against the City shall be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters; except for the purposes of deferred or tax abatements only, such matters shall be referred to joint committee of Miscellaneous Matters and Budget.

4. All resolutions or petitions relating to contracts to be entered into which require City Council approval, shall be referred to the Committee on Contracts.
5. All resolutions or petitions relating to printing of City Council proceedings, the celebration of holidays, Rules of Order of the City Council, appointments to any Boards or Commissions requiring City Council approval, except Police and Fire Commissioners or any other matter for the reference of which no other provision is herein made, shall be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters.
6. All resolutions or petitions relating to the adoption or amending of any ordinance or any matter relating to general government of the City, excepting as herein otherwise provided, shall be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.
7. All resolutions or petitions relating to education shall be referred to the Committee on Education and Social Services.
8. All resolutions or petitions relating to external and internal conditions affecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Bridgeport and the environment by pollutants or ecological poisons by any source, or grants and other funds or gifts from public and private agencies, including the State and Federal governments or the ecological balance of nature shall be referred to the Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment.
9. All resolutions or petitions relating to matters involving economic development and community development shall be referred to the Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment (ECDE). In the event a matter involves a proposed third-party contract, then it shall be referred to joint committee comprised of the members of the Committee on ECDE and the Committee on Contracts.
10. The Committee on Public Safety and Transportation ("the Committee") and shall have sole or shared jurisdiction over all matters relating to the Police Department, the Fire Department and Emergency Management as follows:
 - A. The requested budgets of the Police and Fire Departments shall be reviewed by the Committee and the Committee will report its recommendations to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.
 - B. All ordinances relating to public safety shall be reviewed by the Committee and the Committee will report its recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances.
 - C. All Appointments to the Police and Fire Commissions shall be the jurisdiction of the Committee.
 - D. The Committee shall review and recommend upon Police and Fire Department capacity issues as they relate to economic and community development issues and projects.
 - E. All Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) proposals (i.e., Phoenix Project) shall be handled by the Committee.
 - F. The Committee shall require the submission of an annual Emergency Management Plan and recommend modifications or acceptance by the Administration.

- G. The Committee shall request annual reports on the state of public safety from the Police Chief and Fire Chief to be submitted during the month of April.
 - H. The Committee shall review the certification of all special police officers for all municipal and quasi-municipal departments and agencies including the Board of Education, the Bridgeport Housing Authority, and the Bridgeport Transportation Center.
 - I. All grant applications regarding public safety shall be within the jurisdiction of the Committee.
 - J. The Committee shall review street lighting as it relates to crime prevention while being cognizant of the costs incurred by the City.
 - K. The Committee shall encourage and facilitate the efforts of the Bridgeport Police Department with any and all community policing initiatives.
 - L. The Committee shall establish and recommend a Public Safety Officer of the Year program with various categories in order to give recognition for outstanding service and to improve morale within the uniformed departments.
11. The City Clerk shall report to the City Council at the first meeting in October in each year, the substance of all resolutions, petitions or other matters then pending before the various committees.
12. Any communication, petition, report or resolution for presentation at a meeting of the City Council shall be filed at the Office of the City Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting. When a legal holiday occurs on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to a City Council meeting, any communication, petition, report, or resolution for presentation at said meeting shall be filed at the Office of the City Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the holiday.
13. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) shall submit with all requests for budget transfers between line items, all supporting documentation, including but not limited to, a written justification for said transfers and any contracts or agreements funded by said transfers.
14. In addition, each committee is hereby expressly authorized (without requirement of any prior referral of business via specific resolution or petition from the full City Council) to conduct information meetings to collect (via documentation), testimony, or otherwise) data concerning, and to discuss, such general substantive areas of legislative business for which they have been assigned jurisdiction herein. By way of example, the Committee on Contracts is authorized and empowered with respect to expiring City labor agreements to consult with the City's Director of Labor Relations and/or his designee(s) prior to the City entering into negotiations for successor agreements with the various unions representing City employees, for purposes of discussing employment related matters of concern to the City Council that are subject to collective bargaining. The Labor Relations Director shall notify the co-chairpersons of the Committee on Contracts not less than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of any City collective bargaining agreements.
15. All references to any committee by any City agency, board, commission and/or employee must include an executive summary or transmittal letter that sets forth the following data if and

as applicable: (a) title of submission, (b) submitting entity, (c) contact person and information, (d) deadline for approval and basis for same, (e) substantive summary of matter, (f) city council action requested, (g) financial impact analysis – to include best reasonable estimates as to all expenditure and revenue effects of the reference if approved as requested, (h) departmental budget line-item to which direct expenditures (including grant matching funds) are anticipated to be charged and (i) draft proposed motion(s) for city council adoption. Copies of all executive summaries shall be distributed to each councilperson electronically and by hardcopy when the matter is referred by the full city council to committee for review.

Rule XIV: Duties of Committees

It shall be the duty of each Committee, Board or City Officer to whom may be referred any petition, matter or thing with instruction to report, to present their report thereon within sixty (60) days after such reference, or sooner if specially directed, or ask for further time. If the report has not been forthcoming within ninety (90) days, four (4) members of the Committee in question may submit a written petition to the Council President to call a Special Committee Meeting. If the Petition is accepted, the Council President shall establish the date, time and location of the meeting for Committee membership and public notification.

Rule XV: Committee Reports

All reports of Committees, Boards or City Officers shall be in writing and accompanied by such order, resolution or bill as said Committee, Board or Officer reporting shall recommend for the action of the Board. Upon the reading of a report, if no motion is made, the question shall always be upon the order question is disposed of, upon the acceptance of the report. Orders, resolutions or bills reported by any Committee, Board or Officers may be recommitted, together with the report, at anytime before their passage or rejection. A failed Committee vote on a motion to approve any item referred by the City Council to the Committee (absent any further action by the Committee) shall constitute a recommendation by the Committee for denial and shall so constitute the majority report of the Committee. However, in the event that the defeat of the motion to approve is subsequently followed at the same meeting by further Committee action on the item (i.e. passage of motion to reconsider or to amend, and subsequent motion to approve or deny), the subsequent action would constitute the Committee's majority report. Further, in the event that the defeat of the motion to approve is subsequently followed at the same meeting by passage of motion to table, then the matter would remain tabled in Committee until further Committee action.

Rule XVI: Committee Purchases

No committee shall enter into any contract with any of its members, nor purchase nor authorize the purchase of any articles of any such member.

Rule XVII. Committee Clerks

The Clerk of the Board to which any petition, order or resolution shall be first presented, shall endorse thereon a statement of the contents or object of such petition, order or resolution, and action taken thereon, together with the date thereof.

Rule XVIII: Committee Appointments

All Special Committees (except as otherwise provided for) shall be appointed by the President of the City Council and ratified by the City Council; said appointment to be announced during a session of the Council. The first two (2) Councilpersons named on each special committee shall be co-chairpersons of said committee. The President of the City Council shall be an alternate for each member of each special committee, but may only serve as an alternate for one committee member at each committee meeting. When serving as an alternate for a committee Co-Chairperson, the Council President shall exercise all the powers and authority and perform all the duties of the Co-Chair for whom he is serving as alternate, including presiding over the committee meeting in the event both Co-Chairs are absent. In the event both Co-Chairs and the President all are absent from a committee meeting, but nonetheless there is a quorum of the Committee present, those committee members in attendance shall elect (by majority vote) a temporary chairperson from amongst themselves to serve as presiding officer for the duration of the committee meeting.

Rule XIX: Minority Reports

Whenever a minority report is submitted by any committee of the City Council the same shall be acted upon by this body, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order. A majority vote is required to receive a minority report; the question is undebatable. When the minority report is presented it is for information, and it cannot be acted upon except by a motion to substitute it for the report of the committee. Whether the views of the minority are formally presented or not, however, any member can move that resolutions proposed by the committee be amended or that some other appropriate action be taken.

Rule XX: Order of Business

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Mayor's Message - Veto.
3. Rules.
4. Public Hearings.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Bills and Communications.
7. Reading of Petitions.
8. Reading of Reports:
 - Board of Police Commissioners.
 - Board of Fire Commissioners.
 - Board of Park Commissioners.
 - Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages.
 - Committee on Budget and Appropriations.
 - Committee on Ordinances.
 - Committee on Public Safety and Transportation.
 - Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment.
 - Committee on Miscellaneous Matters (Public Affairs, Appointments and Claims).
 - Committee on Contracts.
 - Committee on Education and Social Services.
 - Special Committees.
 - City Attorney.
 - Comptroller/Finance Director.
 - Public Facilities Director.
 - City Engineer.

Miscellaneous Reports.

9. Unfinished Business.

All matters previously tabled by the Council which the council has expressly stated should not be referred to committee.

10. Orders and Resolutions.

This order of proceeding shall be adhered to as a rule except in the case of special assignments which shall be heard at the time assigned.

Rule XXI: Robert's Rules of Order

All differences of opinion in regard to points of order or modes of proceeding not herein otherwise provided for, shall be governed by Parliamentary practice as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Rule XXII: Change of Rules

Any of the foregoing rules may be repealed or amended or new ones added, by a majority vote of all the members of the City Council, provided descriptive notice of so doing has been given in writing at the last preceding meeting.

Rule XXIII: Suspension of Rules

These rules shall not be suspended at any City Council meeting, except upon a majority vote of those present and voting; and the motion to do so shall state just what rule it is proposed to suspend and for what purpose, and shall be decided without debate or amendment.

Rule XXIV: Interview of Prospective Appointees

A. Each committee, before taking any action shall interview, in person, any prospective appointee to any board or commission, or any department head seeking creation of any new position or increase in salary for any position.

B. All reappointments to any Board or Commission, which are submitted to the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters, shall not have to be interviewed a second time during the confirmation process. An exception to this rule will be when a minimum of five (5) City Council Members request an interview to be done with candidates prior to reappointment at a committee meeting. All prior attendance records, background and ethics checks for the previous term shall be submitted to the Committee prior to the reappointment at a committee meeting.

Rule XXV: Public Speaking Forum

There shall be a public speaking forum before the City Council on each night that the City Council meets in regular session commencing one-half hour prior to the scheduled commencement of the Council meeting. The right to address the City Council shall be granted to a maximum of ten (10) speakers. Each speaker shall be a Bridgeport resident or taxpayer of the city or a duly authorized representative of a city-based organization or company speaking on behalf of such organization or company.

Any such person desiring to address the City Council at such forum shall be permitted three (3) minutes to speak. In order to be eligible to speak, one must either: (a) contact the City Council, through the City Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the City Council meeting or (b) sign up on the day of the meeting at the City Council chambers prior to the 6:30 p.m. start of the public speaking forum. Such requests shall be honored on a first come, first served, basis. When signing up to speak, persons shall identify the subject upon

which they will be speaking; with subject matters on that meeting's City Council agenda preferred.

The minutes of said forum shall be recorded by the Council stenographer and attendance of the Councilpersons at said forum shall be taken prior to the convening of said forum.

In addressing the City Council, speakers shall: confine their address to their listed topic or subject matter; refrain from personal character or political attacks on Councilpersons or other persons; be courteous and not use unbecoming, abusive, inflammatory, defamatory or unparliamentary language; and shall avoid personalities. Any speaker who violates these rules of decorum may have his opportunity to address the City Council at this and future meetings suspended or revoked by the Council President.

Rule XXVI: Conduct in City Council

In speaking, City Council members shall refrain from mentioning any other member by name, shall confine themselves to the question, shall be courteous and not use unbecoming, abusive, or unparliamentary language, and shall avoid personalities.

Any member who, in debate or otherwise, indulges in personalities or makes charges reflecting upon the character of another member, shall make an apology in open session at the meeting at which offense is committed, or at the next succeeding regular meeting, and, failing to do so, shall be named by the President or held in contempt, and suspended from further participation in debate until said apology is made.

Rule XXVII: Council President's Term

Beginning at the first Council Meeting in December 1993 the term of the Council President shall be two (2) years. The Mayor cannot break a tie in the event of a Council tie for the election of Council President.

Rule XXVIII: Salaries of Elected Officials

The City Council must review the salaries of elected officials in even numbered years.

Rule XXIX: Consent Calendar

There shall be a consent calendar consisting of such items that have been unanimously approved out of committee. Those items shall be placed on a list to be voted on together as one vote. Any item can be removed from said calendar by a simple request from any council member.

The items remaining on the consent calendar will be read into the record by the City Clerk and voted upon as one consolidated item. The removed items will be presented by the respective committee chairpersons, discussed, and voted on individually.

Rule XXX: Sale of Surplus City Property

Whenever City Council permission is sought for authority to dispose of surplus municipal real property, the submission to the City Council shall include either:

- A. An AIA (American Institute of Architects) appraisal of FMV (fair market value) or
- B. A Report from the City Tax Assessor setting forth the then current assessed value for taxation purpose.

No approval of such proposed sale shall occur absent such required valuation data, except upon two-thirds vote of the entire City Council.

Rule XXXI: Withdrawal of Matters

Once a matter has been submitted to the City Council, including those referred to a committee for report, any request to withdraw must be made in writing by the submitting party; and the withdrawal of such pending City Council matter is subject to approval by the City Council.

Rule XXXII: Biennial Annual Review of Rules of Order

In December of each even-numbered year, the President shall appoint a Special Committee on Rules, comprised of seven (7) Councilpersons. The committee shall review the current set of rules and recommend to the full City Council any proposed amendments thereto for adoption.

Rule XXXIII: Rules Subordinate to City Charter and Code of Ordinances

In the event that any of these Rules of Order conflict with the provisions of the Bridgeport City Charter (in particular Chapter 5) or Code of Ordinances, the terms of the Charter or Code shall prevail.



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RESOLUTION FORM

SECTION I CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Log ID/Item Number:	21-20		
Submitted by Councilmember(s):	Aidee Nieves, City Council President		
Co-Sponsors(s):	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
District:	137TH		
Subject:	Proposed resolution for Amendment to City Code Chapter 8.90 - REGULATION OF THE SALES AND MARKETING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS		
Referred to:	Ordinance Committee		
City Council Date:	February 1, 2021 (Canceled & Carried over to 02/16/2021)		

SECTION II RESOLUTION (PLEASE TYPE BELOW)

Whereas, tobacco companies have long used all different types of flavored products to attract kids, starting with menthol cigarettes and now continuing with e-cigarettes. According to the 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey, youth usage of electronic cigarettes is still a public health crisis and has "increased dramatically" from 2011 with 3.6 million youth still using e-cigarettes; and

Whereas, flavors are a big reason why. As reported in JAMA, 81% of youth who have ever used tobacco of any kind started with a flavored product. Additionally, according to the survey, more than eight out of 10 youth e-cigarette users reported using the flavored products.

Whereas, it is imperative for the current and future health of our City and state's youth to ban flavored tobacco products; and

Whereas, we must stand up for all people's health and say NO to the sale of all flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars in addition to e-cigarettes. No matter what type of tobacco you're talking about, these kid-friendly flavors are addictive and the products they sweeten are deadly; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Bridgeport city Council that that the language in the attached Word document be incorporated into City Code Chapter 8.90 - REGULATION OF THE SALES AND MARKETING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

(Attachment)

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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)

Chapter 8.90 - REGULATION OF THE SALES AND MARKETING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS⁽⁴⁾

Footnotes:

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Editor's note— An Ordinance dated January 22, 2019, amended Ch. 8.90 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former Ch. 8.90, §§ 8.90.010—8.90.070, pertained to regulation of the marketing of tobacco products to children, and derived from an Ord. dated March 15, 1999, an Ord. dated Nov. 1, 1999, an Ord. dated Nov. 3, 2008, an Ord. dated May 16, 2016.

8.90.010 - Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Bridgeport tobacco sales and marketing ordinance."

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.020 - Purpose of chapter.

- A. It is declared to be the public policy of the city to reduce the exposure of its children to the marketing of tobacco products in order to promote their health, safety and welfare. The city finds that the use of tobacco products has prevalent, material, and predictable deleterious impacts on the health of individuals and is therefore a significant threat to the public health of its inhabitants. Thousands of users of tobacco products and other individuals exposed to second-hand smoke die or are stricken with illnesses every year that are attributed to tobacco use. Tobacco advertising, whether intended to promote tobacco use or only to compete for market share, has the consequence of promoting tobacco use. Tobacco advertising helps significantly to induce children and older youth to initiate tobacco use. Children and older youth are more receptive than adults to the clever images and messages contained in tobacco advertising and are likely to purchase the most heavily-advertised brands. ~~Exposure to tobacco marketing, adult smoking, and peer smoking are the greatest risk factors for teenage children and older youth that decide to smoke. Of these, exposure to marketing is the greatest risk factor.~~ The U.S. Surgeon General has established that there is a causal relationship between advertising and promotional efforts of tobacco companies and youth and young adult initiation and use of tobacco. The prohibition on sales to children and older youth is useful but is insufficient alone to discourage tobacco use among children and older youth.
- B. The city believes that additional measures must be taken to reduce the exposure of minors to tobacco advertising. Pursuant to the statutes of the State of Connecticut, the city has the power to regulate and prohibit any trade or business which is or may become prejudicial to public health and may make lawful regulations and ordinances in furtherance of public health. Therefore, to encourage the protection of the public health, the city seeks to reduce the exposure of children and older youth to tobacco sales, marketing and use by taking measures that include:
1. Prohibiting certain outdoor advertising in public places and certain indoor advertising of tobacco products in places likely to be frequented by children and older youth;
 2. Prohibiting the marketing of tobacco products in proximity to schools, parks and other locations frequented by children and older youth;
 3. Prohibiting certain tobacco marketing methods that are aimed at children and older youth or are likely to induce or encourage the use of tobacco products among children and older youth;
 4. Creating a permit system with penalties as a means of enforcing the requirements of this chapter on those who sell tobacco products; and

5. Prohibiting the use of tobacco products at all Bridgeport public schools.

- C. It is declared to be the public policy of the city to reduce youth access to tobacco products to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Bridgeport's youth. Raising the minimum legal sale and distribution age for all tobacco products to twenty-one (21) reduces access to these products by youth, as teens often acquire such products from social networks, including older friends: the vast majority of those providing nicotine and tobacco products for youth aged seventeen (17) and under are themselves between eighteen (18) and twenty (21) years old and are able to purchase legally.
- D. ~~Select findings from the 2017 Connecticut School Health Survey reflect over one-third of Connecticut high school students (nearly fifty-nine thousand (59,000)) report having ever tried some form a tobacco and current tobacco use is reported at 17.9%. The YTS survey shows the vast majority of youth are using flavored tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping devices, and although cigarette smoking has decreased among Connecticut youth, the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices continues to increase at an alarming rate, with current use reported at 14.7% and shows usage increasing with age. When asked how they accessed these products, the majority of youth surveyed (59.3%) reported they obtained their e-cigarettes from a friend.~~
- E. ~~The Institute of Medicine predicted in a 2015 report that raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to twenty-one (21) nationwide will have a substantial positive impact on public health and provide long-term declines in smoking rates by reducing tobacco initiation among adolescents aged 15-17 by twenty five (25) percent and overall prevalence of tobacco use by twelve (12) percent.~~
- E. Select findings from the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey show that 28.7% of Connecticut high school students are current tobacco uses, 27.0% are current e-cigarette users, and of those current e-cigarette users, 31.5% are frequent users (use on 20+ days/month). Frequent use is a strong indication of addiction.
- F. The tobacco industry has a long history of targeting kids with flavored products and flavors play a key role in youth initiation and continued use of tobacco products. Eight out of ten youth who have ever used a tobacco product initiated with a flavored product.
- G. E-cigarettes are sold in over 15,000 flavors, from mint and menthol to gummy bear and cotton candy. 82.9% of youth e-cigarette users use flavored products and 70.3% of current youth e-cigarette users say they use e-cigarettes "because they come in flavors I like."
- H. About half of all youth smokers use menthol cigarettes. Menthol cools and numbs the throat and reduces irritation, making menthol cigarettes an appealing option for youth who are initiating tobacco use. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has concluded that menthol cigarettes lead to increased smoking initiation among youth and young adults, greater addiction, and decreased success in quitting smoking. In addition to their popularity among youth, menthol cigarettes are disproportionately used by communities of color.
- I. The city believes that additional measures must be taken to reduce youth access to all Tobacco Products. Pursuant to the statutes of the State of Connecticut, the city has the power to regulate and prohibit any trade or business which is or may become prejudicial to public health and may make lawful regulations and ordinances in furtherance of public health. Therefore, to encourage the protection of public health, the city seeks to prevent and reduce youth access to tobacco products by taking measures that include:
1. Prohibiting the sale of all tobacco products to persons under the age of twenty-one (21).
 2. Requiring tobacco retailers to verify age by examining valid identification.
 3. Requiring tobacco retailers to display signage that informs persons "The sale of tobacco or nicotine products or devices to persons under 21 is prohibited."
 4. Prohibiting the sale of all flavored tobacco products.
 5. Using existing tobacco permit system as a means of enforcing the requirements of this Chapter.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.030 - Definitions.

When used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

"Public park" means any public park of the city, whether designated as a park, park land, open spaces or recreation areas on the master plan of the city or on local zoning, assessment, engineering or geographic information system maps, as well as any other location used as a park within the city.

"Public place" means any public area, including public parks and public schools, where a tobacco advertisement is located or from which a tobacco advertisement on public or private property can be seen, including, but not limited exclusively to, advertisements on billboards, buildings, store fronts, public transportation vehicles including buses, taxicabs, ferry boats, government buildings, government real property, and tobacco advertisements at all places of public convenience frequented or likely to be frequented by children and older youth, including without limitation sports or entertainment facilities, fields and arenas open to the public, except for adult establishments such as bars, nightclubs and other places of public entertainment where children and older youth are excluded by law.

A "public place" does not mean or include any location intended to be visible only by those inside a premises, a private residence or a multiple dwelling unit.

"Public school" includes all pre-school, elementary, intermediate and high schools, and all other schools that come under the jurisdiction of the board of education.

"Electronic smoking device" means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any component, part, or accessory of the device, and also includes any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine. Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

"Flavored tobacco product" means any tobacco product that imparts a taste or smell, other than the taste or smell of tobacco either prior to, or during the consumption of, a tobacco product, including, but not limited to, any taste or smell relating to fruit, menthol, mint, wintergreen, chocolate, cocoa, vanilla, honey, or any candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice.

"Tobacco" or "tobacco products" means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, snorted, sniffed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, e-liquids, cigars, little cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. "Tobacco" or "tobacco products" also means electronic smoking device and any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine, or any component, part, or accessory of 1) or 2), whether or not any of these contains tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, hookahs, flavor enhancers, or pipes, delivery systems, including any device that can be used to deliver aerosolized or vaporized nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device including, but not limited to, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vapor products, or e-hookahs. "Tobacco" or "tobacco products" also means any component or accessory used in the consumption of tobacco products, whether or not they contain nicotine, including, but not limited to, filters, cartridges, pods, pens, rolling papers, or pipes.

"Tobacco" or "tobacco products" does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale as a tobacco cessation product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

"Tobacco advertisement" means the use of any promotional material in any media to market tobacco products or to promote tobacco use, including the sponsorship of sporting or entertainment events or the sponsorship of individual teams, entrants or competitors, advertising the sale or promoting the use of tobacco products in a public place, except retailers of tobacco products who may use only tombstone

advertising after such retailer obtains a tobacco marketing permit pursuant to this chapter. A "tobacco advertisement" does not include advertisements on commercial vehicles used for transporting tobacco or tobacco products or any sign that contains the name or slogan of the business located within the premises on which such sign is located, provided such sign does not contain a brand name of a tobacco product.

"Tobacco permit" means the permit specified herein which must be obtained from the health department by every Tobacco Retailer which sells or offers for sale tobacco products directly to the public.

"Tobacco retailer" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, corporation, unincorporated business entity, or any other group or combination acting as a unit that owns or operates ~~any manufacturer, producer, distributor, supplier, wholesaler or retailer of tobacco products.~~ "Tobacco retailer" does not mean the employees of an owner or operator of any manufacturer, producer, distributor, supplier, wholesaler or retailer of tobacco products. a business selling or offering for sale tobacco products to consumers.

"Tobacco sale" means the actual retail sale, including both face-to-face and delivery sales and all self-service sales methods, and free distribution or giveaway of tobacco products alone or in combination with other goods, services, merchandise or marketing promotions, as well as the sale or distribution of individual cigarettes or cigars or the sale or distribution of a lesser number of cigarettes or cigars than the advertised count on a typical pack or container.

"Tombstone advertisement" means the posting in public view of announcements as to the availability of tobacco products and the price thereof on a sign or signs, which shall be in a black-and-white format only and may not contain logos, artwork, imagery, slogans or opinions about tobacco products or promote the use thereof.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.040 - Prohibited practices.

- A. Tobacco advertisements are prohibited in public places as specified in this chapter.
- B. Tobacco sales are prohibited by vending machine or other self-vending methods except in places where persons under the age of twenty-one (21) are not permitted access.
- C. Marketing of tobacco products is prohibited in the locations, and in the manners, specified in this chapter.
- D. Tobacco sales are prohibited except in accordance with this chapter after obtaining a tobacco permit described in Section 8.90.050.
- E. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on public school property.
- F. No tobacco retailer shall sell or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product, or display, market, or advertise for sale in this city any flavored tobacco product.

There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product if a tobacco retailer, manufacturer, or any employee or agent of a tobacco retailer or manufacturer has:

1. Made a public statement or claim that the tobacco product imparts a taste or smell other than the taste or smell of tobacco;
2. Used text or images, or both, on the tobacco product's labeling or packaging to explicitly or implicitly indicate that the tobacco product imparts a taste or smell other than tobacco.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.050 - Minimum legal sales age, signage, and enforcement.

- A. No Tobacco Retailer shall themselves, or through any agent, employee, or representative, give, sell, barter, or otherwise distribute any tobacco product to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- B. Each person selling or otherwise distributing tobacco products shall verify the age of the purchaser by means of a government-issued photographic identification containing the bearer's date of birth demonstrating that the purchaser is twenty-one (21) years of age or older. Verification is required for any persons who appears to be under the age of thirty (30).
 - 1. That a person appeared to be over the age of twenty-one (21) shall not constitute a defense to a violation of this Chapter. If a person fails to provide adequate proof of age, the Tobacco Retailer or the Tobacco Retailer's agent, employee, or representative shall not sell any tobacco product to the person.
- C. "THE SALE OF TOBACCO OR NICOTINE PRODUCTS OR DEVICES TO PERSONS UNDER 21 IS PROHIBITED" signs shall be legibly printed in letters at least one inch high and shall be posted clearly and conspicuously in every location where the products are available for purchase. Signage shall be in multiple languages as needed to be consistent with other facility postings.
- D. Selling or otherwise distributing tobacco products in any place that does not have a sign posted in a conspicuous place is prohibited by law and punishable consistent with this Chapter.
- E. This ~~Section~~ Chapter shall be enforced by the Bridgeport Health Department or its designated agent(s).
 - 1. From time to time, but at least twice per year, the Bridgeport Health Department shall conduct unannounced compliance checks. The Bridgeport Health Department shall conduct compliance checks by engaging persons between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty (20) to enter licensed premises to attempt to purchase tobacco products. Unannounced follow-up compliance check(s) of all non-compliant tobacco retailers are required within three months of any violation. The results of all compliance checks and inspections shall be published by the Bridgeport Health Department at least annually.
- F. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint pursuant to this Chapter may do so by contacted the Bridgeport Health Department or its designated agent(s), and the Bridgeport Health Department or its designated agent(s) shall investigate.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.060 - Tobacco permit procedure.

- A. All tobacco sales by retailers which commence operations after the effective date of this chapter shall be made only after obtaining a tobacco permit from the health department on a form provided and upon a demonstration of compliance with this chapter. All retailers existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance may continue to make tobacco sales until December 31, 1999. Starting January 1, 2000, all such retailers must obtain a tobacco permit pursuant to this chapter.
- B. The permit fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per calendar year, or a pro rata portion thereof based upon the number of months during the calendar year in which such retailer was in operation. The permit fee shall be reviewed and adjusted annually by the Bridgeport Health Department. The fee for a tobacco permit should cover the administrative cost for licensing, education and training, retail inspections, and unannounced compliance checks as outlined in this Chapter.
- C. The duration of a permit shall be for one calendar year.

- D. A permit shall not be transferred from one Tobacco Retailer to another or from one location to another.
- E. No permit shall be issued or renewed to an establishment unless the Tobacco Retailer signs a form stating that the Tobacco Retailer has read this Chapter and has provided training to all employees on the sale of tobacco products. Such training shall include information that the sale of flavored tobacco products is prohibited, tobacco product sales to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age is illegal, the types of identification legally acceptable for proof of age, and that sales to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age shall subject the Tobacco Retailer to penalties.
- F. All permitted premises must be open to inspection by the Bridgeport Health Department during regular business hours.
- G. A permit shall be displayed at all times and shall be exhibited to any person upon request.
- H. No Tobacco Retailer shall engage in the sale of tobacco products without a valid permit.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.070 - Violations and Penalties.

- A. Violations of this chapter by a tobacco retailer shall be punishable by fine or suspension or revocation of the permit, as follows:
 - 1. Upon a first violation of this chapter, the health department shall impose a fine of \$150.00.
 - 2. If a second violation is issued within a thirty-six (36) month period, in addition to the monetary fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), the tobacco marketing permit shall be suspended for a period of seven calendar days.
 - 3. If a third violation is issued within a thirty-six (36) month period, in addition to the monetary fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), the tobacco permit shall be suspended for thirty (30) days.
 - 4. If a fourth violation is issued within a thirty-six (36) month period, in addition to the monetary fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), the tobacco permit shall be revoked.
- B. Each violation, and every day in which a violation occurs or continues, shall constitute a separate offense. The decision that a violation has occurred shall be in writing mailed to the tobacco retailer by the Bridgeport Health Department, the notice should specify the chapter and section with which the tobacco retailer is in violation no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the violation. Tobacco retailers have the right to appeal civil penalties in accordance with this Chapter.
- C. Upon suspension or revocation of a tobacco permit, all tobacco products shall be removed from the premises. Failure to remove shall constitute a separate violation punishable by a fine to be set by the Bridgeport Health Department for each and every day of noncompliance.
- D. A tobacco permit issued under this Chapter may also be denied, suspended, or revoked by the Bridgeport Health Department through written notice should the Tobacco Retailer or Tobacco Retailer's agent, employee, or representative, directly or indirectly:
 - 1. Sell tobacco products without a valid tobacco permit
 - 2. Fail to pay fines issued in accordance with this Chapter
 - 3. Have a tobacco retail sales license revoked within the preceding twelve (12) months of the date of application.
 - 4. Fail to provide required information on the application for a tobacco permit or provide false or misleading information on an application for a tobacco permit.
 - 5. Violate federal, state, or local tobacco product sales and use laws

- E. Violations of this chapter by an advertiser, marketer or promoter of tobacco products or promoting the use thereof, other than a retailer, shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day for each day that such violation continues beyond the tenth day after such violation is issued.
- F. All fines collected from violations of this Chapter are to be deposited into a fund administered by the Bridgeport Health Department to cover the administrative costs for licensing, education and training, retail inspections, unannounced compliance checks, and the regulation of marketing of tobacco products.
- G. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no enforcement agent, police officer, peace officer or other law enforcement officer may stop, question, search or arrest any person: (A) on grounds of or in relation to possession, consumption or purchase of any tobacco product subject to this Chapter, or (B) for the purpose of inquiring or determining how or from what person or entity the person obtained any tobacco product subject to this Chapter.

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(Ord. dated 1/22/19.)

8.90.080 - Phase-in applicable to certain businesses.

If a retailer or other business owner can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the health department within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this chapter that it has entered into written agreements that existed on or before April 1, 1999, pertaining to the sale, advertisement, vending machine or other self-service sales method or other marketing of tobacco products that would otherwise be prohibited by this chapter, and further demonstrates that such written agreements would be materially violated or cancelled upon the enforcement of this ordinance against such retailer or business owner, the health department may issue an appropriate waiver of the strict enforcement of one or more of the provisions of this chapter, but only as to such specific business relationship, which waiver shall not be granted for a period in excess of two years from the effective date hereof.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19.)

8.90.090 - Public education.

The Bridgeport Health Department shall engage in a continuing public health education program to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this Chapter to citizens affected by it, and to guide tobacco retailers in their compliance. The program may include publication of a brochure for affected tobacco retailers explaining the provisions of this Chapter and signage mandated by this Chapter.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19.)

8.90.100 - Rulemaking authority.

The Bridgeport Health Department is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purpose and intent of this Chapter in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19.)

8.90.110 - Liberal construction.

This article shall be liberally construed so as to further its purposes.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.120 - Severability.

The provisions of this ~~section~~ Chapter are hereby declared severable, and if any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ~~section~~ Chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances held by a court of component jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such a ruling shall not affect the other parts of this ~~section~~ Chapter that can be given effect.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

8.90.130 - Effective date.

This chapter shall be effective upon publication.

(Ord. dated 1/22/19)

Ortiz, Frances

From: Anastasi, Mark T
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Ortiz, Frances
Cc: Martinez, Lydia; Boyer, Mike; Nieves, Aidee
Subject: ITEM FOR City Council Agenda of 2/1/21 for referral to Ordinance Committee / Amendment of Code Sec. 8,90.050

Frances:

Council President Nieves is away from her computer and has requested that I take the ministerial step of submitting "on her behalf" as sponsor the following proposed amendments (SEE UNDERLINED LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED) to BPT Code of ordinances, Section 8.90.050 **FOR REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES** at next Monday's February 1st) meeting. Thanks for your assistance.

8.90.050 - Minimum legal sales age, signage, and enforcement.

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Item# * 17-20 Consent Calendar

Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance Prohibiting Targeted Residential Picketing within 300 Feet of the Property Line of Certain Residential Dwellings.



**Report
of
Committee
on
Ordinance**

**City Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021
(Cancelled) & Carried over to February 16, 2021**

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

Approved by: _____
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed: _____

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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:

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WHEREAS, the City has recently seen groups of individuals gathering to picket and protest outside the homes of certain government officials; and

WHEREAS, picketing that is directed at a particular residential dwelling unit, be it a single-family, duplex, or multi-family dwelling, and is intended to harass and intimidate the occupants is inherently and unreasonably offensive to and intrusive upon the right to privacy in one's home, protection and preservation of the home is the keystone of democratic government; and

WHEREAS, the public health and welfare and the good order of the community require that citizens enjoy in their homes and neighborhoods a feeling of well-being, tranquility, and privacy, and enjoy freedom from being a captive audience to unwanted speech in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the practice of targeted residential picketing causes emotional disturbance and distress to residents, obstructs and interferes with the free use of public sidewalks and public ways of travel, and has the potential to incite breaches of the peace and disrupt the wellbeing and tranquility of the home; and

WHEREAS, full opportunity exists for individuals to exercise their rights of free speech without resorting to targeted residential picketing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that reconcile and protect the First Amendment rights of picketers to peacefully communicate and express their ideas with the right of persons to enjoy the right to tranquility, well-being and privacy in their residential dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has previously upheld a municipal ordinance that banned targeted picketing in front of a residence to protect residential privacy and to protect the inhabitants from hearing or seeing unwanted messages; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bridgeport City Council that for the public health and welfare and the good order of the community the City Attorney work with the City Council Ordinance Committee to draft for city council consideration an ordinance prohibiting targeted residential picketing within 300 Feet of the property line of certain residential dwellings that protects First Amendment rights of picketers to peacefully communicate and express their ideas with the right of persons to enjoy the right to tranquility, well-being and privacy in their residential dwellings.

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: February 1, 2021(Cancelled & Carried over to February 16, 2021)

Item # *37-19 Consent Calendar

Resolution for the Paving and Development of the
Municipal Surface Parking Lot at corner of East Main
Street and Nichols Street. **DENIED**



**Report
of
Committee**

CEA and Environment

City Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021
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Attest: *Lydia N. Martinez*
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed: _____

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To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **Economic and Community Development and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for **DENIAL** the following resolution:

Item No. *37-19 Consent Calendar

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as Bridgeport works to redevelop a robust economy one guiding principle of Plan Bridgeport is to strengthen our neighborhoods by reviving and maintaining commercial and retail activity; and

WHEREAS, the East Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Strategic Plan likewise calls for streetscape improvements throughout the East Side, including paved parking lots, to revitalize and create a community environment that is conducive to local business and neighborhood investment; and

WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of **surface parking lots** is extremely affordability in comparison to other parking structures, they are the easiest and quickest in terms of construction, and also can be used for local festivals, charity fundraisers, and local farmers markets; and

WHEREAS, the current design of on-street parking and subsequent enforcement along the lower East Main Street corridor is harming local businesses and restaurants and preventing new growth; and

WHEREAS, lower East Main Street customers may find some limited off-street parking in a poorly marked "Municipal Parking" lot at the corner of East Main Street and Nichols Street; and

WHEREAS, the lot surface is dusty loose aggregate material, it has no adequate drainage facilities and water quality elements, no lighting for safety, and is not striped or marked to indicate individual parking spaces, handicap accessible parking, vehicle paths of travel, traffic lanes; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Office of Planning & Economic Development is responsible for economic development, neighborhood revitalization in the City of Bridgeport; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bridgeport City Council in order to better maintain and keep lower East Main Street a vibrant focus of social, commercial and community life that the Office of Planning & Economic Development have the lot at the corner of East Main Street and Nichols Street stripped and repaved with asphalt, and ensure adequate signage, drainage facilities and water quality elements, lighting for safety, and is completely striped or marked to indicate individual parking spaces, handicap accessible parking, vehicle paths of travel and the proper traffic lanes.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

M. Evette Brantley, **Co-Chair**

Maria I. Valle, **Co-Chair**

Alfredo Castillo

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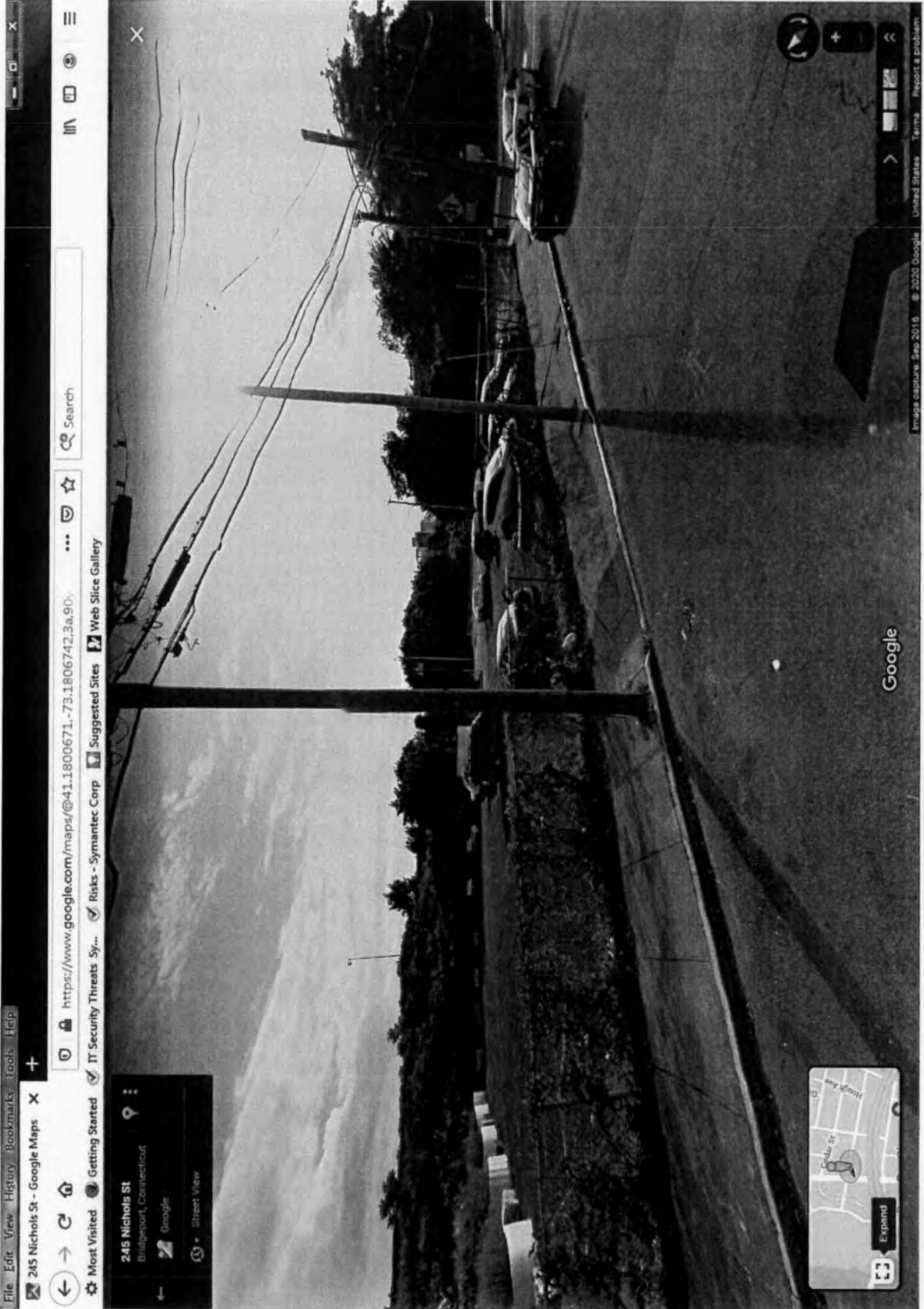
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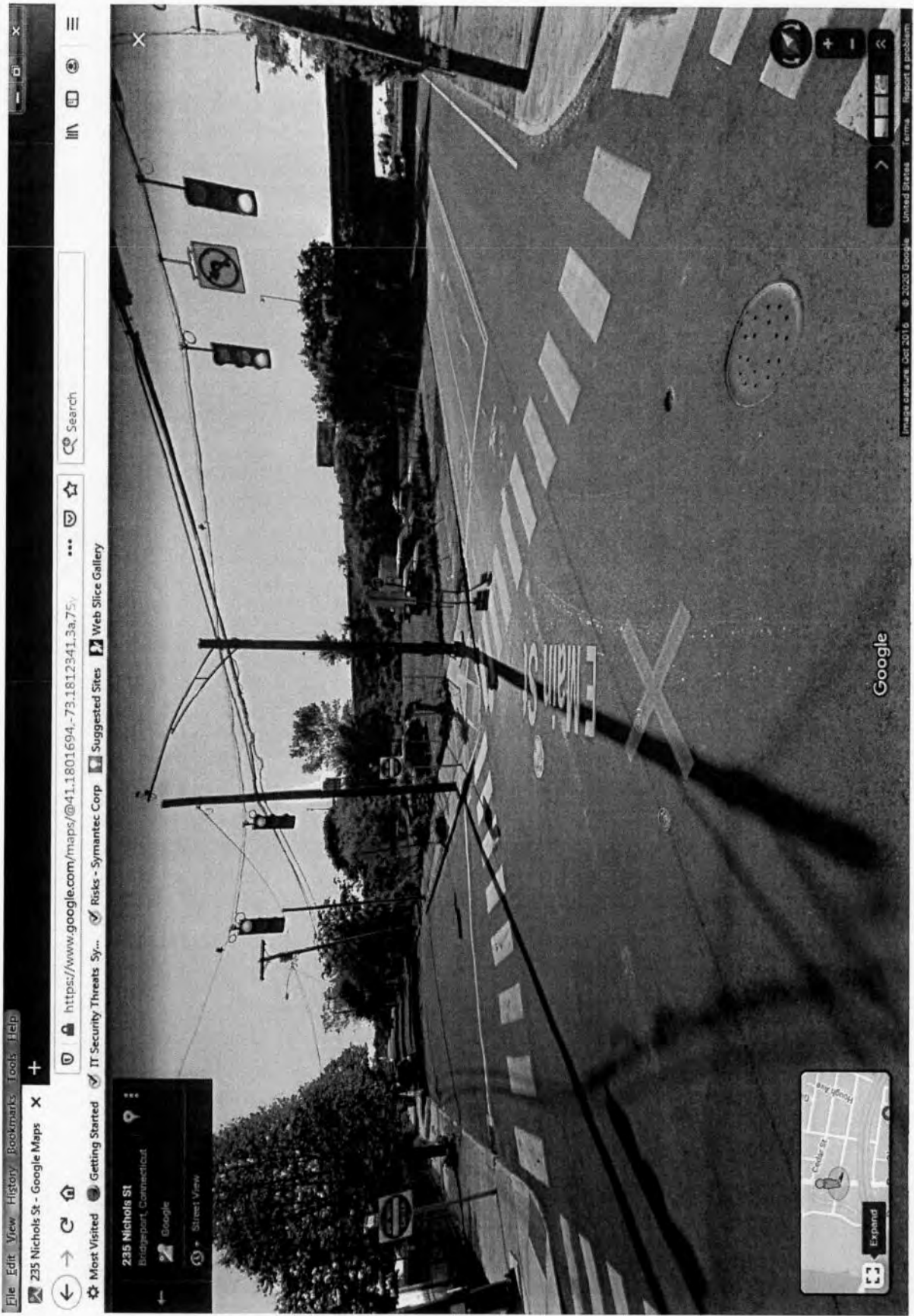
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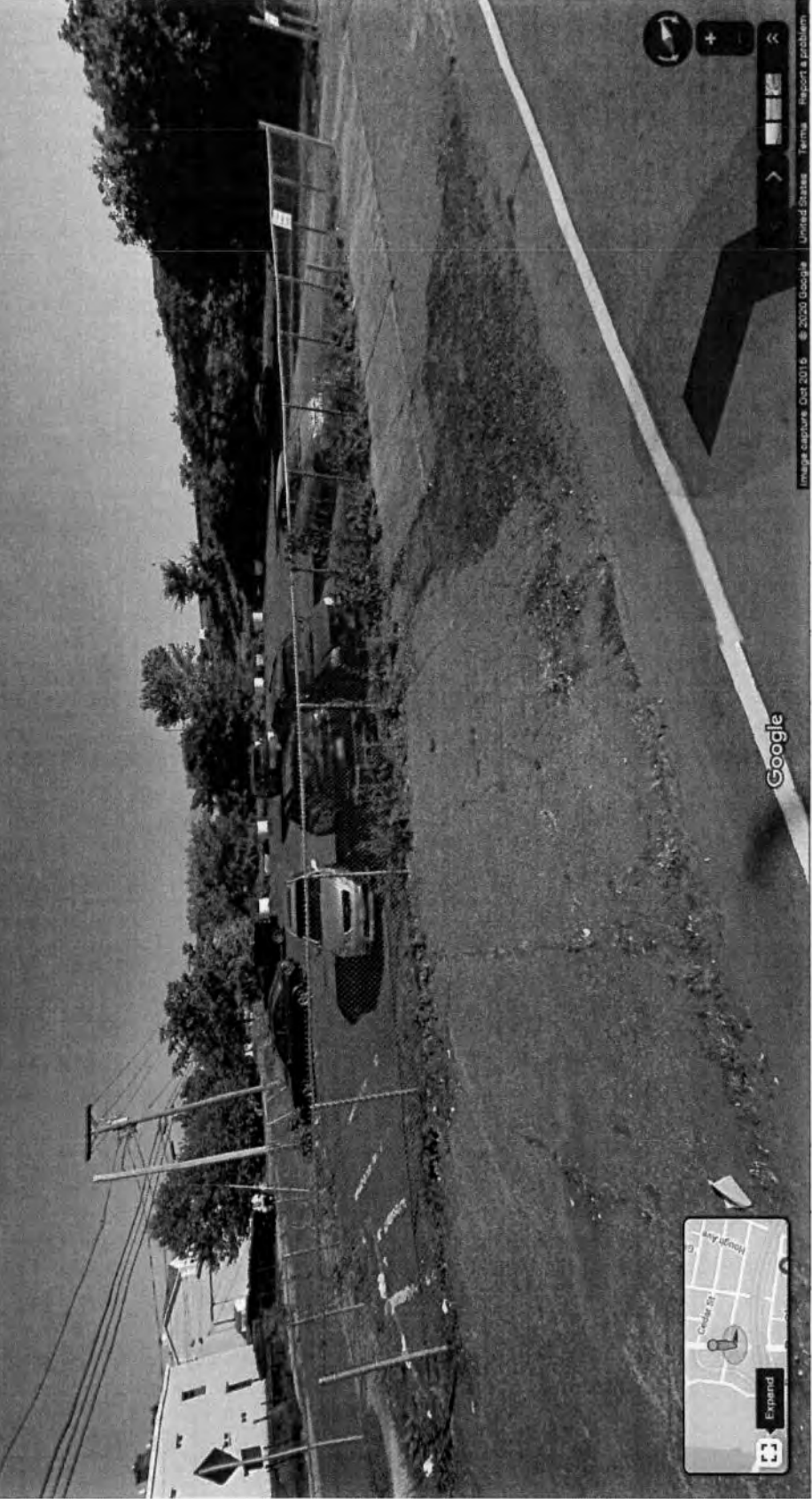
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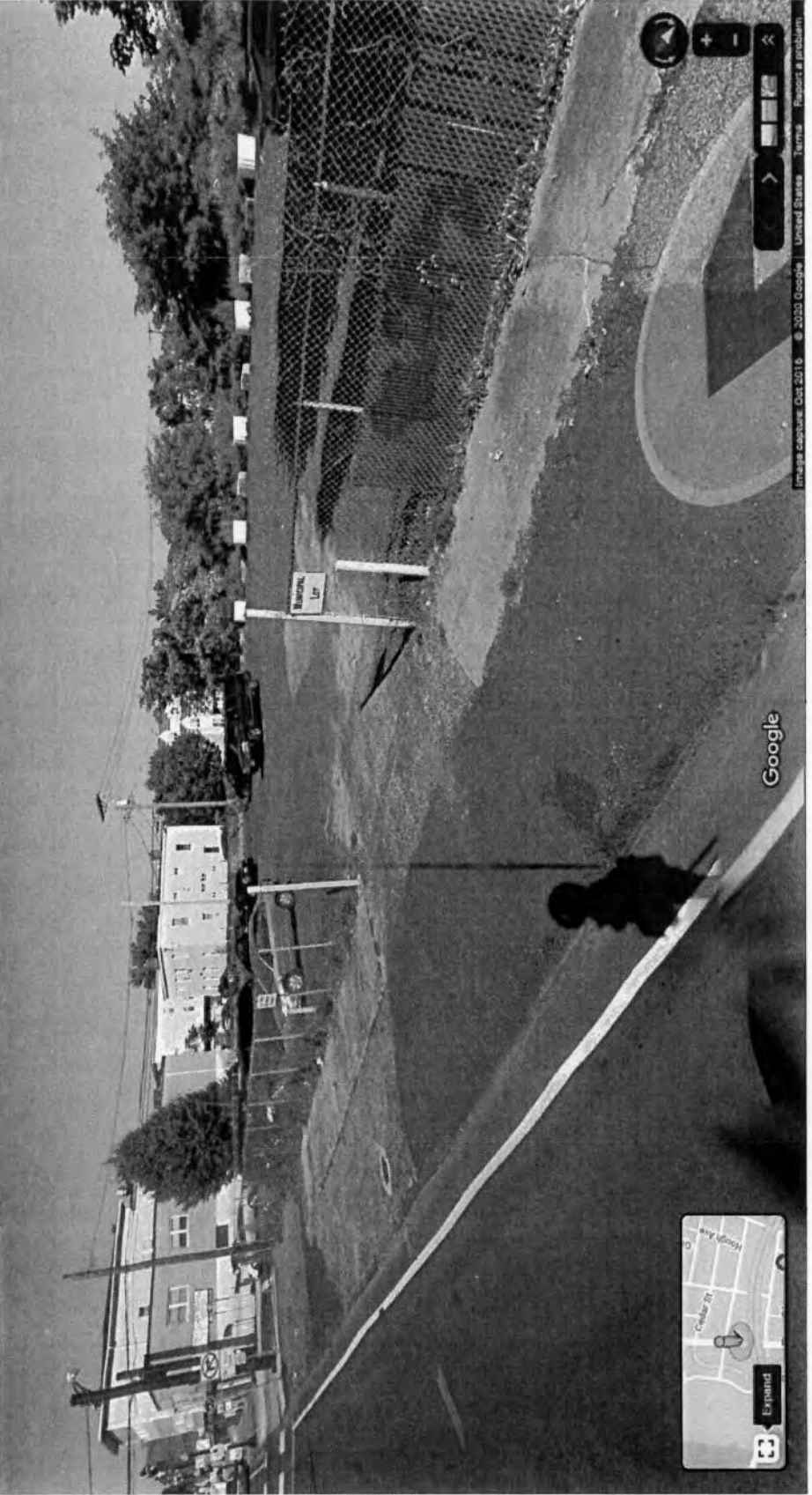




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Item # *145-19 Consent Calendar

Resolution to Ensure Public Spaces Reflect Diversity and Values. **DENIED**



**Report
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On**

CEA and Environment

City Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021

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Lydia N. Martinez
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed: _____

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To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **Economic and Community Development and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for **DENIAL** the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in the ongoing conversation about statues and monuments we need to take a hard look at who has been left out and see where we can add new statues and monuments to ensure our public spaces reflect the diversity and values of our great city; and

WHEREAS, as an example Seaside Park is a haven for monuments, a place where the community can find and reflect upon its past, and regretfully it does not currently reflect the rich diversity of our history; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport is Connecticut's largest city with an estimated population in 2019 of 144,399, it is a community with profound racial and ethnic diversity (40% of residents being Latino or Hispanic; 32.9 % black; 20.3 % white; 3.4% Asian; and 29.9% foreign born) and also the fifth-most populous city in New England; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport was inhabited by the Golden Hill Paugussett native American tribe at the time of its English colonization in 1644 and the original settlement was called Pequonnock or "Cleared Land" and named after the Paugussett; and

WHEREAS, to increase awareness, sensitivity, and respect for issues of sovereignty related to the heritage of Native Americans and indigenous peoples the City should consider commissioning a new statue and monument recognizing the Golden Hill Paugussett native American tribe; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport has a long been a close-knit, safe African American community starting with Little Liberia, a South End neighborhood settled by free blacks starting in the first quarter of the nineteenth century, where family life was highly respected and the spirit of the community was evident and prevailed, even during hard times; and



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WHEREAS, the Mary and Eliza Freeman Houses are the oldest remaining houses in Connecticut built by free blacks, before the state completed its gradual abolition of slavery in 1848. The homes and nearby Walter's Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church are also listed sites on the Connecticut Freedom Trail and the National Register of Historic Places and adjacent to the South End's Seaside Park; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a prominent leader in the modern civil rights movement, a tireless advocate for racial equality, working class, and the oppressed around the world who as a freshman from Morehouse College worked in the tobacco fields of Connecticut; in letters home to his mother Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. points to his time in Connecticut as being when he felt an inescapable urge to serve society and his call to ministry developed; and

WHEREAS, in these trying times when Bridgeport is a community that is striving to follow the footsteps of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and dedicate itself towards justice, peace, and equality the city should consider commissioning a new statue and monument recognizing Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, in making decisions on placement of statues and monuments public engagement and input is essential to the process, the communities represented must have equal power, early conversations show that for the Golden Hill Paugussett native American tribe a statute within Seaside Park facing the sea is appropriate while in the African American community a Martin Luther King statue should be outside of Seaside Park, somewhere else in the City, in a distinct location like the Margaret Morton Government Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bridgeport City Council that the City of Bridgeport either independently through the Office of Planning and Economic Development, or Central Grants Office by public grants for the Arts or in collaboration with private philanthropy, establish funding to ensure public spaces in our great city reflect our diversity and values by the construction and placing of statues or monuments recognizing both the Golden Hill Paugussett native American tribe and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bridgeport City Council that the Office of Community and Economic Development and the Central Grants Office in applying for any funding for the construction and placing of statues or monuments recognizing either the Golden Hill Paugussett native American tribe and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. include their historically underrepresented communities in the dialogue in determining the historical accuracy of the statues and monuments and public space that they are to be put.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

M. Evette Brantley, **Co-Chair**

Maria I. Valle, **Co-Chair**

Alfredo Castillo

Mary A. McBride-Lee

Rosalina Roman-Christy

Jeanette Herron

Scott Burns

**City Council Date: February 1, 2021 Cancelled
Carried Over to February 16, 2021**

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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 so declared this day.



Report
of
Committee
On

CEQD and Environment

City Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021

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Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed:

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City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Office of the City Clerk

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **Economic and Community Development and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for approval of the following resolution:

Item No. *08-20 Consent Calendar

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



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

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



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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.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

M. Evette Brantley, **Co-Chair**

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Scott Burns

**City Council Date: February 1, 2021 (Cancelled)
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Item# *10-20 Consent Calendar

Settlement of Pending Litigation with Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834.



Report
of
Committee
on

Miscellaneous Matters

City Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021
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Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed: _____

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Office of the City Clerk

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:

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a settlement agreement entered into between the City of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834 to settle *Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834 vs. City of Bridgeport et al. DN CV19 6088078*, is so approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, D-134th, *Co-Chair*

Scott Burns, D-130th, *Co-chair*

Alfredo Castillo, D-136th

M. Evette Brantley, D-132nd

Matthew McCarthy, D-130th

Denese Taylor-Moye, D-131st

Samia S. Suliman, D-138th

*Council Date: February 1, 2021 (Cancelled)
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EXHIBIT A

GENERAL RELEASE & SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This General Release and Settlement Agreement ("Release") is entered into by and between the City of Bridgeport, its employees, representatives and agents (hereinafter referred to as "Bridgeport") and the Bridgeport Fire Fighters Local 834 (hereinafter "Local").

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Release is to resolve any and all differences and disputes whether known or unknown, which may exist concerning the following matters: Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834 v. City of Bridgeport, D.N. CV 19 6088078 pending in the State of Connecticut Superior Court as well as issues and disputes between the parties concerning the Maintenance Division of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, all parties agree to the following terms in full settlement of the above identified matter/issues and any and all claims known or unknown that arise out of or are related to the above identified matter:

1. This Release constitutes the full and complete understanding between the parties. No other promises or agreements have been made between the

parties in connection with the settlement of this dispute. This Release may not be modified unless such modification is written and signed by all parties.

2. This Release does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing or liability by Bridgeport or its employees, agents, or affiliates.

3. Bridgeport and the Local agree to the following regarding staffing and related issues in the Maintenance Division of the Bridgeport Fire Department:

a. The position of "Superintendent of Maintenance" is eliminated.

b. The Local and the City understand and agree that the position of "Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance" is now entitled "Apparatus Foreman" and is assuming the duties of the supervisor of the Maintenance Division of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

c. With respect to the salary for the position of Apparatus Foreman, the City contends that the appropriate salary should be \$100,081.00 while the Local contends that the appropriate salary should be that of the Superintendent of Maintenance listed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Local and the City. The parties agree to resolve this dispute through arbitration pursuant to the rules of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration.

d. The parties agree and understand that there are three (3) "Fire Equipment Mechanic" positions within the Maintenance Division. The salary of two (2) Fire Equipment Mechanic positions is currently \$75,676.00 each. The salary of one (1) Fire Equipment Mechanic position is \$80,950.00. The parties agree that the salaries of the Fire Equipment Mechanic positions will follow the Fire Lieutenant scale set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Local and Bridgeport .

e. With respect to filling the position of "Apparatus Foreman", the parties agree that once the current employee leaves that position the City will give a promotional exam open to all members of the Local who meet the minimum qualifications, as agreed upon during arbitration. Further, the parties agree that "acting" in the Maintenance Division will be based on seniority within the Maintenance Division of the Bridgeport Fire Department.

4. In exchange for the consideration described in Paragraph 3 above, the Local for itself and for anyone claiming for or through it, hereby releases and forever discharges Bridgeport (including its subsidiaries, departments, affiliates, officers, employees, and agents) of and from any and all liability and from any claims under common law or under any provision of federal or state constitutions,

statutes, laws or regulations, or municipal ordinances or regulations arising out of Bridgeport Firefighters Local 834 v. City of Bridgeport, D.N. CV 19 6088078 pending in the State of Connecticut Superior Court identified above up to and including the date of this Release.

5. The Local agrees to withdraw the above identified case with prejudice.

6. The provisions of this Release are severable and if any part of this Release is found to be unenforceable, the other parts, subparts and/or clauses shall remain fully valid and enforceable.

7. The terms of this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of the State of Connecticut.

In The Presence Of:

Bridgeport Fire Fighters Local 843

Date: _____

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SS:

COUNTY OF

Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____,

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

In The Presence Of:

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

Date: _____

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SS:

COUNTY OF _____

Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____,

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT B

Current budgeted positions in the Maintenance Division

Superintendent of Maintenance - \$104,962

Apparatus Foreman - \$93,101

1 Fire Equipment Mechanic - \$80,950

2 Fire Equipment Mechanic Civilian - \$ 151,352

Total Budgeted for Division- \$ 430,365

Budget Under the Proposed Settlement in Maintenance Division

Apparatus Foreman- \$100,081 (because the position of superintendent of maintenance has been eliminated this position will be the supervisory authority in the division. The salary is increased to reflect that but not to the level of the superintendent position because the division's manpower has substantially changed over the years therefore not requiring the same type and level of supervision and management).

3 Fire Equipment Mechanics- \$242,850- (this reflects increases for the two salaries of the civilian employees being raised to the same level of the one fire personnel salary).

Total Budget for Division Under Proposed Settlement - \$342,931 (Savings \$87,434)*

****If the City loses the arbitration on the pay for the Apparatus Foreman the savings will be slightly less at \$82,553.***

Item # 137-19

Resolution to Review the Use of Bridgeport Police as School Resource Officers.



Report
of
Committee
on

Education & Social Services

City Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2021

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Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez
Lydia N. Martinez, City Clerk

Approved by:

Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

Date Signed:

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City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Office of the City Clerk

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

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

Item No. 137-19

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, increasingly the police in schools have become the first line of defense for every and all social problems; dealing with issues that before would have and should have been resolved in the principal's office or in the teacher's classroom or with a counsellor; and

WHEREAS, as calls for national policing reform intensify major cities across the U.S. are wrestling with proposals to end school policing and are considering proposals to get rid of school resource officers (SROs), police officers assigned to patrol public schools; and

WHEREAS, civil liberties groups and activists have pressed to reduce police presence in schools for years arguing a dramatic increase over the past few decades in SROs and in zero-tolerance policies, spurred by fears of mass shootings and drug crime, fuels a "school-to-prison pipeline" and disproportionate enforcement against minority students for minor disturbances; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of cell phone videos, policy body cameras, and social media has led to numerous shocking viral incidents involving SROs using excessive and unnecessary force on children for violation of school rules, non-criminal conduct or minor violations; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of protests over the police killing of George Floyd the school boards of several large cities voted to remove police from all schools and shift to funding to support services, increase spending on social workers, counselors and culturally specific supports for students after determining there's a better way to achieve the type of order that's being sought besides a uniformed police officer; and

WHEREAS, proposals in other major cities have stalled under concerns that quickly disbanding SRO programs will leave schools defenseless against security threats and school boards and city councils want to listen to a long list of stakeholders and hear a wide variety of perspectives that focus on the physical safety and social-emotional well-being of the entire school community before they pull back resources; and



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WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Police Department has provided police SROs to Bridgeport's schools for years; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport schools have been closed for months because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is currently no reopening plan, and neither the Bridgeport Superintendent of Schools or Board of Education have indicated that they have plans for continuing the use of Bridgeport police as SROs; and

WHEREAS, recently Black Lives Matter, Justice for Jayson, and the Connecticut Bail Fund protestors camped out in front of Bridgeport police headquarters and among their demands called for withdrawal of police SROs from Bridgeport schools and the shifting of funding from the police department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council President and members of the City Council subsequently presented a resolution to the Black Lives Matter, Justice for Jayson, and the Connecticut Bail Fund protestors recognizing six demands to be explored, including withdrawal of police SROs from Bridgeport schools and the shifting of funding from the police department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bridgeport City Council that the Chief of Police provide the Education and Social Services Committee the total number of police SROs and amount of police department expenditures for the police SRO program for FY 2019-2020 including salaries, overtime, fringe, training and equipment, grant funds and donations, and the name and number of the line item in the budget from where they were paid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police provide the Education and Social Services Committee information on what duties Bridgeport police SROs have performed or services provided since the closure of Bridgeport Public Schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic and what strategy exists between the police and Bridgeport Public Schools for continuation of the Bridgeport police as SROs when schools reopen; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Policy and Management provide the Education and Social Services Committee all information on the obligations of the Bridgeport police SRO program including contacts, memorandums of understanding, grant requirements and matching funds requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Education and Social Services Committee provide an opportunity for the Superintendent of Schools; the Board of Education; school administrators along with school staff; school students and families; city leaders; police leaders and unions; and teachers unions to be heard on discontinuing use of Bridgeport police as SROs and shifting police funds used for SROs to other purposes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Jorge Cruz, Sr., *Co-Chair*

Avelino D. Silva, *Co-Chair*

Maria H. Pereira

Samia S. Suliman

Marcus A. Brown

Michelle A. Lyons

Michael A. Defilippo

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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.



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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



M. Evette Brantley

*City Council Date: January 4, 2021 & January 19, 2021; Tabled by City Council.
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