CITY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC SPEAKING MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 6:30 PM City Council Chambers, City Hall 45 Lyon Terrace Bridgeport, CT

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:39 p.m.

Council President McCarthy explained that six people had signed up in advance with the City Clerk. If one of those who previously signed up was not present, then one of the speakers on the meeting sign up list would be permitted to speak.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130 th District:	Scott Burns
	Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
132 nd District:	John Olson
133 rd District:	Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134 th District:	AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Michelle Lyons
135 th District:	Mary McBride-Lee,
136 th District:	Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo
137 th District:	Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138 th District:	Anthony Paoletto
139 th District:	Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Bukovsky was out of town and Council Member Martinez was ill.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

SUBJECT

Kenny Jackson

NAME

RYASAP StreetSafe Bpt. 2470 Fairfield Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605 Introducing city to "StreetSafe Bridgeport" Program.

Mr. Jackson came forward with four other individuals from Second Chance to speak about how RYSAP Anti-violence program has affected their lives. The group will be starting a program at Bassick High School in the near future.

Council Member Salter and Council Member Smith joined the meeting at a 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Jackson said that the City was crying out to know who represents them and to establish relationships. He said that they would be sitting down with the Council Members to tell them more about the program. St. Vincent's now calls the team in when there is a shooting to help provide support. There are gaps in the City that are now being closed. It will be important to sit down with the Council Members to establish relationships and for the team to help the various Districts. Together the Council and the "StreetSafe Bridgeport" team can make this happen.

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

Mr. Lee came forward and made the following statement:

City Council members.....

What would you call an employee in a butcher shop that rested his thumb on a scale that adds weight to your sales slip but nothing to the content you were purchasing? A cheat? You got a shorted package but paid the full price.

What would you term an athletic event that allowed your competitors to gain an advantage (a shorter distance, an earlier start, etc.) over you that will have a significant difference in limiting your results, despite your best efforts and training? Crooked, rigged or fixed? How do you feel about such Rosy Ruiz "marathon moments"?

When the State asks parents to enter children of a certain age into public schools promising a safe place, providing professional instruction and staffing appropriate to urban challenges, will you, as representatives of all the constituents in the City see that need and expectation being met, or not? What should the public call each of you as the 20 members of the City Council who pretend to understand City finances when they vote on an annual budget but fail to reasonably monitor the public revenues and spending subsequently? Let's defer an answer on that for a moment......

Several of you are employed within or have another close relation with City schools. You know the BOE budget no doubt and remember that the school budget was reported \$15.1 Million in

excess of City and State revenues just to meet increases in normal costs. You probably understand that over 170 positions had to be cut overall? You may know that at a pre-k to 8 school there is one guidance counselor for 1130 students, less than 25% of what is recommended and only 1.4 Social worker? And do you remember my words about how 47 Kindergarten paraprofessionals are missing from the day in and day out formal and regular experience of perhaps 30% of kindergarten students who come to school without knowing alphabet letters or symbol sounds? If they don't move up a full grade this year for want of patient, skilled and focused instruction, when will that youth learn to read? When will they understand problems in math, and projects in science? How will they advance as far as God given gifts permit without you providing a fair start to their literacy ability?

Again, I share with you the fact that the "corrected" August MFR (monthly financial report) shows a \$6.6 Million surplus in the Sales Tax sharing funds from the State of CT for the first time this year. More than 10% of the school year is behind us, but young minds are flexible and adaptable when faced with smart educators who care. Give all of the kids of Bridgeport this opening fair start with all of their "brothers and sisters" in other communities who have enjoyed quality pre-K experiences, family support in terms of reading materials at home, family members to read the riches of print material, and conversation and vocabulary to advance the words stored and comprehended by young minds. Give a fair start to all!!

The surplus variance of \$6.6 Million is available on the Revenue side. Ask Finance Director Flatto to repair the errors in the Police report on the Appropriations side. In fact, perhaps Budget Director Nestor Nkwo might be asked to present you with a Police budget that identifies the exact number of FT officers and non-sworn personnel being budgeted? And the exact number of months they will serve? And provide hard numbers on internal overtime and external overtime, based on past experience and known adjustments? That is not what you have in front of you. Why was this not what was presented last spring? If it is not open, accountable, transparent and honest, please direct him to make it that way for your comprehension.

Will you act on this transfer of funds immediately? These 47 paraprofessionals are the highest priority on the Superintendent's Budget Cut list for the 2016-17 year. Will you ignore this moment and let narratives about credit agencies and other Mayoral ideas, influence your decision to ignore this injustice? Will you provide your constituents with one or two explanations why you hesitated to help those Kindergarten students and forced them to a lesser place in the education line at the beginning of their career journey? Will the public look at you as heroes, or not? Time will tell.

Cecil C. Young

FOIA request not being responded to.

99 Carroll Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06607

Mr. Young came forward to address the Council. He spoke about a number of issues regarding his FOIA requests and stated that he deserved to be heard. He displayed a large print copy of a document. Mr. Young said that he had been in contact with the Labor Board regarding this. It is a shame and a disgrace that this situation has gone on as long as it has. He also said that Council President McCarthy should be ashamed of himself. He repeated that he has a right to be heard

twice. All people should be treated equally. Mr. Young displayed another, larger display of documents and said that Council President McCarthy's day was coming.

Sandi Hennequin Bridgeport Energy 10 Atlantic Street Bridgeport, CT 06604 An introduction to Emera Energy and Bridgeport Energy.

Ms. Hennequin came forward and explained that her company owns a power plant. She said that the company wanted to introduce themselves to the Council Members and would love to have the Council Members come to the energy plant for a tour.

Mr. Rick Bolderi came forward to speak about the plant and give an overview of the operations. He encouraged everyone to come over and find out how the energy is produced at the plant and spoke briefly about the process.

Chris Taylor	Various matters in the city.	
256 Charles Street, 1st Fl.		
Bridgeport, CT 06606		

Mr. Chris Taylor came forward to address the Council. He said that he had been attending the Council Meetings for about 8 months. One thing he has not heard is anyone say was "Thank you". Previously he thought the Council Members were paid, but has since found out they only get a stipend. People come up and complain, ask for more money or talk about other things, but they don't thank the Council Members for the time and the effort they put into the City.

Stephen Nelson 24A Stoneridge Road Bridgeport, CT 06606 North End 135th District concerns.

Council President McCarthy called Mr. Nelson forward. There was no response. He called Mr. Nelson's name two more times with no response. Council President McCarthy then announced that Mr. John Lewis was the first speaker on the sign up list.

Mr. John Lewis Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Lewis came forward and said that he had worked on the Mayor's Conservation Program. A Ms. Young came forward with Mr. Lewis to briefly speak about the home-owners loan program and how that helped City residents.

Mr. Lewis spoke about program and mentioned that there were 41 people who were in need and the program had been able to help. He requested permission to distribute some documentation for the Council Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy closed the public speaking at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOER 17, 2016

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER.

Council President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

PRAYER

Council President McCarthy requested Council Member McBride-Lee lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President McCarthy requested that Atty. John Mitola lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

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Council President McCarthy announced that the Mayor was out of town.

Council President McCarthy also recognized Mr. John Brannelly, a former Council Member and Council President, who was in the audience.

Council Member Lyons then announced the details of the first annual American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Bridgeport is raising awareness by hosting the walk at the Seaside Park to encourage early detection. The walk is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 23, 2016 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Casino Bath House in Bridgeport's Seaside Park.

Mayoral Proclamation and City Council Citation: In Recognition of Fallen Bridgeport Police Officer Gerald T. DiJoseph for his Valor, Devotion to Duty and Sacrifice in the line of Duty by the Dedication of a Portion of James Street as "Officer Gerald T. DiJoseph Way".

Council President McCarthy then requested the family of the late Police Officer Gerald T. DiJoseph to come forward for recognition.

Council Member Banta said that he would like to thank all the Police Officers who were out there. He pointed out that if it was not for the police, people would not have any means to deal with many situations. He thanked the family for Officer DiJoseph's sacrifice.

Council President McCarthy then read the Mayoral Proclamation and the Council Proclamation.

Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council President McCarthy then requested a moment of silence in memory of Officer DiJoseph who was killed in 1980 during a traffic stop.

Mayoral Proclamation and City Council Citation: Recognizing the Service of Lorrie Stapleton and her Organization "Books 4 Everyone" to the Bridgeport Public Schools and Community.

Council President McCarthy then requested Ms. Lorrie Stapleton come forward. Council Member Casco then thanked Ms. Stapleton for providing 36,000 books for the Bridgeport school children. Council Member McBride-Lee thanked Ms. Stapleton for providing books for many of the Bridgeport students.

Council President McCarthy then read the Mayoral Proclamation and the Council Proclamation.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: September 20, 2016 (Special Meeting)

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING. ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED. ** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO COMBINE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES WITH RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

194-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH LIUNA FOR AN APPLICATION SPECIALIST, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

195-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH SHERON BUCKNOR, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

196-15 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS & BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STIRLING BENEFITS, INC., REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

199-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SIXTH AMENDMENT TO STADIUM LICENSE, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT WITH PAST TIME PARTNERS, LLC. OWNER OF THE BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

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

197-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE PAINTING OF "CROSSWALKS" AND THE INSTALLATION OF "WARNING SIGNS" BE PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CRESCENT AVENUE AND HALLETT STREET, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC. (CONTINUED):

198-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT THE PAINTING OF "CROSSWALKS" AND THE INSTALLATION OF "WARNING SIGNS" BE PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST MAIN STREET AND HAMILTON STREET, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

AND TO REFER THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

193-15 Contracts Committee Report re: Mayoral Nomination of Maritza Bond for the Director of Health Position.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE ITEM. ** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.

Council Member Herron stated that while she would be voting in favor of this nomination, she had concerns about the fact that the City was not hiring a Bridgeport resident for the position. She said that the Civil Service Department would be reviewing their policies regarding this.

Council Member Banta said that he had arrived at the meeting with the intention of not voting in favor of the nomination, but Ms. Bond had come forward and answered all the questions that she was asked. He mentioned that the City Attorney was also present and answered questions, but pointed out that this is the type of situation where the Council needs to have their own attorney available for direction. Having said that, Council Member Banta welcomed Ms. Bond aboard.

** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, SMITH, MARTINEZ AND HOLLOWAY); ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (FELICIANO).

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD SIX ITEMS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.

Council Member Feliciano asked why only six Board Members were being referred and not all nine. Council President McCarthy said that was a question that should be discussed in Committee and this was a motion to suspend the rules to refer the appointments to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

Council Member McBride-Lee asked about the fact that these appointments are being brought before the Council. Council President McCarthy reminded everyone that the motion on the floor was to suspend the rules to add items that would refer the appointments to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee for discussion. He added that previously in the past, the Council had approved Library Board Members and that there was a November 23rd deadline date for this item to be done.

City Attorney Meyer came forward and explained that there is a trust fund involved with the Library and if the approvals are not handled in a timely manner, the Library could lose five years worth of funding. He reminded everyone that the Library Board is a self-appointing Board.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked for clarification on the votes, which Council President McCarthy reviewed with her.

Council Member Casco asked why this has not been done before. A brief discussion followed. Council Member Martinez stated that it was critical to allow the vote to refer the appointments to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee to go forward and hold the discussion about the appointments in Committee.

** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD SIX ITEMS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REAPPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE WILLIAM HOLDEN TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #204-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT OF MS. KENYA OSBORNE-GRANT TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #202-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT OF MR. DONALD W. GREENBERG TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #201-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT OF MS. ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #200-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT OF MS. PHYLICIA R. BROWN TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #205-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER THE PROPOSED LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES E. O'DONNELL TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #203-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

****** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED REFER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION BY THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION AND CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 16, 2016.

WHEREAS THE EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION (BBOE) ARE EQUALLY DIVIDED INTO TWO FACTIONS, AND

WHEREAS ONE OF THE FACTIONS REFUSES TO MEET WITH THE OTHER FACTION UNTIL A MEMBER OF THAT FACTION RESIGNS, AND

WHEREAS BECAUSE OF THIS DISPUTE THE BBOE IS UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS MISSION,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL, DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE BBOE MEMBERS, CALLS UPON THE EIGHT MEMBERS TO MEET TOGETHER TO FULFILL THEIR DULY SWORN MISSION TO SERVE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CT.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED. ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #206-15)

** COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO MOVED TO RECONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 126-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.

Council Member Olson stated that the City Attorney had informed him that the City Council does not have the right to dissolve the Bridgeport Library Board.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia explained that the item has been submitted some time ago, but the Committee was not able to assemble a quorum. Discussion followed.

Council President McCarthy reminded everyone that the motion on the floor was to reconsider the previous vote taken on October 3, 2016 and not to vote on the actual issue.

A roll call vote was requested.

** THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 126-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (BANTA, MCCARTHY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO NIEVES, FELICIANO PAOLETTO, SMITH, AND MARTINEZ) AND SEVEN (7) AGAINST (BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, AND HOLLOWAY).

** COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 126-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS BACK TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE. ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.

Council Member Olson restated that the City Attorney had informed him that the City Council does not have the right to dissolve the Bridgeport Library Board.

A roll call vote was requested.

** THE MOTION TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 126-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (BANTA, MCCARTHY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO NIEVES, FELICIANO PAOLETTO, SMITH, AND MARTINEZ) AND SEVEN (7) AGAINST (BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, AND HOLLOWAY).

ADJOURNMENT

** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN. ** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED. ** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes Telesco Secretarial Services