

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 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 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: *Scott Burns*, Matthew McCarthy
131st District: *Jorge Cruz*, Tyler Mack
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134th District: Michelle Lyons, *AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia*
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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. Council Members Burns, Cruz, Smith and Vizzo-Paniccia all had excused absences. A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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

Democratic Practices in C.O.B.

I noticed the words “people of good will” while attending a worship service on Sunday. Is there any faith tradition that you know that does not model people to be of good will? It is a way of presenting oneself to other humans, to respect and serve with

only those duties in mind, and to reach for a “common good” while pursuing one’s own life.

Each of you likely perceives yourself as a person of goodwill and engages as an elected legislator as proof of it to yourself. In my opinion no one looks to practice hypocrisy knowingly, so folks who oversee public activities may do a favor when they call certain matters to your attention. Tonight, I am speaking specifically to the housing situation of elderly people, perhaps disabled or with health issues prominent, poor enough in regular income and wealth to be eligible for Section 8 HUD housing, or “renter rebates” often isolated in “vertical neighborhoods.”

How do they practice democracy daily with your help? At the moment you do not have a “democracy encouragement” committee to work with these citizens. Often by the time they are conscious of a genuine problem, issue, or concern that disturbs the safety, continuation, and expense of their home they may speak up to property managers or owners. How often is their news dealt with timely, fairly, and completely as would be just? How often do they get a positive response that is verbal, later denied, and extends the time and perhaps severity of the issue? To whom do they address the subject of fairness or justice specifically?

You know it can happen with your assistance. Ask Jorge and Tyler what they have committed to since news of elevator shutdowns at Stratfield Apartments showed up on Channel 12 in fall 2021. Meetings with bilingual translation have been held each month. Working with a certified Residential Service Coordinator has provided calendars of activities, a newsletter, meeting minutes, and a process for appointing two tenants on each floor as Floor Captains or Co-Captains. By-laws are being reviewed for adoption by resident vote.

Will something like this work in your district for folks of good will? Flag Day was a week ago. Juneteenth, a new holiday was celebrated yesterday. Where do your constituents learn democratic self-government, using their ears, minds, and voices? Between municipal, state, or federal Election Days? What will you do to encourage these “vertical neighborhoods” to use their voices constructively and together and practice democracy daily? Time will tell.

John Marshall LEE

P.S. I have listened to Jillian Baldwin address assembled residents of The Green Homes, and other Park City Community units. She is an experienced housing troubleshooter, present in Bridgeport for three years facing ten years or more of mismanagement by predecessors in response to health, safety and quality of life needs of residents. She is a HUD hero with major revitalization duties, little chance of receiving \$150 Million necessary, and has asked her tenants to come to her table, listen and talk. Is that a change in Bridgeport? Is it sustainable?

Jilian Genao
651 Westfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

1775 Madison Avenue, previous Testo site.

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Ms. Genao came forward and greeted the Council. She said that she was from the Bronx and moved to Bridgeport with her husband to start a new life. If she wanted to have large buildings right next to where she lived, she would have stayed in the Bronx. She and her neighbors want to be heard. She's been here for 2 years and now they are being pushed out. Bianca, Nicole and Ralph along with others are ready to work to prevent this project. There are too many reasons why they should not have this building going up. 177 units will bring a lot of risk to the neighborhood. Do not build this buiding. People over politics.

Ms. Dorcas White

Bridgeport, CT

Ms. White came forward and greeted the Council. She said that she had been speaking to the Council for years. She said that she was a social worker and wanted the Council to put aside their fears. The neighbors want compassion from the City. The parcel where Testo's was is a prime piece of real estate, but the project that is proposed is not in the best interest of the City or the residents. People need each other if they want to make changes.

Ms. White said that her concerns started in 2005 with a letter to Mayor Fabrizi about the water issues. They received a letter back from the Mayor said that there was no water issues there. Ms. White said that within 12 months, she had to purchase a new sump pump and later some other neighbors started to have water issues. Former Council Member Donna Curran wrote about the issues. In 2009, there was a black tar like substance clogged the sump pump and she notified the Health Department. She has the documents to file a complaint about the water flowing into her basement. People over politics.

Ms. Sally Zwelein

Bridgeport, CT

Ms. Zwelein came forward and greeted the Council. She said that the 177 units is not the extent of the project because even one unit often has two cars. Where are they going to park? There is 3030 Park and another health facility down the street. Where are they going to put all the children? She said that the development would look like crap. She claimed that there would be more children going to one of the two schools. There will be 50 students per class. She added that there was a water problem and drainage problem. There are not even enough police officers to patrol. Where is the future of Bridgeport and where will the children go to school?

Mario Marcoccia

Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Mario Marcoccia came forward and said that he can't even park in his own driveway and HS to park on Madison Avenue. The only person that knows what is going on is Mario Testo. He said that he has lived in his house for 50 years and now he has to move.

Ralph Raucci
Madison Avenue
Bridgeport, CT

Ralph Raucci of Madison Avenue and said that he had lived there since 2007. The traffic and the noise has increased. He said that this whole thing was done very sneakily and the residents have elected the Council Members to represent them. People over politics.

Ms. Debbie Khamatmi

Ms. Khamatmi said that she was born in Bridgeport and has since lived in many different states. She loved Bridgeport and has seen many changes. She said that when she comes home from work, she sees rabbits and hears birds. They shouldn't build shoeboxes to have people living on top of one another. Her uncle actually owned the original restaurant that became Testo's. What she is seeing is not good. Many residents chose to live in Bridgeport. When she heard that there was 177 units, she knew it was wrong. Madison Avenue is an obstacle course. Don't the residents deserve peace and quiet and having deer and rabbits wander by. This is not right.

Council Member Maria Pereira

Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT

Council Member Pereira said that she was troubled by the comments made by the Council Member from the 139th District at the previous Council meeting. She stated that she had mentioned the ordinance that states that every Board and Commission must represent the racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of the residents. According to the 2020 census, 80% of the City is Hispanic, black or Asian with less than 20% being white. Somehow, the administration can always find white Commissioners to appoint while stating that minority members have no interest in serving. Council Member Pereira said that she knew for a fact that this was malarkey. There are tons of qualified candidates in the City and the administration seems unable to locate them. Why?

During the debate for a Planning and Zoning Commissioner at the previous meeting, the Council Member from the 139th District made remarks that as a white person, Council Member Pereira had no standing to speak up for Hispanic, black or Asian members of the community. She said that her constituents who are overwhelmingly Hispanic and black would disagree. The 138th District also has the largest number of Asian residents in the City. She went on to say that a candidate would not get 64% of the Democratic primary vote in the 138th District without non-white residents voting. She said that someone had gone door to door in 2021, they had told the residents that Council Member Pereira was racist and a member of the Kul Klux Klan, it was predominantly black residents who had contacted her about it. It backfired.

In regards to the redistricting, Council Member Pereira said that she had more door knocks, emails and calls to residents than any other candidate in the primary. This year will be different.

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She told her constituents that the only way that they could hold an official accountable was on Election Day. For the three Council Members who served on the Redistricting Committee and changed her district, Council Member Pereira said that she was absolutely coming into their Districts. If they interfere with her District, she is more than happy to return the favor. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

Council Member Pereira said she was not worried about re-election because she could lose 15% of the points and have her opponents pick up those points, which would be a 30 point spread. However Council Member Pereira said she would still win and concluded by saying that she would see her fellow Council Members on the campaign trail.

Council Member Ernest Newton

Read Street
Bridgeport, CT

Council Member Newton came forward and greeted his fellow Council Members. He said he came to speak about Redistricting. He said that the City had been procrastinating about the redistricting because nomination time is in July. His District, the 139th, was large and they had to give up some voters to the 138th District. Council Member Newton said that he did not have a problem with this.

The argument is about a school location and the Council Member from the 138th feels that because she was previously on the Board of Education, it should be in her District. He said that he did not understand how someone could want to disenfranchise a section of town. There have been three elections at Harding High School. It is wrong to allow anyone, regardless of who they represent, to disenfranchise many votes. Republicans want to gerry-mander district.

Council Member Newton said that when the previous Districts were in effect, voters crossed Boston Avenue to get to Harding. There is ample parking. He said that because Harding was listed as being on Bond Street, they feel the High School should stay in that district. He said that he was hoping that the Council President would call a special meeting so they can do their job. There is one person out of 18 that feels that the new Districts are wrong.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves closed the public session at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:18 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee led those present in prayer.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that former Council Member Jack Banta had passed away. Council Members Newton, Lyons, and Herron, along with City Clerk Martinez spoke of their relationship with Council Member Banta. A moment of silence followed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

• May 8, 2023

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2023 MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2023 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (PEREIRA).**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

It was announced that Agenda Item 86-22 was tabled.

84-22 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Section 2.06.010 – Districts for Election of Council Members, in order to comply with the Plan of Districting (Plan 3) adopted on June 12, 2023, by the Redistricting Commission and for providing suitable Polling Places in such Districts and defining the Boundaries of the Area to be served by each Polling Place, referred to Ordinance Committee.

85-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut State Department of Education FY23 – FY25 Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Education – After-School Grant Program for Grades K-12 (Lighthouse After-School Program), referred to Education and Social Services Committee.

86-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Nessah J. Smith (D) to the Board of Police Commission, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

87-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Troy Robert Denunzio (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

88-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Franck Adjisegbe (U) to the Fair Rent Commission.

89-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Twana Johnson (D) to the Fair Rent Commission.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE REFERRED TO THEIR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES:**

84-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.06.010 – DISTRICTS FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PLAN OF DISTRICTING (PLAN 3) ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2023, BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND FOR PROVIDING SUITABLE POLLING PLACES IN SUCH DISTRICTS AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY EACH POLLING PLACE, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

85-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY23 – FY25 BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION, FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – AFTER-SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-12 (LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM), REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

87-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF TROY ROBERT DENUNZIO (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

88-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF FRANCK ADJISEGBE (U) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.

89-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF TWANA JOHNSON (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Burns joined the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

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

***72-22 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Municipal Suspense Tax Book.**

***73-22 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds and the Reallocation of the City Bond Proceeds for certain Board of Education Capital Projects – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects.**

***74-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Livewire Sound and Image LLC, for Audio/Visual Upgrades to the Council Chambers and Wheeler Rooms located at City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace.**

***83-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution regarding a Sublease Agreement with Connecticut Addiction Medicine, LLC for a clinic located at 100 Fairfield Avenue.**

***81-22 Joint Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment and Contracts Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Areyto Apartments located at 665-679 Arctic Street.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone who wished to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Pereira requested Agenda Items 73-22 and 74-22 be removed.
Council President Nieves requested Agenda Item 81-22 be removed.

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

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

***72-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.**

***83-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC FOR A CLINIC LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she was not necessarily opposed to Agenda Item 72-22, but felt it was wrong that multiple meetings were held at the same time that night.

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

73-22 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Approval of General Obligation Bonds and the Reallocation of the City Bond Proceeds for certain Board of Education Capital Projects – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 73-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE REALLOCATION OF THE CITY BOND PROCEEDS FOR CERTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 73-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE REALLOCATION OF THE CITY BOND PROCEEDS FOR CERTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

74-22 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Livewire Sound and Image LLC, for Audio/Visual Upgrades to the Council Chambers and Wheeler Rooms located at City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 74-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIVEWIRE SOUND AND IMAGE LLC, FOR AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND WHEELER ROOMS LOCATED AT CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that this was \$190,000 of taxpayer money being used and translation services were not being addressed. She said that they would be getting new chairs, but the public should be getting better seating.

Council President Nieves said that two administrations had been working on improving the Chambers. When they went out to bid, there were multiple responses. She said that there were other issues like headsets for those who are hearing impaired.

Council Member Newton said that when he goes to other Council chambers, it is evident to him that Bridgeport 's chambers are outdated and need to be upgraded. Discussion followed.

Council Member Lyons left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 74-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIVEWIRE SOUND**

AND IMAGE LLC, FOR AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND WHEELER ROOMS LOCATED AT CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

80-22 Joint Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment and Contracts Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Crescent Crossings 1C Affordable Housing Redevelopment Project.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 80-22 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CRESCENT CROSSINGS 1C AFFORDABLE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she did not think that the rents would be affordable. She said that the price of the unit was the price of unit, but what should change is the subsidy. This was a poor deal for affordable tax payers and for the City.

Council Member Newton spoke about the project and said that the land had been vacant for 9 years. He asked the Council members to support this. Discussion followed about the fact that Bridgeport residents need to be employed for the construction.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 80-22 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CRESCENT CROSSINGS 1C AFFORDABLE HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

82-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: re CT Department of Economic and Community Development – Community Investment Fund 2030 Grant Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 82-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: RE CT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2030 GRANT PROGRAM.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

A roll call vote was requested.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 82-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: RE CT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2030 GRANT PROGRAM PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (BURNS AND PEREIRA).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

56-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of John Mariani, Jr. (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 56-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MARIANI, JR. (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

81-22 Joint Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment and Contracts Report re: Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Areyto Apartments located at 665-679 Arctic Street.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED AGENDA ITEM 81-22 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE AREYTO APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 665-679 ARCTIC STREET.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA THAT WAS JUST ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS EVENING REGARDING SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION OF A CONNECTICUT SOURCED ENERGY STORAGE BATTERY TO THE CITY AT NO COST FROM CT INNOVATIONS/CADENZA INNOVATIONS, INC. [69-22]**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA THAT WAS JUST ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS EVENING REGARDING SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION OF A CONNECTICUT SOURCED ENERGY STORAGE BATTERY TO THE CITY AT NO COST FROM CT INNOVATIONS/CADENZA INNOVATIONS, INC. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

69-22 – Proposed resolution for the donation of a Connecticut sourced Energy Storage Battery to the City at no cost from CT Innovations/Cadenza Innovations, Inc.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED AGENDA 69-22 REGARDING SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION OF A CONNECTICUT SOURCED ENERGY STORAGE BATTERY TO THE CITY AT NO COST FROM CT INNOVATIONS/CADENZA INNOVATIONS, INC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Members Burns and Newton left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AGENDA ITEM 52-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO THE CITY'S PROGRAM YEAR 49 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); HOMELESS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (HESG); HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME); AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

52-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution to the City's Program Year 49 Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG); HOME Investment Partnership (HOME); and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO RESCIND AND/OR REVOKE AGENDA ITEM 52-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO THE CITY'S PROGRAM YEAR 49 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); HOMELESS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (HESG); HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME); AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) FROM THE JUNE 5, 2023 MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CDBG ALLOCATIONS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO AMEND THE CDBG ALLOCATIONS IN ITEM 52-22 BY REALLOCATING \$5,000 FROM THE CARDINAL SHEEHAN CENTER TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN OF JOY AND REALLOCATING \$20,000 FROM ORCUTT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND ALLOCATION \$20,000 TO BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Telesco Secretarial Services