

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

This meeting was conducted by Teleconference

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking session of the City Council to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy  
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132<sup>nd</sup> District: Marcus Brown, *Rolanda Smith*  
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134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, *AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia*  
135<sup>th</sup> District: *Mary McBride-Lee*, Rosalina Roman-Christy  
136<sup>th</sup> District: *Avelino Silva, Alfredo Castillo*  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Maria Pereira, *Michele Small*  
139<sup>th</sup> District: *Wanda Simmons*, Ernest Newton

A quorum was present. The names in italics did not appear to respond during the roll call.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M. THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE.**

**John Marshall Lee**  
30 Beacon Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Council Governance & CAFR.

Mr. Lee then read the following statement into the record:

City Council, twenty women and men, registered voters, and Bridgeport residents, willing at one time to place running for Council office as a priority in your life. And since then? Still a priority? What feeds your energy, dedication, and resilience year after year? Likely not photo ops because photos fade.

Nor the stipend at \$9,000 annually though some folks think that this is a payment to you rather than a way you cover your Council expenses when you attend meetings to learn more. The CC stipends total \$180,000 but you never spend that amount. Why not consider a second limited distribution to any of your members who have had genuine learning or action projects, reported to the people of Bridgeport as a whole, which expenses, exceed their personal annual stipend amount, but help all. Community wins, Council member gets relief, and taxpayer sees budgeted expense or less!

What city priority causes you to care most? Does your sub-committee Chair know, or does the Council President? There may see opportunities upcoming you know little about but if others know your passion, you may earn a chance.

Speaking of priorities, the City priority, what does that look like to you at this moment? Shouldn't you have such in mind going into budget hearings and decision making? The latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report did not have any narrative comment about the Holiday Inn closing or how that conversion fits today's downtown development or not.

Hotels are necessary for visitors to a City. Do we have enough of those? Convert a property into residences for people. People have retail needs also. Are they met for most downtown? So former hotels house the lower income or less wealthy and disabled? And depend on subsidies? And call on City services, of Police when their own private security force is inadequate; on Fire when elevators become kidnap machines for the ill-timed or unwary; or on Health Department, when heat, vermin, or water issues emerge or social workers from the community are called to help those less prepared for the pace and changes in modern life.

Properties accepting funding from HUD look for residents to participate in democratic processes to represent their issues and concerns of fellow tenants, but HUD regulations do not necessarily get tenants to step up, run to represent others, or become champions for their own interests, unfortunately. You can assist them in formation. Where do such persons turn, especially when they have health issues limiting their locomotion and transportation? When they are provided less better health care routinely than many of you. If you don't believe that is so? Just ask one or more especially if emotional or mental issues are the reason for their prescription.

Bridgeport contains a large number of rental properties, whether Park City Communities projects, scattered site housing, or other managed properties for senior or disabled, in a variety of neighborhood districts. You know the people. Are they organized and meeting successfully? How can you help them? Where do you guide them as you listen? Are they your priority? Time will tell.

**Johnny R. Moore**  
574-576 Union Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Bridgeport WPCA Collection Practices.

Council President Nieves called for Mr. Moore. There was no response. She called again and there was no response.

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

Lease Renewal for Bridgeport's Reservoir  
Community Farm and the value of urban  
agriculture in Bridgeport.



Green Village Initiative | 135 Clarence Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608 | (203) 612-4107 | [www.goGVI.org](http://www.goGVI.org)  
Green Village Initiative is a non-profit organization whose mission is to grow food, knowledge, leadership and community through urban gardening and farming, to create a more just food system in Bridgeport.

Dear Members of the City Council,

Welcome to those of you who are new to the Council. My name is Ellie Angerame, and I am the Executive Director of Green Village Initiative.

Tonight, I come before you to advocate for your approval of GVI's Reservoir Community Farm's lease and ask that you envision the Farm as more than a bookmark for future development and instead as a greenspace that can bolster the impact of any future Library on the site. This week Bridgeport farmers are sowing seeds for hot pepper and eggplants to feed you, and we ask that you support us with a speedy and collaborative lease passage.

We at Green Village Initiative are on a mission to grow food, knowledge, leadership and community through urban gardening and farming, to create a more just food system in Bridgeport.

We dream of a future for Bridgeport where all of us, in every district and zip code, can access fresh, affordable, nutritious food that reflects the diversity of Bridgeport's community. A key resource in making this vision a reality is Reservoir Community Farm.

Reservoir Community Farm has been growing for ten years, cultivating thousands of pounds of food in Bridgeport's soil, doubling SNAP dollars, employing hundreds of Bridgeport teens and dozens of Bridgeport adults, and investing in field trips for Bridgeport schoolchildren, free workshops.. the list goes on.

The Farm is much more than land for growing food and our current nonprofit programming. Many of you on the Council, when looking over the City of Bridgeport's Urban Agriculture Master Plan in 2019 shared excitement for the visionary results that farms in cities inspire. Our site incubates food businesses as they expand and is setting the stage for a green economy that Bridgeport could spearhead in Fairfield County if you, our leadership, are invested in that future. We could follow the path of other major cities like New York and New Haven who are

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investing in urban agriculture for its proven benefits in crime reduction and improving mental health.

The future before us includes the likely collaboration of sharing 1469 Reservoir Avenue with a Bridgeport Public Library building, and we imagine that future with hope. We see synergy in combining literacy and urban farming, of building a site capable of catalyzing more educational, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The process to bring a lease before you this evening for Public Comment has been a long one. We have worked hard with the Office of Planning and Economic Development, with the Board of Public Libraries and, most importantly, with our farm neighbors to Zoom before you at this juncture.

Members of the Council who will sit on the Joint Committee, I want to speak frankly in saying that the lease that will come before you is one that is a deep and heartfelt compromise. It is staked on the belief that if you allow us to continue our mission on Reservoir Community Farm, that we can have a future that includes collaboration with the library and potentially lets us serve many more generations of Bridgeporters.

We look forward to continuing to build food justice in our city and invite you, our local council members, to be part of the revolution.

Sincerely,



Ellie Angerame  
Executive Director  
[Ellie@goGVI.org](mailto:Ellie@goGVI.org)

**Lucas Stoyanoff**  
Green Village Initiative  
135 Clarence Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Reservoir Community Farm (RCF) and the potential for continuing nutritional assistance, education, and community engagement with Bridgeport's (GVI).

Mr. Stoyanoff greeted the Council and said that he looks forward to working with the staff at the Green Village Initiative and the Farmer's Market. He spoke about all the activities that he has seen at GVI, which has allowed him to thrive. It is a space to breathe open air and a community farm is a rare oasis, particularly during the pandemic. There are educational opportunities for everyone. He said that if there is a garden and a library, one has everything they need. There is great potential for the GVI and the Library to work together. He asked the City Council to support the lease.

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**Diane Chappell**  
60 Yaremich Drive, Apt. 24  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Support for the Reservoir Community  
Farm.

Ms. Chappell said that she lives right next to the Reservoir Community Farm. She watched the gardeners from her living room window and wondered if she could grow some food for her family. Her father coached her through the early stages before he passed away. Now she is a Co-captain Gardener and has met so many people. The place that was once covered with trash is now a flourishing area with seeds and water. She supports the renewal of the lease.

**Elisha Brockenberry**  
Green Village Initiative  
146 Ocean Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

The importance of reservoir community  
farm to students and community.

Council President Nieves called for Ms. Brockenberry. There was no response. She called again and there was still no response.

**Angie Staltaro**  
Mayor's Conservation Corp.  
999 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Keeping the GVI Reservoir Farm open  
with a long-term lease.

Ms. Staltaro said that she was responsible for working with the Mayor's Conservation Corps and was involved from the beginning of the Reservoir Community Farm. It has become a wonderful treat for them and people have recently learned how to plant garlic. The Core Group is eager to return to the garden to start work. There are also students from Sacred Heart there, along with other schools. The garden helps the local food pantry. She requested the Council to support this lease.

**Donald Wilson**  
Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse  
56 Fairview Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Support for Reservoir Community Farm.

Council President Nieves called for Mr. Wilson. There was no response. She called again and there was no response.

**Victoria Majewski**  
378 Willow Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

City's farm, Green Village Initiative, the importance of their lease renewal, their impact on the city and city council's role.

Ms. Majewski of Willow Street introduced herself and said that in 2020 at the NRZ meeting she had been part of the community that wanted to extend the original lease and did not want the library where GVI is. She is studying Public Health and specializing in Health Equity, Community Mental Health Care and Criminology from the Sociology perspective as an undergraduate.

She said that in thinking about the environmental racism and the pollution that everyone is exposed to in Bridgeport as well as the lack of accessibility to equitable health care, and the large disparities that are displayed for black, brown and poor people, along with the current state of the climate crisis, it is hard for her to understand why they are at this meeting to advocate for the only educational farm. Everyone should be talking about investing more money into more green spaces to bring the community together rather than the capitalist greed that is destroying the planet, creating food insecurity in the cities and generating the environmental and pollution racism that everyone is being harmed by. The air everyone breathes and the tap water that people drink is hurting their physical and mental health. The Council really needs to be supporting locations like GVI.

It's not just about preserving GVI as an educational farm, but because of what it brings to the community that it is located in. This farm cannot be moved, especially since the Reservoir Community relies on it for clean, affordable, fresh produce and space to support their mental health.

Ms. Majewski said she was sure that there were many other lots or buildings that could house the library rather than paving and reducing an existing farm. There are plenty of libraries throughout the City and in the East End, it took decades to actually get a library, but that library is not open to the public to use.

Bridgeport is a colorful and diverse place. Although there is a diverse Council, when she spoke with residents throughout the City, the residents struggle to trust the City Council because the power was voted away to Mayor Ganim when the Charter was amended. There is no diversity in Bridgeport regarding the power over the City Council. The Mayor, the crony contractors and the developers in Bridgeport are all wealthy white men. They influence the way that many of the City Council Members vote rather than their constituents a lot of the time. Ms. Majewski said that this would come down to a vote influenced by the City Council Member that represents the 135th District. Despite her personal wants for the lot, and how the powers above may or may not be influencing her, the Council Members should remember they are there to represent their District. The people have the power to organize and vote the Council Members out. They will be watching how Council Members vote on the GVI lot. Please renew the GVI lease.

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**Reginald Saint Fortcolin**  
190 Alice Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Reservoir Community Farm/Green Village  
Initiative Lease.

Mr. Saint Fortcolin greeted the Council and said that 49% of Bridgeport did not have access to fresh fruit and vegetables. He said that he was present to speak in support of GVI. He spoke about food insecurity in the Hollow. He said that children need something to do and need to be outside to support mental health. GVI provides that and he said that he has heard that GVI might be destroyed. The plans for the library are almost 30 years old. He supports Bridgeport and GVI Community Farm. There should be more places like this. It is time to move forward for the mental health of the children and all the Bridgeport residents.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves closed the Public Speaking portion of the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
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**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 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim led the Council in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The Assistant City Clerk Ms. Ortiz called the roll.

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**28-21 Public Hearing re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Green Village Initiative Inc. for 1469 Reservoir Avenue and 20 Yaremich Drive.**



Mayor Ganim opened the Public Hearing on the Lease Agreement with Green Village Initiative Inc. for 1469 Reservoir Avenue and 20 Yaremich Drive at 7:05 p.m.

**Council Member Valle** said regarding the lease for the Green Village Initiative, she would be voting for it. It is a way for the residents to get to know one another and also save money on fresh produce. She encouraged the other Council Members to support this.

**Ms. Lindsay Thompson** greeted the Council and said that she was a documentary film maker. It will be good to have the farm in the City. Adam and Eve were charged with being stewards of the garden.

**Council Member Herron** said that she was an avid gardener. Some students get very excited and they want to go back and grow their food. She said that she was in support of GVI because it is productive for the residents to grow their own food.

**Council Member Newton** said that this was a golden opportunity for both the garden and the library. One of the speakers made a comment about the Newfield Library not opening, but it will open when everything is completed. He said that he takes exception to people bringing in issues that have nothing to do with this particular project and lease. It's important to have people learn about how to grow vegetables. He complimented the GVI staff for compromising with the library and the Council Members for working so hard to get a library in that area.

**Council Member McBride-Lee** thanked Council Member Newton for his comments. Both she and Council Member Roman-Christy have worked hard for this. There are four schools in the area, but no library. She said that it should be a shared space for both the library and the garden. She is happy she doesn't have to make a choice between the Library and the garden.

**Council Member Cruz** thanked all the speakers who spoke in favor of this. He said that he supports this farm because they have reached out and engaged the community. He would like to see more gardens like this throughout the City.

**Council Member Simmons** thanked those who sent emails to her about this. She supports GVI. It provides employment for teens and therapy for others.

**Mr. Nick** [inaudible] of Amsterdam Avenue said that he was a Bridgeport resident only for a year but he volunteered at the Farm and at other locations. This helped him meet other residents and the community members. He hopes that the Council will support this measure.

**Ms. Debbie Simms** said that she was in support of GVI. Ms. Angerame has been available to provide produce to the people in her area, so she supports them.

**Council Member Silva** said that he is a gardener himself and supports this. It's good for the children to learn about gardens.

**Council Member Roman-Christy**, the Council Member for the District, said that the site had been designated for library many years ago. However, the funding allocated for the library was later transferred to the North End Library. Both she and Council Member McBride-Lee have worked hard for the Library and felt that the two entities will work together. She wants to see a collaboration between both the Library and GVI. There are those who think she is against the farm being on the site and this is not true.

**Ms. Ellie Angerame**, the head of GVI, came forward and said that she was born in Bridgeport and was 22 years old. She was a shy young woman but GVI helped her grow and mature. This is what GVI has done for her and other young individuals. She said that she was in support of the lease for the children in the future.

**Ms. Valeria Shelly** of 10 Middle Street in Bridgeport, greeted the Council. She is a member of the GVI Board. Compromise is a wonderful thing and GVI is happy to work with the Library on this. GVI works hard to empower the community regarding food insecurity.

**Mr. Kharmarri** spoke about how he was able to socialize when he went to the farm. He supports the farm lease renewal.

**Ms. Emma Holtzman** said that she was a volunteer and was supporting GVI. She works with the GVI School Garden Program. She said that she was also excited about the Library.

**Ms. Marsha Jeune** said that she was present to support GVI because she had learned how to grow food. The produce at the store is expensive. Having a collaboration between the Farm and the Library is excellent.

**Mr. Juan Forero** came forward and said that he was in favor of GVI. As a teacher at one of the nearby schools, he walked with his class to the farm. It is convenient for the students.

**Council Member Lyons** said she was in favor of the proposal for the GVI lease. She commended Council Member McBride-Lee and Roman-Christy for working for a compromise. Having both the Library and the Farm there together is great.

**Mr. Don Wilson** of Fairview Avenue said that the Farm offers peace after a long day at work. He teaches others about farming as well. He is pleased with the compromise and hopes that the Farm will continue to be there for the youth. It is a vital resource. The City needs green spaces and it is important not to lose any.

**Ms. Victoria Majewski** of Willow Street said that the farm isn't that big and she was sure that the four schools have their own libraries. She felt that they shouldn't have a library on the property. She said that they shouldn't have another library if they can't have the other libraries open.

**Ms. Alicia Brockenberry** of Ocean Avenue said that it was important to preserve green space. She said that there may not be enough food for everyone if they don't teach others about gardening. She is into having sustainability and teaching children about nature. This is a rare example of this and she understands the need for literacy but felt that they don't understand the need for the garden.

**Ms. Kasey Perkins**, of Old Hill Road, is a part of Bridgeport Generation NOW and part of GVI. She is also an early childhood educator and has seen the impact of how the gardens help people connect with the land. It nurtures their bodies, and the land around everyone. She is sad to hear that there is a problem with nurturing their bodies and the land versus nurturing the minds. The GVI soil has been cared for and improved for nutrition. The library can be located somewhere else. The farm should be protected.

**Ms. Kristin Ferrerese** said that her business likes to use farm to table produce. She would like to see more of this because the surrounding towns also use farm to table produce and do it well.

**Ms. Racquel Rivera** said that she was a chef and has work on the farm. She is excited about the variety of plants that are grown. Having the produce grown by people who look like the community is very unique and needed. While it would be nice to have a library, there is so much that happens at GVI and she would like it to stay the way it is.

Mayor Ganim complimented the Library, OPED and GVI for working out the issues. He closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

**Council President Creation of Special Committee on Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED THE APPOINTMENT OF FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS AS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG):**

**JEANETTE HERRON  
TYLER MACK  
MARY MCBRIDE-LEE  
MARIA VALLE  
ROLANDA SMITH  
MICHELE SMALL  
ALFREDO CASTILLO**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President Nieves said that she was leaving the meeting at 7:58 p.m. She said Council Member Brown who is the Council President Pro Tempore, was present on the call.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**December 20, 2021; January 3, 2022 & January 18, 2022**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 MINUTES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 MINUTES.**

Council Member Pereira submitted the corrections for the December 20, 2021 minutes as follows:

1) **Public Comment- Page 4- Last Paragraph:** *"Council Member Pereira said that she would be meeting with Nate because there is a need for litigation [inaudible]"* I have no idea who "Nate" is and made no such reference regarding speaking with a "Nate" about "litigation." This needs to be eliminated.

2) **Regular Meeting - Page 9 - First paragraph:** Should read I stated *"Everything about Steel Pointe reeks of gentrification. Bass Pro was being sued by the Federal Department of Labor for racist hiring practices when the developers and Mayor Finch decided it was a great idea to bring them to Bridgeport when our community was 78% minority." Boca and Starbucks aren't here for existing Bridgeport residents, they are here to cater to wealthy, white outsiders. I have never had anyone ask me to stop by Starbucks to grab a cup of coffee as the vast majority of residents are Dunkin Donuts coffee drinkers."*

3) **Page-9- Third Paragraph:** It should read as *"When the 400 units are rented, their tenants will be utilizing our public services to include our streets, snow removal, libraries, parks, fire & police and possibly our schools, yet the vast majority of taxes will go right back to the Steel Pointe Special Services District, not the city coffers to offset the costs associated with their use of those public services."*

4) **Pages 11-12- Last Paragraph to First Paragraph:** Approval of October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes show that only Amy Vizzo-Paniccia abstained due to her illness. It shows that Tyler Mack, Aikeem Boyd, Michele Small and Wanda Simmons all voted in favor of the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes although all four

have previously abstained from voting on the previous regular meeting minutes because they were not members of the Council until December 1, 2021. In consultation with Michele Small she is confident that she abstained. Councilmembers Mack, Boyd and Simmons will have to advocate for their position on this specific vote as cannot specifically recall how they voted on this matter. It just didn't make sense when I reviewed the minutes.

5) **Page 13- Paragraphs 3-8:** The motion is the approval of the Nurses Contract, however all 6 paragraphs referenced are our discussion on the Crossing Guard Contract. This needs to be corrected.

6) **Page 13 - Paragraph Three:** also asserts I stated " These are the lowest union members in the City and this is the worse(sic) contract she has seen in 12 years. It is not codified that they are not pedophiles, or sex offenders." *It should read "These are the lowest **compensated** union members in the City and this is the **worst** contract she has seen **in her 12 years of public service. The contract does not codify that national background checks must be conducted to ensure pedophiles, sex offenders, etc.; are not hired as crossing guards."***

7) **Page 14 -15 - Paragraphs 4-9 on Page 14 & Paragraphs 1-4 on Page 15:** The motion is the approval of the Crossing Guard Contract, however all 10 paragraphs are our discussion on the Nurses Contract. This needs to be corrected.

8) **Page 16 - Paragraph 2:** The minutes state "This is an opportunity to allow the people of the 132nd District to vote on a vacant seat. It is not an unfilled seat. In order to vacate something, one must first occupy it." My position was the complete opposite. It should read "*This is an opportunity to allow the people of the 132nd District to vote on this unfilled seat. It is not a vacant seat as in order to vacate a seat one must first occupy the seat.*"

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Simmons stated that she was not a member of the Council at that time.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 MEETING AS AMENDED PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR, (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, SMALL, PEREIRA, AND NEWTON); THREE (3) ABSTENTIONS (SIMMONS, BOYD AND MACK) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (BROWN).**

Council Member Small said that her vote on page 9 of the January 18, 2022 was incorrectly recorded. She voted against Agenda Item 23-21.

The following correction was noted for January 18, 2022:

Page 9, please change the vote to read as follows:

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

**23-21 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES & CO-SPONSOR MACK RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.06 – COMMON COUNCIL, AMEND TO ADD NEW SECTION(S) 2.06.080 – LEGISLATIVE AIDES FOR CITY COUNCIL, 2.06.090 – LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND 2.06.100 – BUDGET DIRECTOR FOR CITY COUNCIL, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, BOYD, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (PEREIRA AND SMALL).**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 AND THE JANUARY 18, 2022 MEETINGS AS AMENDED PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR, (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BOYD, SMITH, MACK, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, SILVA, CASTILLO, VALLE, SMALL, PEREIRA, SIMMONS AND NEWTON); AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (BROWN).**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**29-21 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Montrey LLC Re: 1245 Fairfield Avenue, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**30-21 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Greystone Servicing Co. LLC Re: 215 Barnum Avenue, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**31-21 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Lee Grisby (R) to the Parks Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**32-21 Communication from Housing & Community Development re: Proposed Program Year 48 Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG); HOME Investment Partnership and Housing**

**Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), referred to Special Committee on CDBG Program.**

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

**33-21 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Pereira & Small and Co-sponsor Cruz re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 10.32 – The Operation or Use of Dirt Bikes, All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles, Motor-Driven Cycles, or Mini Cycles, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**29-21 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – MONTREY LLC RE: 1245 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**30-21 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – GREYSTONE SERVICING CO. LLC RE: 215 BARNUM AVENUE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**31-21 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF LEE GRISBY (R) TO THE PARKS COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**32-21 COMMUNICATION FROM HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED PROGRAM YEAR 48 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); HOMELESS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (HESG); HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA), REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CDBG PROGRAM.**

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

**33-21 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) PEREIRA & SMALL AND CO-SPONSOR CRUZ RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 10.32 – THE OPERATION OR USE OF DIRT BIKES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, SNOWMOBILES, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES, OR MINI CYCLES, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Newton thanked those who wished him a happy birthday.

Council Member Herron said that everyone should read the minutes carefully and jot down any errors. Mayor Ganim said that Council Member Pereira had been very good about noting errors in the minutes.

Council Member Burns said that he would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Bridgeport Police Department and Bridgeport Fire Department for providing assistance during a recent unusual incident by Ash Creek.

Council Member Newton said that a gentleman from Public Works and Tony Morano have both passed away. He requested a moment of silence.

Council Member Lyons said that she would like to be added as a co-sponsor for Agenda Item 33-21. She was told this could be done during the Committee meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Telesco Secretarial Services