

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:31 p.m.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye explained that three 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 was not present. An informal attendance was taken.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Jeanette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Michelle Lyons  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District:  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: James Holloway

A quorum was present.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Cecil C. Young**  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Request regarding unjust termination.

City of Bridgeport  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
November 7, 2016

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called Mr. Young's name. There was no response. Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called his name two more times with no response.

**Femi Olowosoyo**  
Grace Building, LLC.  
1 Grand Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Injustice in regards to his business.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called Mr. Olowosoyo's name. There was no response. Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called his name two more times with no response.

**State Rep. Jack Hennessy**  
556 Savoy Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Request for a public forum concerning  
the Board of Education.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called State Rep. Hennessy's name. There was no response. Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called his name two more times with no response. She then called the first name on the evening's sign-up sheet.

**Clyde Nicholson**  
54 Wallace Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Mr. Nicholson came forward to speak about "No Parking" signs and "Handicapped Parking" signs that were recently installed.

*Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.*

Mr. Nicholson said that there were many concerns and issues happening in the community that the Council does not hear about. He said that the system was not working. Among them are the fact that the children are now walking down the street in dark colors while they are texting. These children don't care about their safety. He said that the City should require the children to wear some kind of reflective stripes so drivers can see them at night. Mr. Nicholson said that the kids don't care if they are hit by a car. This is insane. The citizens should come out one night to tell the Council what is going on.

**Mr. Ernie Newton**  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Newton came forward to address the Council Members. He said that there were two issues. One of them was about an ordinance hearing that took place earlier in the evening. He said that he had been talking to the City Attorney's Office and the staff that handles Citistat for further improvement. Mr. Newton said that he would make some suggestions to the City Attorney's office about this ordinance. This is something that the City Council should consider and encourage people who live in the City be able to benefit from the City contracts.

Mr. Newton said that there were many people who were very happy to hear that their sidewalks were being fixed or replaced. There are sidewalks that haven't been fixed in ten or twenty years. It's important for the City to consider how they do business with various contractors and that everyone has a chance to sit at the table. He said that he hoped that everyone would pay attention and give people a chance.

*Council Members Nieves and Martinez joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.*

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye then called Mr. Young forward to address the Council.

**Cecil C. Young**  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Request regarding unjust termination.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward to talk about a document that he had distributed earlier in the evening to the Council members. He said that he was a tax payer, and a home owner, so he wasn't asking for any favors. He went on to speak about his doctor's statement and his medical bills. All the Council Members are tax payers. He said it was a shame that someone like him with his reputation had to come to the Council because the administration did not do the right thing. He said that he was trying to help all the residents of Bridgeport. He said that after 27 years as a activist, he deserved some respect.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Council at this time. Hearing none, she closed the public speaking portion of the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace**

**Bridgeport, Connecticut**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye requested Council Member McBride-Lee lead those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye requested Council Member Brantley to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

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131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: John Olson, M. Evette Brantley  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Jeannette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Alfredo Castillo, Jose Casco  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye announced that both the Mayor and Council President McCarthy were out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

**Mayoral Proclamation: Recognizing the accomplishments of Tiffany Teixeira, Miss Connecticut USA 2016.**

**City Council Citation: Recognizing the accomplishments of Tiffany Teixeira, Miss Connecticut USA 2016.**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye then requested Ms. Teixeira to come forward.

After congratulating Ms. Teixeira on being selected as Miss Connecticut USA 2016, Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye then requested that the Mayoral Proclamation and the Council Proclamation be read. Several Council Members and two representatives from the State congratulated Ms. Teixeira. Ms. Teixeira thanked everyone for their support.

**Presentation by Tammy Papa, Lighthouse Director re: update on the Mayor's Summer Youth Initiative Program.**

Ms. Papa came forward and gave a brief overview of a timeline of events and the Summer Youth Employment Final Report that had been distributed to the Council Members earlier in the evening.

Ms. Papa then had several people come forward speak about the various programs they had been involved in and the skills that they had acquired. Ms. Papa said that it takes a great deal of work to put this type of program together. She then thanked the various adults who had participated in making the various programs possible.

Council Member Brantley then said that she was pleased that the City of Bridgeport had been able to do this type of program. She encouraged the participants to continue on learning and growing.

Council Member Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye thanked Ms. Papa for her report and said that the programs had benefited the youth of the City.

Council Member Martinez also thanked Ms. Papa for all the skills that the participants learned and all they had the opportunity to experience. So many people worked to make these programs possible.

Council Member Olson then said that the participants had clearly hit a home run.

Council Member Lyons thanked Ms. Papa for providing the programs for the youth. This is Bridgeport Excellence. This is just the beginning of what the City residents can achieve.

Ms. Papa thanked Mr. Gaudett for his hard work in getting the programs up and running.

Council Member Paoletto thanked the group for the great success they had on such a short timeline. He said that next year, he hoped they would have more time to plan.

*Council Member Holloway left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.*

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: October 3, 2016**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

A discussion followed regarding the correction of the October 17th minutes to include Council Member Brantley in the roll call.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**207-15            COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK RE: ITEMS PENDING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL RULES CH. XIII (11), ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**208-15            COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH RENU GUPTA, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**209-15            COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JONATHAN SHAPIRO, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**210-15            COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – LACEY MANUFACTURING HOLDING CO. LLC: 2015 RE 1808-01K, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**211-15            COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – LACEY MANUFACTURING HOLDING CO. LLC: 2015 RE 1809-25, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**212-15 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – HEARST NEWSPAPER: 2015 PP P-0133000, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**213-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN PROJECTS, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**214-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR RIGHTS OF WAY ACTIVITIES, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**215-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**216-15 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.08 – CITY CONTRACT AND PURCHASING PROCEDURES, AMEND SECTION 3.08.070 – PURCHASING PROCEDURE, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**217-15 COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**

**218-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MARTINEZ AND HOLLOWAY RE: REQUEST THAT THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF “JIMMIE W. JONES WAY” BE CREATED WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE ON BISHOP AVENUE, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**219-15 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15.08 – BUILDING PERMITS AND FEES, AMEND SECTION 15.08.020 – BUILDING PERMITS TO BE WITHHELD DUE TO**

**DELINQUENT TAXES AND USER FEES, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*170-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 3 – Revenue and Finance, amend to add New Chapter 3.70 – Event Admissions Surcharge.**

**\*182-15 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Petition request by Stan Cichy from Ginsburg Development Companies, LLC re: Installation of a Canopy at the Main Entrance located at 955 Main Street (City Trust Building), pursuant to Section 12.16.110 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.**

**\*192-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Request that the Table of Organization for Lieutenants in the Police Department be increased from Twenty-One (21) to Twenty-Two (22) Positions in the Classified Service, DENIED.**

**\*194-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of a New Job Classification with LIUNA for an Application Specialist in the Information Technology Service Department.**

**\*195-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Sheron Bucknor.**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. No one wished to remove any of the items. City Clerk Martinez read the remaining items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVSKY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*170-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 3 – REVENUE AND FINANCE, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 3.70 – EVENT ADMISSIONS SURCHARGE.**

**\*182-15 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PETITION REQUEST BY STAN CICHY FROM GINSBURG DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES, LLC RE: INSTALLATION OF A CANOPY AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOCATED AT 955 MAIN STREET (CITY TRUST BUILDING), PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES.**



**\*192-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REQUEST THAT THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR LIEUTENANTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BE INCREASED FROM TWENTY-ONE (21) TO TWENTY-TWO (22) POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE, DENIED.**

**\*194-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH LIUNA FOR AN APPLICATION SPECIALIST IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE DEPARTMENT.**

**\*195-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH SHERON BUCKNOR.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**126-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Reconstitution of the Bridgeport Public Library Board of Directors, DENIED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 126-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DENIED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Brantley requested a moment of silence in memory of the mother of a police officer that died recently. All those present stood for a moment of silence.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER THE AGENDA ITEM REGARDING THE LIBRARY BOARD TO ORDINANCE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Olson said that he had been told by the City Attorney that the Council does not have the authority to dissolve the Library Board. He said that the Miscellaneous Matters Committee does not have the authority to reject any of the Library's nominees. He said that he did not understand why this was being presented again. Discussion followed.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye requested City Attorney Meyer give the Council some clarification. City Attorney Meyer said that the Council can approve or reject the proposed Library Board members. However, the Council cannot choose who the Library Board members would be. He said that the issue was appropriate for the Committee. Discussion followed.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia gave the Council Members an overview of the Council's involvement with the Library Board and encouraged the Council to follow due process.

Council Member Martinez reminded everyone that this was a motion to suspend the rules and pointed out that Committee work should not be done on the Council floor. Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye and Council Member Bukovsky both agreed with Council Member Martinez.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER THE AGENDA ITEM REGARDING THE LIBRARY BOARD TO ORDINANCE PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (OLSEN, BURNS AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADD THE ITEM TO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADD THE ITEM REGARDING THE LIBRARY BOARD TO THE AGENDA PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (OLSEN, BURNS AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM TO COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO REFER THE ITEM REGARDING THE LIBRARY BOARD TO COMMITTEE PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BRANTLEY, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, PAOLETTO, SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (OLSON, BURNS AND VIZZO-PANICCIA). (ITEM #220-15)**

Council Member Casco then requested a point of personal privilege. As a home owner and tax payer, had he had fallen behind in the WPCA payment and the WPCA had not notified him of the situation. When he discovered this, he contacted them and worked out a payment plan. However, the WPCA went ahead and removed the amount from his bank account without notifying him. This practice is a serious issue and needs to be addressed by the Council.

Council Member Feliciano announced that there would be several Veterans Day events taking place in the City and encouraged everyone to attend them.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services