

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President McCarthy called the Public Session to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130th District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns
131st District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye
132nd District: John Olson
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Richard Salter
136th District: Jose Casco
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138th District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith
139th District: James Holloway

A quorum was present.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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

Requesting that the two council members of the 139th District resign.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward and waved an American Flag to indicate the freedom. He said that he speaks the truth to power. He added that he was not asking the Council to do him a favor, but simply to do the right thing. He reminded everyone that he was a tax payer and resident. He

mentioned some documents that he had distributed to the Council Members. He spoke about issues that had to do with the Hollow.

John Brannelly
American Cancer Society
520 Lake Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Making Strides against Breast Cancer of
Bridgeport.

Mr. John Brannelly came forward and thanked the City of Bridgeport for the amazing turnout on October 24th. He said that there were 600 people in attendance and named a number of people who helped insure the event took place and ran smoothly included Jamie McGarvey of the Public Works Department, Police Officer Ortiz, those who originated the event, the Fire Department, the Police Department, Public Works, and cancer survivors Michelle Lyons and Denese Taylor-Moye. He then displayed a certificate thanking Council President McCarthy for his support of breast cancer treatment, which he later presented to Council President McCarthy.

Council President McCarthy said that there was one person who had signed up to speak to the Council.

Ms. Jamica Brown
Main Street
Bridgeport, CT

Bridgeport Schools

Ms. Jamica Brown came forward to speak about the Bridgeport schools and the University of Bridgeport. She said that it would be important to find out what the core values of the young students are in order to fill the auditorium seats. The students today are behind in acquiring language and too distracted by cell phones. Everyone is a teacher and everyone needs to be working with the youth. It is important to have the personal attitude and have a passion for people.

Council President McCarthy asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Council at this time. No one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 7:23 p.m.

PRAYER

Council President McCarthy requested Council Member Lyons lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President McCarthy requested Bridgeport City staff member Martha Judd to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

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

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member McBride-Lee could not be present because she was leading a service at her church.

Mayoral Citation(s): Honoring the Firebird Society of Bridgeport and the Coaches and Student Athletes of the Harding High School Varsity Football Team for working together to re-beautify the City's East End on August 18, 2016 with the painting of 50 Fire Hydrants.

City Council Citation(s): Honoring the Firebird Society of Bridgeport and the Coaches and Student Athletes of the Harding High School Varsity Football Team for working together to re-beautify the City's East End on August 18, 2016 with the painting of 50 Fire Hydrants.

Council President McCarthy greeted all those present from the Firebirds and the Harding High School Football Team. He then read and presented them with the City Council Citation and the Mayoral Citation recognizing their work in painting of 50 Fire Hydrants on August 18, 2016.

Council Member Martinez also took a point of personal privilege to recognize Council Member Holloway for taking her under his wing and teaching her the ropes regarding her work on the Council.

Council Member Holloway left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Council President McCarthy announced that he would like to take a point of personal privilege to congratulate a number of Council Members. He explained that many of the Council Members had just returned from the National League of Cities Conference, which is a group that helps the Council Members do their jobs more effectively. Council President McCarthy explained that Bridgeport was well represented and had a place at the table in terms of all the major committees and groups. With a new administration starting in January, it will be important for cities like Bridgeport to be clear communicating with the Federal government about their needs and wants in the coming years.

Council President McCarthy then congratulated Council Member AmyMarie Vizzo–Paniccia on her election as a Second Vice President of Women in Municipal Government. The WIMG Board of Directors is elected annually at the NLC Congress of Cities from the group's membership.

Council Member Milta Feliciano served on the Nominating Committee throughout the entire election process for the National League of Cities.

Council Member M. Evette Brantley was elected as the new Director for the Regional Board for the National Black Coordinator Organization for Elected Local Officials.

City Clerk Lydia Martinez was elected as First Vice Chair for the Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO).

Council Member Vizzo–Paniccia said that she would like to congratulate Council President McCarthy on his re-election to the Board of National League of Cities for a second term.

Council Member Lyons said that there were a number of Council Members who were on the Advocacy Committee and explained their role in terms of participating in the legislation. She said that the Advocacy Committee takes actions that affect cities across the nation.

Council President McCarthy said that he was very proud of the Council for their efforts in making sure they know the best practices are and all their hard work for the City. He thanked all the Council Members for their efforts.

Council Member Brantley said that Tammy Papa had been recognized by After School Policy Committee. Council President McCarthy said that the Lighthouse Program was a nationally recognized after school program as the best in the nation and many cities looked at Bridgeport's program as a model to follow.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: October 17, 2016

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

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

221-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH GLENN CHRISTIE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

222-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH DAVID C. DOBBS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

223-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH MARIO PIRULLI, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

224-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED WORKERS COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH MICHAEL SULLIVAN, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

225-15 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF AARON R. TURNER (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

226-15 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF JAMES T. MORLEY (D) TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

227-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GIS, INC., BOWNE AE&T GROUP AND PRIME AE FOR ON-CALL GIS SERVICES, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

228-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEMAN COMPANIES REGARDING THE BLACK ROCK STREETScape PROJECT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***20-15 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Petition by Attorney Linda Pesce Laske from Green & Gross P.C. on behalf of Andrzej Nasuto and AKN Home Improvements, LLC re: Discontinuance of a Portion of the Paper Street known as Summit Place.**

Council President McCarthy then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove the item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. No one wished to remove the item. City Clerk Martinez read the item into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

20-15 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PETITION BY ATTORNEY LINDA PESCE LASKE FROM GREEN & GROSS P.C. ON BEHALF OF ANDRZEJ NASUTO AND AKN HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC RE: DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS SUMMIT PLACE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Olson then requested a point of personal privilege. He explained that both he and Council Member Castillo were the co-chairs of the Education and Social Services Committee. Council Member Olson said the Board of Education was involved in a scandal because of two members of the Board of Education. This is criminal. The Mayor and the Council are not in control of the Board of Education. He said that something should be done and it would affect 22,000 students. This is a disgrace. The Board Members are not doing the job they were elected to do. It will be important to have these two people talk to one another and

resolve the issues. Council Member Olson said that the superintendent will be leaving at the end of the year and something needs to be done about this situation. Two people have deadlocked the Board of Education. He said that he would like to see Council President McCarthy lead a Board of Education meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service