CITY OF BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Torres, Banta, Taylor-Moye, *Halstead,

*Swain, McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, McBride-Lee, DeJesus,

Castillo, Martinez, Feliciano, Martinez-Walker, Holloway

*=arrived after roll call

ABSENT: Council members: Lyons, Salter, Marella, Paoletto

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 pm.

The city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Council President McCarthy announced that three people signed up to address the city council at the city clerk's office, noting that these persons have first priority. He referred to the sign up list and stated that there were six additional people that signed up; but only three of them would be allowed to speak. He noted that the time limit to speak was five minutes.

Please go to www. SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport to view or listen to the detailed comments that the speakers below addressed to the City Council on May 5, 2014.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME SUBJECT

Ethan Book 144 Coleman Street Bridgeport, CT 06604 Conflicts of interest of City Council Members.

Mr. Book's statement comments are highlighted below – to listen to or view the detailed comments, go to www. SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport.

He commented and referenced the following:

- CT statute allowing municipal employees to serve on the zoning commission
- Annual city budget for FY-13 that was approved by Council members: McCarthy, Paoletto and Holloway

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page 1 of 15

- Conflict of interest issue, noted the constitutional issue that overrides state statute related to municipal employees
- Legal counsel requested pertaining to a conflict of interest for some council members
- Alleged misappropriation of stipends for certain council member(s)

Cecil C. Young 99 Carroll Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06607 Update on unjust termination.

Mr. Young spoke about his unjust termination. He recalled that he was a city employee for twenty-seven years, noting that it's a shame that he was unjustly terminated. He emphasized that he is a taxpayer and he never had an attendance problem. He repeated that it's a shame that he had to go through Council member Torres to obtain the information related to the matter, noting that he hasn't been able to get the information for the last seven years from any other council member. He stressed that he was tired of being treated like a slave, to make the point that he isn't a salve, but a taxpayer that deserves justice. He said he was there to speak from a taxpayer's interest. He mentioned his rights being violated and the possibility of a lawsuit, not only by him; but also by others that have been unjustly treated. He relayed that he submitted full doctor documentation related to his termination and it wasn't accepted by the appellate court. He emphasized that he's not going away and will continue to come forward to speak. He stated that it's a matter of right and wrong and he was tired of pleading with the city council to "do the right thing".

John Marshall Lee 30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605 City Council - Finances.

<u>ILLEGAL COUNCIL BEHAVIOR with Taxpayer Funds</u> John Marshall Lee (May 1, 2014)

Council President McCarthy, members of the Council, respected citizens and taxpayers. Were I to walk into your enclosure, pick up a chair and walk out with it, perhaps one of you would ask a City police officer to stop me, or maybe not? Why would you do that? Because you care about public property or because you would like to question my behavior as a fiscal citizen watchdog? I won't be taking any public property or money tonight or any night but let's look at what last year's Council did.

Let's travel back in time one year. If you were one of 20 people on the City Council you knew that elections would be held in November. And primaries were talked about in several Districts. You knew that assessments of properties for a revaluation dated October 1, 2013 were upcoming although the Administration was resistant. You were in the budget process and like every year the

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **2** of **15** public was upset about an increase. And an increase was in the cards. And since you had terminated your only active employee as of July 1, 2012, you had no dependable assistance in doing whatever homework you felt was indicated in meeting your City duties.

As a group you were spending about 50% of the Stipend funds because some people were not using stipends at all or only slightly. Rumors were circulating about more than \$9,000 being spent in a fiscal year and those rumors proved true. You had also taken the idea of new rules to cover a debit card process to the Ordinance Committee, but the current Ordinance was never changed as the study was tabled. And still is, unless it died.

The process of Debit Card and reimbursement has not been a complete fit for several reasons, but it was clear to anyone who signed the City forms that all tax liabilities rested with the Council member. Stipends were not to be used for charitable purpose. And Stipends were not to be used for political advantage.

Someone had a bright idea in the midst of those days. "Hey gang, let's use some other funds that are in our LEGISLATIVE BUDGET, and make payments to our favorite non-profit programs?" "If we make them late enough in June, they won't show up in the June, 2013 Draft report." And so it came to be, without a referral from the Council to a Committee, without a Committee meeting on an Agenda or with Minutes showing motion, without a second or any record of a vote that 15 sitting Council persons requested City payments to favorite non-profit groups locally. You were not facing conflict of interest rules as you do with HUD-CDBG funds or even rules against political or charitable funds in certain revised Stipend process. And the funds came from your own budget in a Line Item called Other Services yet no services were received by the City. It's outrageous and illegal. What will you do about it?

Payouts Legislative Department (01095) Other Services (56180) March-June, 2013

Party \$\$5	<u>Organ</u>	nization Receiving City Check	
City Council \$3,000) Barnu	Barnum Museum	
Richard Bonney 500 "	500 " " 500 500	Healing Tree Ec Dev. King's Pantry " " Hall Neighborhood House Bridgeport Black Pride	
John Olson	1,000 1,000	Village Initiative Project Habitat for Humanity	
Warren Blunt	500 500 500	North End Community Council Juneteenth of Fairfield County N. E.C.C. –Lake Forest Blockwatch	
Evette Brantley	\$ 1,000 1,000	Bridgeport Black Pride Village Initiative Project	
City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting			

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **3** of **15**

Andre Baker	1,000 1,000	Village Initiative Project		
Thomas McCarthy	\$ 500 500 1,000	Barnum Museum Bridgeport Caribe Youth League Bridgeport North End Little League		
Sue Brannelly 1,000 Black Rock Little League				
Steve Stafstrom	1,000	Burroughs Center		
Jack Banta	500	Bridgeport YMCA South End		
	500	Bridgeport Caribe Youth League		
	500	R.N.P. –Prospect House		
	500	Home for the Brave		
Mike Marella 1,000 Alpha Community				
,	1,000	Park City Pride		
Lydia Martinez	\$ 1,000	St John's-S.Luke-Paul Food		
•	100	Puerto Rican Parade		
	400	McGivney Center		
	500	Greater Brdgpt Adolescent Program		
Rich Paoletto 1,000 Bridgeport P.A.L.				
	1,000	CT Zoological		
Amy Marie				
Vizzo-Panniccia	100	Downtown Cabaret		
	150	CT. Zoological Society		
	100	Bridgeport Public Education Fund		
	50	Park City Pride		
	250	Park City Pride		
	100	Girl Scouts		
	100	Discovery Museum		
	100	SVA Bridgeport		
50 100 50		SVA Bridgeport		
		Barnum Museum		
		Hurricanes		
	250	44		
	100	Sheehan Center		
	50	Bridgeport PAL		
	250			

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **4** of **15**

500	Center For Women
1,000	Bridgeport North End CC

Denese

Taylor-Moye 500 Healing Tree Economic Development
500 RYASAP
500 Council of Churches
500 Bridgeport Black Pride

GRAND TOTAL \$30,500 Illegal use of City funds? Open? Accountable? Transparent? Stewardship?

I find no record for contributions attributed to Councilmen Austin, Ayala, DePara, Silva or Holloway. If they knew of or were offered the opportunity to give away public funds and chose not to use taxpayer money secretly, I believe they used good judgment. However, as elected representatives, they failed their role as watchdogs to blow a whistle that could have called a halt to the unlawful taking of City funds. If no Council representative understands a duty as steward of City funds, then the City has none, and that crosses the line in Bridgeport to illegal behavior on the eve of budget decisions for 2015! Current City Council Stipend process does not permit use of City Council Stipend (51402) funds to be used for "political" or "charitable" purpose! What did you base your use of taxpayer funds on?

Will the Mayor or you ask the not-for profits for a return of City funds from last June since NO SERVICE was performed for the City in any prescribed manner as called for by a Line Item specifying Other Services (56180)? Will the Mayor investigate and correct the "secret and illegal" mess caused by the City Council Stipend Ordinance and the new debit card Finance Department process that are not in accord and that have permitted City payouts in excess of \$9,000 in a year that would never occur in a pure reimbursement system?

Will the respective Council persons who directed the payments, dig down in their own pockets, to make the charities whole when they return the taxpayer funds? Or will taxpayers have to personally take this matter to the courts for satisfaction? There are those prepared to do that. And will people finally see after four years of protesting the lack of a FINAL OPERATING BUDGET MONTHLY REPORT what springs out when you are able to see at least part of the fiscal record? Time will tell.

John Marshall Lee

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **5** of **15** The following persons signed up to speak prior to the public speaking session:

Briana Carter – stated that she was there in support of the smoking ban in Bridgeport parks. She emphasized that smoking encourages the behavior among youth. She mentioned that a survey was taken and (46) out of (87) people said yes to prohibit smoking in parks. She relayed that a cigarette butt pick up was formed and they collected hundreds of cigarette butts that were found throughout the parks around benches, playgrounds etc. She expressed that they are trying to prevent babies and toddlers whom are especially at risk, from ingesting secondhand smoke and to also prevent them from picking up cigarette butts and potentially chewing or swallowing them. She stressed that secondhand smoke results in a high incidence of health issues for many. She noted that Boston, New York and Philadelphia have all banned smoking in public parks.

Claudia Phillips – stated that she was there in support of Achievement First Academy. She gave an account of what the school has to offer its students. She stated that the courses offered allow students to achieve and go on to attend college. She relayed that the school should supported 100%, noting that they are a great neighbor to the community. She mentioned that they collaborated to build a playground on the site and she was confident that the land would be safe for the students. Overall, the sale of the land was supported for the benefit of the students.

Clyde Nicholson – spoke about the Harding High School situation. He stressed that he couldn't believe that in the year 2014 they are still talking about racism, referring to the recent remarks made by the owner of the Clippers to make his point that racism is still an issue. He emphasized that he couldn't believe that the city would risk putting kids on the property with contamination. He questioned what's to stop the contamination from seeping into the athletic field that the youth play on; noting that concrete won't stop it.

He further mentioned that the city doesn't need a second city hall building and he said they should sell the property and use it for a better purpose. He stressed that racism is being dealt in the city and it has to stop. He questioned again why they are building a school on a contaminated site and he expressed that Dr. King wouldn't allow kids to be put on a contaminated site. He ended to say that racism is alive in the city.

The public speaking session ended at 7:10 pm.

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Torres, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Halstead,

Swain, McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, McBride-Lee, Salter, DeJesus, Castillo, Martinez, Feliciano, Marella, Martinez-Walker,

Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Lyons, Paoletto

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

Prayer - Council member DeJesus offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - Council member Banta led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Finch asked for a moment of silence for Katherine Newton; mother of Ernest Newton, Patti Newton and family members, who recently passed away.

Roll Call - the City Clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

 Mayor Finch announced that the latest rendering of the new Harding High School was recently approved by the Board of Education and the School Building Committee.

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **7** of **15** Public Hearing re: Proposed Resolution concerning the Disposition of City-Owned Property Located at 143 Fifth Street, to Abutter Process.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the item. There were none heard

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak against the item. There were none heard.

The public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing re: Proposed Resolution concerning the Disposition of City-Owned Properties to Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the item.

There were several audience members and prospective Habitat homeowners that were present in support of the item – they all stood to be acknowledged.

Bruce spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and he thanked the council for putting the item on the agenda. He stated that they have been doing the project in Bridgeport for three decades with the support of the city and residents. He said he was honored and privileged to be able to do the projects in Bridgeport, noting that Habitat for Humanity homeowners pay a half million in property taxes each year. He relayed that all the homeowners have children to make the point that those that live in one of the homes tend to do better in school. He stated that during 2010, 2011 and 2013, Habitat for Humanity was the largest single family builder in Bridgeport and what can be seen is overwhelming. He further stated that the homes are primarily built in the lower part of Bridgeport, where other builders typically haven't been comfortable building. It was further highlighted that the each family will move into their own home by early next year. They are hard working families looking to improve their life and they are dedicated to helping build through what he called sweat equity. The homeowners take workshops for conflict resolution and how to build better neighborhoods. Overall, the purpose of Habitat for Humanity is to make Bridgeport safer for families. He thanked the Mayor and city council for all they have done.

Mayor Finch commented that the city council wholeheartedly supports Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak against the item. There were none heard.

The public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing re: Proposed Hangar Lease Agreement with the Connecticut Aerospace Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. for the Location of the Connecticut Air & Space Center at Igor Sikorsky Memorial Airport.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the item.

Gene Ferreira referred to the information that was distributed to the council members. He stated that they have been working with the city on the Urban Blight Renewal Project, noting that Bridgeport has broken the mold and changed the pattern of removing urban blight. He went on to reference the information distributed and highlighted the following issues:

- property title transfer
- o the importance of removing urban blight to attract people to the city
- project will result in a return on their investment between Bridgeport and the Town of Stratford as it relates to the in-kind contribution
- o the improved property will stay on the city's books
- o the costs for the hangar restoration will be incurred by the Town of Stratford
- o it's a green project that will involve solar energy
- o the project will increase tourism
- o there are plans to build the project and establish a home for the restored Corsair

He commented that this is a model project that has been recognized by the state legislative.

Mr. Ferreira continued and stated that the project will allow a place to implement science education for students, noting that it's the first project of its kind in the tri-state area. He stated that most importantly, it will change the picture of what Bridgeport looks like and it will also be an opportunity to experience aviation history.

He mentioned the utilities cost issue pertaining to who will be responsible. He stated that they don't anticipate that there will be enough revenue to pay the monthly utility bill. He pointed out that they will be responsible for maintaining the hangar area, but there wasn't an agreement for the Town of Stratford to pay the utilities.

Mayor Finch asked if there was anyone present to speak against the item. There were none heard.

The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: April 7, 2014

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
- ** COUNCL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
 - Council President McCarthy announced that the following council members were absent: Council member Lyons was ill and Council member Paoletto was chosen by the FBI to conduct a special training course.
 - Mayor Finch commented that Glen Curtis was the founding father of naval aviation, noting in reference to the restoration of the hangar at Sikorsky Airport.
 - Council member Vizzo-Paniccia recalled that several years ago, there was a bust of Igor Sikorsky that was loaned to the Town of Stratford or the Helicopter Museum. She asked if anyone knew when it will be returned.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 75-13 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for Dial-A-Ride Municipal Matching Grant Program for the Elderly, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 76-13 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: 2013 Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Public Health Grant Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 77-13 Communication from OPED re: 2014 Neighborhood Assistance Act, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 78-13 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution concerning Disposition of City-Owned Property Located at 63 Waldorf Avenue to Habitat for Humanity and Request to Order a Public Hearing Relative to the Same, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 79-13 Communication from Parks Commission re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.28 Park Use Regulations, amend Section 12.28.090 Animals Prohibited from Parks, referred to Ordinance Committee.

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **10** of **15**

- 80-13 Communication from Parks Commission re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.28 Park Use Regulations, amend to add new Section 12.28.210 Regulation Banning Smoking in City Parks, referred to Ordinance Committee.
- 81-13 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: 2013 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention & Safety Grant, referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee.
- 82-13 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for a Tobacco Retailer Education and Inspection Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- 74-13 Resolution presented by Council Members Martinez-Walker and Holloway re: Proposed Request that Logan Street be given the Honorary Designation of Bishop Zebedee Stewart Boulevard by adding his name above the street Signage on Logan Street, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES MOVED TO REFER RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar. There were none heard.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ-WALKER SECONDED

The city clerk read the consent calendar items into the record.

*71-13 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 13.04 Utilities.

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **11** of **15**

- *27-13 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Disposition and Redevelopment of City-Owned Properties to Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Elementary School.
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA)

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter Section 15.08.010 Building Permit and Related Fees and Section 15.08.020 Building Permits to be Withheld Due to Delinquent Taxes and User Fees.
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA)
- 41-13 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 9.08 Offenses Pertaining to Property.

Jodie Paul-Arndt addressed the city council to relay the fees that are imposed for a first offense in the amount of \$100.00 and for a second offense the fee is \$250.00. She clarified that the fees pertained to graffiti on buildings and property offenses.

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA)

ADDED:

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 83-13 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Resolution concerning the Implementation of the Revaluation for the October 2013 Assessment Year, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **12** of **15**

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

- 84-13 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER DEJESUS MOVED TO AMEND AND REFER THE ITEM BACK TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED

*Let it be noted that item was not meant to be on the agenda for immediate consideration due to the lengthy contract for review and the reason for sending the item back to committee

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

New business:

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO REFER RE: 2014 EARLY CHILDHOOD BOND FUNDS GRANT TO THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM # 86-13)
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA
- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO REFER RE: RESOLUTION FOR WATER STREET DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE PROJECT PERTAINING TO ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NAVIGATION
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ITEM #85-13)

City of Bridgeport City Council Meeting May 5, 2014 Page **13** of **15**

Other business:

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she didn't get a chance to make a clarification to the minutes for the March 18, 2014 City Council meeting for the following item:

- 13-13 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Ground Lease with United Illuminating Company to facilitate the construction of a Solar Electricity-Generating Facility on the Landfill near Seaside Park and the construction of a Fuel Cell Facility on Adjacent Land.
 - She requested a correction made to the March 18, 2014 minutes to record that she voted in opposition.

>Below is the motion and final vote that was taken during the March 18, 2014 meeting<

** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED

13-13 Contracts Committee Report re: Resolution concerning Ground Lease with United Illuminating Company to facilitate the construction of a Solar Electricity-Generating Facility on the Landfill near Seaside Park and the construction of a Fuel Cell Facility on Adjacent Land.

** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND FIVE VOTES IN OPPOSITION

*The council members that voted in opposition weren't identified – no roll call vote.

Announcements and Reminders:

- Budget & Appropriations Committee vote scheduled for Monday. He urged all council members to attend the remaining budget meetings that will be held at the Margaret Morton Center and City Hall.
- He acknowledged the birthdays of: Council member Vizzo-Paniccia and Council member Martinez.
- Council member Martinez-Walker reminded everyone to sign the committee reports
- Mayor Finch extended congratulations to Bridgeport P.A.L. for winning; he commented that it was a good game!

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham Telesco Secretarial Services