

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

6:30 P.M.

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking portion of the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz called the roll.

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

During the roll call, there appeared to be no response from the individuals whose names are listed in italics. Council President Nieves announced Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia was on medical leave.

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

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE.

NAME

SUBJECT

Jacquelyn Cauthen
397 Charles Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Need Becoming Divas sponsors, re-introduce program and holistic response to COVID.

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Council President Nieves called for Ms. Cauthen to address the Council. There was no response.

Cecil Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Response to CD/DVD – Civil Rights Violation.

Mr. Young thanked the Council for hearing his comments. He said that he had sent out a CD or DVD about his work dismissal. He said that he had been working for 27 years and needed to clear his name. He said that he had lost his wife a number of months ago. He said that he wanted Council Member Newton to contact the other Council Members about his situation. He said that Jody Paul and others were no longer working for the City. He said that it wasn't about black and white but had receipts that he was back at work on March 15, 2006. It is a shame of how he was treated. Mr. Young attempted to play an audio.

Eleanor Angerame
Green Village Initiative
135 Clarence Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Urban agriculture updates from Green Village Initiative.

Dear Esteemed Members of the City Council.

Happy autumn! My name is Eleanor Angerame, and as Executive Director of the Green Village Initiative, I am pleased to come before you in this season of change to reflect back on the summer and keep you in the loop on how to engage with Connecticut famous agricultural industry without leaving our city this fall!

We at Green Village Initiative are a nonprofit with a mission to grow food, knowledge, leadership and community through urban gardening and farming, to create a more just food system in Bridgeport. We have four programs: Reservoir Community Farm, 23 School Gardens, 12 Community Gardens, and a paid Youth Leadership Program.

Bridgeporters are more than two times more likely to experience food insecurity than our neighbors throughout Fairfield County. 2017 data shows that 66% of our children, or 22,000 young people, live in low income households, experiencing hardship daily and these were the reported numbers before the Covid Dash 19 pandemic. Access to food has never been more important as we collectively work to recover from a global pandemic and incorporate 2020s movement for black lives into lasting reform to improve the health and lives of Bridgeport hours, and we are proud that this year we partnered with a network of pantries, mutual aid networks, and community partners to address hunger and seed hope for tomorrow.

In 2020 and 2021 GVI kept our farm and garden sites open to welcome back our community for safe time outdoors learning to grow food and connect with the land while maintaining high standards of COVID safety.

Some highlights from this year include:

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- Our farm has seen 950 customers shopping at our farmers market and approximately 500 workshops and event attendees so far in 2021.
- We have collected \$0 in workshop attendance for you since we keep our workshops and school field trips free for the community and Bridgeport Public Schools.
- Reservoir Community Farm is home to Bridgeport's largest community Garden with a total of 45 out of nearly 200 total community gardening families growing their food from their own family traditions and cultures right here in Bridgeport.
- This year our Youth Farm Crew grew their skills in leader ship, public speaking, mindfulness, conflict resolution, résumé building, financial wellness, food justice, and farming to name just a few of the experiences they learned from this summer.
- We have begun to host outdoor field trips for Bridgeport Public School students at Reservoir Community Farm again in 2021. While there, they can plant seeds to bring back to school, learn about edible plants they can find in Bridgeport, and connect more to every day learning the experience at their school gardens.

Since our farm operates 10 months out of the year, this coming fall and winter we have plans to:

- Host our Annual Harvest Fest at Reservoir Community Farm
- Conduct a two day, free urban farmer training course
- Every Saturday this October we have the Reservoir Farmers Market, free community workshops and volunteer opportunities for people of all ages with our last date for volunteering at the farm on November 13th.
- In December we host our annual public tree lighting ceremony in the Reservoir neighborhood to celebrate all winter holidays.

Just this past weekend, we hosted an Herbalism Workshop and the Grand Opening of the little "Grab and Go" Library on the corner of Yaremich and Reservoir!

As a food justice organization we understand the power of educational programming and economic development opportunities to bring rich porters to change their food system and community health. We invite you to please join us by heading to www.gogivi.org and clicking on our Events page to experience the magic of your cities only educational farm community before the winter!

We look forward to the hard work and heart work ahead to bring investment to our connected work in Bridgeport and we look forward to continuing to build that partnership with our local City Council Members

Sincerely,
Ellie Angerame
Green Village Initiative Executive Director

Council President Nieves called for Ms. Cauthen to address the Council. There was no response.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

7:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by teleconference.

The public was able to listen to this meeting by calling a conference line.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee to lead the Council 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 Lydia Martinez called the roll.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

• August 2, 2021

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2021.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2021 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

125-20 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a License to Bridgeport Music Festivals, LLC to conduct a Music Festival in a Portion of Seaside Park for a Term of Years, referred to Joint Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment and Contracts.

126-20 Communication from Mayor re: Proposed Agreement with Interpersonal Frequency regarding the Acquisition of a New City Website, referred to Contracts Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

125-20 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE TO BRIDGEPORT MUSIC FESTIVALS, LLC TO CONDUCT A MUSIC FESTIVAL IN A PORTION OF SEASIDE PARK FOR A TERM OF YEARS, REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS.

126-20. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH INTERPERSONAL FREQUENCY REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW CITY WEBSITE, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member McCarthy asked why Agenda item 125-20 was being sent to a joint committee. Council President Nieves said that in the past, the contracts had went directly to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee by having a joint meeting with both Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee and the Contracts Committee, both sets of Committee members would hear the same presentation at the same time. It will also reduce the number of meetings.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *113-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Marcie J. Patton, Ph.D. (D) to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**
- *114-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Thomas R. Errichetti, (D) to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**
- *115-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Barbara A. Rogo, (R) to the Public Library Board of Directors and Reading Room.**
- *123-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ira Nachem (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**
- *124-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with G.F.**
- *118-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with the Downtown Special Services District to Manage Activation and Placemaking Projects within Downtown.**
- *121-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Solar Roof Panel Power Purchase Agreement between CEFIA Holdings LLC, the Bridgeport Public Library and the City for the Burroughs-Saden Main Library and the North Branch Library.**
- *119-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with The Trust for Public Land to Manage Activation and Placemaking Projects along the City's Waterfront pursuant to Waterfront Bridgeport.**
- *120-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Solar Roof Panel Power Purchase Agreement with Davis Hill Development for the Cart Barn at Fairchild-Wheeler Golf Course.**

Mayor Ganim asked if any Council Member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Pereira requested that Agenda Items 123-20, 119-20 118-20, 120-20 and 124-20 be removed.

City Council Martinez read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***113-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF MARCIE J. PATTON, PH.D. (D) TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

***114-20. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS R. ERRICHETTI, (D) TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

***115-20. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA A. ROGO, (R) TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND READING ROOM.**

***120-20. CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SOLAR ROOF PANEL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS HILL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CART BARN AT FAIRCHILD-WHEELER GOLF COURSE.**

***121-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SOLAR ROOF PANEL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CEFIA HOLDINGS LLC, THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE CITY FOR THE BURROUGHS-SADEN MAIN LIBRARY AND THE NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

123-20. Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ira NACHEM (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 123-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF IRA NACHEM (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

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

Council Member Pereira said that there had been some confusion around the Zoning Board of Appeals appointments and that the Connecticut General State Statutes requires minority representation on the Board. Currently there is no minority representation on the Board. There are only 2 Commissioners and the Council Members had been told that the two Republican Commissioner had resigned. However, Council Member Pereira stated that the Board members had not submitted their letters of resignation to the City Clerk as required by State Statute. Mr. NACHEM would be the third Democrat on the Board with two vacancies. There is no permanent

member from the minority party. She asked how this would be lawful when there were only three Democrats on the Commission with two vacancies. There is no minority representation.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 123-20. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF IRA NACHEM (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

124-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with G.F.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 124-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH G.F.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLLETTE SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that the item was not properly listed on the agenda in order to appraise the public on what was being voted on. She said that the proper title was G.F. vs. Officer Lynette Castillo Jimenez. Council Member Pereira said that the Officer had been hired in 2016 and was involved in Colorado Avenue incident. Internal Affairs cited her for filing two false police reports. Now they are voting on a third incident. Council Member Pereira felt that this indicated culpability. There is a pattern of someone who is costing taxpayers money and committing violations of people's civil rights. Council Member Pereira said that she would be voting for the settlement, but this officer is concerning her.

Council Member Burns said that he wished to clarify a few points. The incident date in the packet lists it as 2021, but the correct date was 2016. This was noted at the Committee meeting. The individual involved was a juvenile, which is why the identities of the individual involved were not included.

Council Member Martinez requested to move the question.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 124-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH G.F. PASSED WITH SIXTEEN IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON); ONE (1) ABSTENTION (LYONS) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

118-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with the Downtown Special Services District to Manage Activation and Placemaking Projects within Downtown.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 118-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT TO MANAGE ACTIVATION AND PLACEMAKING PROJECTS WITHIN DOWNTOWN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she supports the efforts to beautify the City. She objected to using Capital funding for arts projects that would not last 20 years. It is irresponsible and the taxpayers will be paying for artwork that will not last that long.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 118-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT TO MANAGE ACTIVATION AND PLACEMAKING PROJECTS WITHIN DOWNTOWN PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

119-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with The Trust for Public Land to Manage Activation and Placemaking Projects along the City's Waterfront pursuant to Waterfront Bridgeport.

****COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 119-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO MANAGE ACTIVATION AND PLACEMAKING PROJECTS ALONG THE CITY'S WATERFRONT PURSUANT TO WATERFRONT BRIDGEPORT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that this was \$500,000 in bonded fund that would not last even 10 years and she was opposed to it.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 119-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO MANAGE ACTIVATION AND PLACEMAKING PROJECTS ALONG THE CITY'S WATERFRONT PURSUANT TO WATERFRONT BRIDGEPORT PASSED WITH SIXTEEN IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON); (LYONS) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (LYONS AND PEREIRA).**

120-20 Contracts Committee Report re: Solar Roof Panel Power Purchase Agreement with Davis Hill Development for the Cart Barn at Fairchild-Wheeler Golf Course.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 120-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SOLAR ROOF PANEL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS HILL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CART BARN AT FAIRCHILD-WHEELER GOLF COURSE.**

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

Council Member Pereira said that she was present for the meeting and the contract was amended to add one penny to the rate. She wished to know the reason for the rate change.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 120-20 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SOLAR ROOF PANEL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS HILL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CART BARN AT FAIRCHILD-WHEELER GOLF COURSE PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

110-20 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Johanna Georgia.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 110-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JOHANNA GEORGIA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had tried to find this item listed in the Judicial Lawsuits but there was no record of it. She wished to know if a lawsuit was filed.

Council Member Martinez requested that the question be moved.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 110-20 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JOHANNA GEORGIA PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

59-20 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Three (3) City-Owned Properties.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 59-20 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF THREE (3) CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING GIBBS, MELISSA, ADMINISTRATOR VS. THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, U.S. DISTRICT COURT DOCKET # 16-CB-00635. (ITEM #127-20)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that the City Council President stated that they needed a 2/3rds majority in order to add items to the agenda. However, they are constantly adding items. The purpose of an agenda was to let the public know what is going to be discussed. She said she did not understand what was so critical to add this item to the Agenda.

Council Member Pereira mentioned the recent changes that Council President Nieves had made on the Committees. When the City Council President changes committees and removes people from Committees it has been done by adding an item to the agenda. The Council constantly does this and it is unfair.

Council President Nieves said that when the Miscellaneous Matters Committee enters Executive Session, it is limited to just that committee.

Council President Nieves said that time was of the essence and all the Council Members should hear the facts of the case. She added that she does not like to add items to the agenda, but some items are time sensitive. Also, the only way that a Council President can assign or make adjustments to the Committees is by adding an item to the agenda from the floor.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

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CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERING OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING GIBBS, MELISSA, ADMINISTRATOR VS. THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, U.S. DISTRICT COURT DOCKET # 16-CB-00635

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERING OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

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Council Member Pereira said that the motion for Executive Session was in violation of the Connecticut General Statutes. Council President Nieves replied that she had not yet made a motion to enter into Executive Session.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH ATTY. MARK ANATASIA, ATTY. JOHN BOHANNON, ATTY. RICHARD BUTURLA AND ATTY. RYAN DRISCOLL. REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH ATTY. MARK ANATASIA, ATTY. JOHN BOHANNON, ATTY. RICHARD BUTURLA AND ATTY. RYAN DRISCOLL REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

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The Council Members, Atty. Anastasi, Atty. Bohannon, Atty. Buturla and Atty. Driscoll entered into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. The Council returned to Public Session at 8:55 p.m.

Council Member Pereira said that she understood the issue but could not support this item because it was so pressured and rushed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSAL BY THE PLAINTIFF.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Burns said that this was a difficult case to hear and with such short notice, it was difficult to absorb all the information.

Council Member Brown said he would be voting in favor of the item and trusted that the City Attorneys would be using their best judgement. He urged his fellow constituents to support this item.

Assistant City Clerk Ortiz requested a copy of the documentation be sent to her.

Council Member Silva said that everyone had asked the questions that needed to be asked and he agreed with authorizing the attorneys to move forward.

Council Member McCarthy said that there was a lot to consider, but the Council Members have to have faith that the City Attorney's Office will do the best they can for the City. He said that he would support the item.

**** THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSAL BY THE PLAINTIFF PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BROWN, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, CRUZ, BRANTLEY, HERRON, COLLETTE, LYONS, ROMAN CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, SILVA, VALLE, NIEVES, PEREIRA, SULIMAN, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (BROWN AND MCCARTHY).**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services