

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking session of the City Council to order at 6:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
131st District: Jorge Cruz, Tyler Mack
132nd District: *Rolanda Smith*
133rd District: Aikeem Boyd, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy
136th District: Frederick Hodges, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle
138th District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman
139th District: Ernest Newton

A quorum was present. Names shown in italics did not respond when the roll was called. A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.

NAME

SUBJECT

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Bridgeport Governance & Finances.

Mr. Lee came forward and read the following statement into the record:

A recent report in the CT Post stated that 12,134 units were “affordable” among 57,000 residential units. Assuming those numbers are accurate, the balance of housing is priced above the current level determined by authorities as “affordable”. Likely these residential units are rental units of all kinds with different landlord/owners. Some units are part of a HUD voucher system operated by Bridgeport Housing Authority currently termed Park City Communities.

How many of the folks in so-called ‘affordable’ housing rely on you in your district? When do they call upon you? Do you encourage the formation of ‘tenant groups? I understand that the City Council has created a committee to restore a Fair Rent Commission. I was at a recent hearing where OPED, supposed administrator of economic development and City needs, presented a delayed affordable housing report as required by the State of CT, but was turned down and asked to put more meaningful data into such a report. Is this final report available for review or approval? Could one of the issues with a second attempt turndown of funds for East Side affordable housing be the unresponsiveness of City authorities?

Since my last Council conversation, I met with one of you who told me that I am under consideration for an appointment to a resurrected FAIR Rent Commission. Carefully I asked for information on the role of such a citizen group, what issues they can deal with other than rental expenses, whether staffing and enforcement powers have been considered in the new group. In my personal oversight role, I have observed the weakness or failure of too many citizen boards and commissions to support the genuine cause for which they may have been formed. At my age I respect my personal limits and do not wish to waste time or energy on membership without meaning.

After 15 years or so observing boards and commissions Citywide, I will take a couple weeks of learning and review to see what is at hand. That will not hurt the public. That public is the same one you face. There are old and young; black, brown, and white faces among them with different levels of education but aspiring to learn more as they reach for economic success, Some among this public are homeowner/taxpayers but most are renters, and very many who live here are older, infirm, or disabled, and enjoy subsidies from HUD by law and CT in the form of renter rebates. Who do these folks talk to? Who are the owners of the properties? Do they care about their tenants, or hide from them? Corporate names and LLC designations mask the info. What rights do renters have across the spectrum? Time will tell.

Mr. Germaine Rogers

1188 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Rogers said that he was present to follow up on issues and said that the Council members should be checking into the FOI request for the constituents. He said that Council Member Cruz had contacted the City Attorney and gotten the issue resolved.

Mr. Rogers said that he had a productive meeting with the Police administration about how the officers had interacted with him. It is important for the residents to have their Council Members’ support.

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023

Ms. Eneida Martinez
1819 Connecticut Avenue
Bridgeport, CT

Ms. Martinez came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said she was there to speak about an email that went out to 109 people about city business. City emails should not be used for political campaigning. A threat was made to Council Member Herron regarding upcoming political races and others were called out by name. When the Council Members are sworn in, they are informed that there are things that should not be discussed in the City emails. Campaigning is a violation of these rules.

The fact that Council Member Pereira threatens other Council Members, constantly verbally attacking them or telling them to be quiet and sit down along with verbally abusing the City Attorney. This behavior is unacceptable, unprofessional and should not be tolerated. The Council Members allow her to do this out of fear of retaliation. This behavior is inappropriate.

Ms. Martinez asked how Council Member Pereira attack the other Council Members since she is a felon and arsonist. Council Member Pereira made several posts on Facebook attacking other Council Members.

Ms. Martinez's next comments became inaudible when Council Member Pereira started to object loudly.

Ms. Martinez requested the other Council Members to confront this behavior. Council President Nieves pointed out that there were minors present in the audience.

Ms. Martinez said that Council Member Pereira should run again because there was another candidate for the 138th District now.

Chris Caruso
208 Beechmont Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

1775 Madison Avenue.

Mr. Caruso came forward and made the following statements to the Council:

Good evening Madame President and Members of the Bridgeport City Council. My name is Chris Caruso and I reside on Beechmont Avenue in Bridgeport.

This evening, my remarks are a continuation of the ones I spoke to you about at the last meeting of the City Council; a constitutional travesty and conspiracy against the People of Bridgeport. In particular, the building of 177 apartment units with underground parking garage at 1775 Madison Avenue, and with NO public hearing. Thus, the property owners and taxpayers of that neighborhood have been shut out of the process.

Tonight, I call on you, Members of the City Council, the Mayor and the Bridgeport Legislative Delegation to Hartford; to request of the City Attorney a comprehensive legal review of pertinent state statutes, city ordinance and zoning regulations in regard to the development of 1775 Madison Avenue. Such review must culminate in a formal legal opinion by the City Attorney that details any appropriate legal action that can be taken to allow for a public hearing.

Further, I call on you, Members of the City Council, the Mayor and the Bridgeport Legislative Delegation to Hartford; to request the Bridgeport Planning and Zoning Commission enact a “tailored” moratorium on provisions and regulations of the Bridgeport Master Plan until a comprehensive review is conducted and modifications to protect the public interest are recommended especially “grandfathered in” development proposals by developers and their attorneys.

Further, I request that the current staff of the Bridgeport Planning Department not be permitted to participate in the comprehensive review of the Master Plan as the result of a moratorium. It is my understanding that certain employees of the Planning Department held meetings prior to the adoption of the Master Plan with developers and their attorneys concerning proposals that would come before the Planning and Zoning Commission after the Master Plan was adopted. Such meetings were not public, but held privately. As a result, I believe that the Planning Department does not have the autonomy or independence necessary to be objective.

Finally, I call on the Members of the City Council to hold a special meeting as the “Committee of the Whole” to allow me and others to present the results of research that has been undertaken concerning 1775 Madison Avenue. In particular, the lack of action by the City Council that led to the disenfranchising of the People of Bridgeport especially those taxpayers and neighbors around 1775 Madison Avenue. My objective is not to point fingers, but rather to expose pertinent facts.

In the past, I have warned Members of the City Council of the adverse impact that the Master Plan and proposed changes would have on every neighborhood of the City. In order to decipher the Plan, one must have a degree in land use to fully understand its ramifications on neighborhood and property owners. It’s just a matter of time before a proposal such as 1775 Madison is foisted on other neighborhoods in Bridgeport.... neighborhoods in your districts.

I will formally request in writing, that you, Members of the City Council, the Mayor and Members of the Bridgeport Legislative Delegation to Hartford take action on the points that I mentioned here this evening.

Thank you and good evening.

Ms. Christina Smith

29 Circular Avenue

Bridgeport, CT

Ms. Smith came forward and invited all of the Council Members to attend an event on May 20th at 503 Hollow Street. There will also be registration for other events in the City. She mentioned a second event at Citibank on May 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. She concluded by thanking the Council for their time.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves adjourned the public speaking portion of the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nieves called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRAYER

Council President Nieves asked Council Member Hodges to lead those present in prayer.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked for a moment of silence in memory of two former Bridgeport Police Officers who passed away: Charles D. Mack and William Reilly.

Council Member Newton asked those present to remember the families of those who have passed away recently also.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Nieves asked Council Member Castillo to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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Council President Nieves said that there were some students who were graduating from one the Lighthouse Program present at the meeting. One of the instructors came forward and gave a brief overview of the program.

Council President Nieves presented the graduates with certificates.

58-22 Public Hearing re: Proposed Resolution Approving Programs for the 2023 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

Council President Nieves opened the hearing on the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program at 7:20 p.m. She asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Council regarding this program.

Council Member Pereira said that she was pleased to see that the applications were done properly and that there were no applications from any organizations outside of Bridgeport.

Council President Nieves asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Council regarding this program. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing on the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program at 7:22 p.m.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

• **April 17, 2023**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2023 MEETINGS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2023 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

60-22 Communication from WPCA re: Proposed Fiscal 2024 Budget, Proposed charges for the connection with and for the use of the City's Sewerage System and Public Hearing pursuant to Ordinance Section 13.04.420, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

61-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program (#24462), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

62-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut DECD Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development – Municipal Grant Program (#24443), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

63-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut Department of Education – 2023-24 Summer Enrichment Grant Program (#23681), referred to Education and Social Services Committee.

65-22 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 8.81 – Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance, referred to Ordinance Committee.

66-22 Communication from Mayor re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10.16 – Parking, amend Section(s): 10.16.010 – Definitions; 10.16.020 – Designation of Traffic Authority and 10.16.040 – Designation of Parking Division., referred to Ordinance Committee.

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

67-22 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Mack and Co-sponsor(s): Nieves Burns, Cruz, Newton & Herron re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.94 – Fair Rent Commission, amend Section(s): 2.94.030 – Membership, 2.94.040 – Members’ Terms and 2.94.060 – Quorum and Procedures, referred to Ordinance Committee.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

60-22 COMMUNICATION FROM WPCA RE: PROPOSED FISCAL 2024 BUDGET, PROPOSED CHARGES FOR THE CONNECTION WITH AND FOR THE USE OF THE CITY’S SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE SECTION 13.04.420, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

61-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND – OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM (#24462), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

62-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DECD OFFICE OF BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT – MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

(#24443), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

63-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – 2023-24 SUMMER ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAM (#23681), REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

65-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 8.81 – SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS ORDINANCE, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

66-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.16 – PARKING, AMEND SECTION(S): 10.16.010 – DEFINITIONS; 10.16.020 – DESIGNATION OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY AND 10.16.040 – DESIGNATION OF PARKING DIVISION., REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

67-22 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MACK AND CO-SPONSOR(S): NIEVES BURNS, CRUZ, NEWTON & HERRON RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.94 – FAIR RENT COMMISSION, AMEND SECTION(S): 2.94.030 – MEMBERSHIP, 2.94.040 – MEMBERS' TERMS AND 2.94.060 – QUORUM AND PROCEDURES, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

64-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: The Justice Education Center – Park City United/Midnight Basketball, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 64-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: THE JUSTICE EDUCATION CENTER – PARK CITY UNITED/MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

A 2/3rds majority was required for approval.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 64-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: THE JUSTICE EDUCATION CENTER – PARK CITY UNITED/MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Police Captain Cotto and Police Sergeant Campo came forward to speak about the proposed program.

Council Member Pereira expressed concerns about whether there would be enough sector patrol cars coverage available on Friday and Saturday nights when the basketball games were in progress. Sgt. Campo said that there would not be a reduction in the number of sector patrol cars during those times.

Mayor Ganim joined the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and assumed the chairmanship.

Council Member Newton said that he was in favor because this gives the youth an opportunity to interact with the officers. He commended the officers for the program.

Council Member Lyons agreed with Council Member Newton 's commendation and said that there used to be a similar program at Blackham school.

Council Member Cruz congratulated them on the program. He said that he wanted to add a handball court to the other sports programs and mentioned a handball league that he was familiar with.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she was excited about this. The parents need to support the program. She said that the thing that was lacking was the officers interacting with the youth.

Council Member Hodges asked what ages they would be handling and what kind of life skills the participants would get. He mentioned have vocational schools for the youth.

Council Member Herron said that it was plus to have the Police Officers step up and sponsor the program.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

68-22 Communication from OPM re: Establishing of Mill Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 68-22 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: ESTABLISHING OF MILL RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton then gave a brief overview of the Charter requirements involving the mill rate.

A 2/3rds majority was required for approval.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 68-22 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: ESTABLISHING OF MILL RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton said that they were fortunate to put together a balanced budget. He said that hopefully better days were coming.

Council Member Pereira said that she would be voting against this budget because the May 8th meeting was illegal.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***51-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Clifton Larson Allen, LLC (CLA) for Auditing Services.**

***59-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Lease Agreement with Sikorsky Federal Credit Union for space at City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace in Bridgeport.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove this item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Pereira requested that both items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

51-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Clifton Larson Allen, LLC (CLA) for Auditing Services.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 51-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLC (CLA) FOR AUDITING SERVICES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that during the committee meeting Mr. Flatto has announced there had been a negotiated reduction made and she wanted to be certain that the negotiated amount was amended. She said that there was supposed to be an attachment to the email, but it was not there. One of the attorneys came forward and stated that all of the changes had been made to the document.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

59-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Lease Agreement with Sikorsky Federal Credit Union for space at City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace in Bridgeport.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 59-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SIKORSKY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FOR SPACE AT CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE IN BRIDGEPORT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that in Committee there was a problem with the pagination and she wanted to make sure pages were numbered correct. Mr. Flatto said that the pagination issue had been corrected.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

55-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), Local R1-200 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 regarding their Bargaining Unit Contract.

Council Member Pereira said that this was the worst written contract she had ever read. She said that it should be clear to the Council Members which items were being changed and added that there was no pagination.

Council Member Newton said that Council Members sit on the Contracts Committee and the Union reps answered every one of Council Member Pereira's questions. He said the representatives did an excellent job. They tried to explain the items to the best of their ability. While the Council Members play many different roles, Council Member Newton is going to rely on the attorneys who are the experts and felt it is a good contract and positive for the City.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 55-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (NAGE), LOCAL R1-200 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM FOR REFERRAL TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REGARDING A RESOLUTION REGARDING CT INNOVATIONS/CADENZA INNOVATIONS OF DANBURY RE: PURPOSE OF DONATING TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #69-22)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REGARDING A RESOLUTION REGARDING CT INNOVATIONS/CADENZA INNOVATIONS OF DANBURY RE: PURPOSE OF DONATING TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO THE AGENDA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HODGES SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #69-22)**

Council Member McBride-Lee requested and was granted a point of personal privilege. Council Member McBride-Lee said that she had sent her friends invitations to her book signing on the 20th. She said that she had to change the signing to the 27th because the Secretary of Education was going to be there.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said there were many hours put in on the budget. She said that when the delegation works together with other delegations in Hartford, she would like to ask the Mayor to inform the City Council.

Mayor Ganim said that they were able to work on the budget and he was pleased to see how it turned out.

Council President Nieves said that each of the Council Members have different personalities. She said that she would not tolerate disrespectful behavior or emails, Facebook postings or other media. If someone wants to run and is elected, that is fine, but when they are in the Council seats, they are there to represent their constituents, not their personal opinions.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services