

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017
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 6:33 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Michelle A. Lyons

Community.

Councilmember, D-134th
91 Jewett Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Lyons had decided not to speak at this time.

Christine Connor

Drugs in the area and street pavement issues.

105 Linwood Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Ms. Connor greeted the Council and said that she was a resident of Bridgeport. She said that she lives on Maple Avenue and she had been trying to get her street paved since the prior administration. She spoke about a particular area of the street where the water just settles.

Ms. Connor said that there has been an increase in the number of people parking on her street. There are people who are just parking in front of driveways and the residents can't even find street parking for themselves. Park Avenue and State Street were paved but the cross streets weren't. Now she is asking for these streets to be paved. If people are trying to rent or sell, they can't do it because there is no parking.

Ms. Connor said that she was also trying to figure out why there has been such a large increase in the drug deals going down on her street. There are drug dealers who are actually getting people's face. There has also been an increase in the number of homicides. Ms. Connor said that she wanted to make Bridgeport a better place.

Clyde Nicholson
54 Wallace Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Guns.

Mr. Clyde Nicholson came forward and said that he was present to speak about guns that were floating around Bridgeport. He said that it was time to put this on hold and he has been speaking about this for years.

Mr. Nicholson said that last week there had been a shooting involving a police officer. He said that the Mayor doesn't care because he can find money for everything else but can't find the money for police body cams.

Council Members Brantley and Salter joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

He said that there was no reason for the police officer to shoot the teen. With body cams, the City will know what is going on. He said that he had been pushing for 35 years for body cams. It is time to put cameras on the officers. He said that he was not against police officers because the City needs them. However, the City has been putting cameras on property, but not on police officers. Fire the Mayor and put the body cams on the police officers.

Dasha Spell
144 Golden Hill Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Education Budget.

Council President McCarthy called for the speaker to come forward. There was no response. He repeated the call two more times. There was no response.

Jorge Cruz, Bridgeport
Community Rally in Peace Project
251 Black Rock Avenue, Apt. 2-R
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Community meetings/June 3rd Rally in Peace.

Mr. Jorge Cruz came forward and said that he was present to support Sanctuary City. He said that there would be a June 3rd rally for peace. While he respects the police, Mr. Cruz noted that he has two sisters, some nieces and other female relatives.

Council Member Burns joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

He said that there was a President Pro tempore who was trying to tell him what he could and could not do.

Council Member McBride-Lee left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Mr. Cruz then aired a number of issues that he had with Council Member Taylor-Moye. He spoke about a pile of debris that had been left on the sidewalk following a demolition. Mr. Cruz said that he had made many calls about the debris because there was a disabled child living near the pile and it was affecting his health.

Mr. Cruz then went on to make a number of claims against Council Member Taylor-Moye until his time ran out.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Unjust termination.

Mr. Young said that he wanted to speak about the police department. He said that they should focus on serious crimes and not misdemeanors.

Mr. Young then spoke about how he worked for the City for 27 and a half years, and helped a number of people. He said that he was unjustly terminated. He claimed that several people had lied about his actions and cause his termination. Mr. Young then listed the numerous issues he had with the City's termination of his employment and mentioned a photograph that he had distributed earlier to the Council Members that showed him in the Chambers for an event.

The City needs the police officers and the criminals should be taken off the streets. Mr. Young went on to speak about the details of the recent events until his time ran out.

ADJOURNMENT.

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2017

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member McBride-Lee lead those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim then requested Council Member Holloway 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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A quorum was present.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing Mary Evette Brantley for receiving the Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families “CAF AF Outstanding Social Worker Award”.

Council President McCarthy said that he was so pleased when the Council is able to honor one of their own.

Rev. Olson said that he was pleased to be a District Representative with Council Member Brantley.

Council Member Lyons said that Council Member Brantley works day and night for the children of Bridgeport.

Council President McCarthy then presented Council Member Brantley with the Council Citation.

Mayor Ganim said that he and Council Member Brantley and Council Member Holloway go back a ways. He was pleased to present her with the City Citation recognizing her Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families Outstanding Social Worker Award.

Council Member Brantley said that this month was Foster and Adoptive Families Month. She encouraged all those present to consider whether they could become foster parents so that Bridgeport children can be kept in Bridgeport. She thanked everyone for their support.

City Council Citation(s): In Recognition of My Brother's Keeper "Agents of Change" Leadership and Violence Prevention Program Graduates.

This presentation was deferred to a future meeting.

Council President McCarthy said that he had a City Citation for Mr. Jack Ferreira. Mr. Ferreira came forward and said that he loved doing entrepreneurial work.

At the conclusion of this presentation, Council Member Holloway asked for a point of personal privilege. He then spoke about his concerns regarding chemicals that were polluting the water. He said that it would be important to have the Council look into this matter. Council Member Holloway said that the Council should sit down with CCM to discuss releasing the information on the subject and to do what is right.

Council Member McBride-Lee asked for a point of personal privilege. She said that this was her fourth year in the Council seat and she has not seen a white man publicly disrespect a white woman but she has seen a black man publicly disrespect a black woman. Council Member McBride-Lee said that this needs to stop because it shows disrespect to all black women.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked for a point of personal privilege. She said that people have been posting negative things on Facebook and using bullying tactics online. She said that she does her job as Council Member and represents her district. She said that she was a good Council Member and works for all the Bridgeport residents.

Council Member Casco asked for a point of personal privilege. He said that he would support Council Member Taylor-Moye in this and her work is important to the City.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS TO THE SCHOOL
BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Holloway resigned from the School Building Committee. Council President McCarthy said that he would like to recognize Council Member Holloway for all the hard work he had done on the schools and said he had done a wonderful job on the committee.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER JACK O. BANTA TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE AND APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER AIDEE NIEVES AS CHAIR TO THE COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: April 17, 2017.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2017.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

72-16 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS & BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION RE: PROPOSED PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC. FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

73-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH WOODROW VEREEN, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

74-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANTS SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – BRIDGEPORT SENIOR CENTER RECREATION ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (PROJECT #18533), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

75-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANTS SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – ELDERLY HISPANIC PROGRAM (PROJECT #18270), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

76-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANTS SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY FY 2018 TARGETED GRANT FOR HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION PROGRAM (PROJECT #18213), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

79-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED WORKERS’ COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH AIDA REMELE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

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

77-16 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BUKOVSKY AND NIEVES RE: (REF. #40-16) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.12 – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY, SECTION 10.12.010 – RESTRICTIONS ON STOPPING OR PARKING GENERALLY – VIOLATIONS – PENALTIES – EXEMPTION, AMEND SUBSECTION A (5) (6), REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim requested that the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADD ITEM 68-16 PROPOSED MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON CREDIT INC. REGARDING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE, FIRE AND EOC DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE NEXGEN SOFTWARE PURCHASE TO THE AGENDA.**

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

The discussion then returned to the Consent Calendar as read into the record.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR) CONT'D:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***51-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #195-14) AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR POWER AT WONDERLAND OF ICE FACILITY.**

***69-16 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF, LOCAL 834 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

36-16 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution requesting that the City of Bridgeport be declared a “WELCOMING CITY”.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 36-16 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT BE DECLARED A “WELCOMING CITY” PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, HERRON, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, FELICIANO, SMITH, MARTINEZ AND HOLLOWAY) AND FOUR (4) OPPOSED (LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE AND PAOLETTO).**

Mayor Gamin said that he would like to express his appreciation to all the Council Members who worked so hard to see that this item passed.

68-16 Proposed Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Verizon Credit Inc. regarding Services and Equipment for the Police, Fire and EOC Departments under the Nexgen Software Purchase.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 68-16 PROPOSED MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON CREDIT INC. REGARDING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE, FIRE AND EOC DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE NEXGEN SOFTWARE PURCHASE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy said that he would like to announce this was the last meeting for the Junior Council Members. He requested that all the Junior Council Members present stand and thanked them for their efforts. He went on to say that this was the most impressive and enthusiastic group that the Council Members had seen and they exceeded all expectations.

Mayor Gamin then thanked Ms. Papa for her contributions to this program.

Council Member Olson then spoke about how important it was to protect minority groups like the homosexuals, the Muslims and the illegal aliens. He thanked those who supported the measure.

Council Member Martinez said that she would like to send a shout out to the Bridgeport Police Department. She reminded everyone that that residents need the police to keep them safe. She said she thanked them from the bottom of her heart.

Council Member Casco then spoke about the fact that today Bridgeport became a welcoming city.

Council Member Brantley said that if there was anyone present who wished to become a foster parent, to please come and see her after the conclusion of the meeting.

Council Member Bukovsky said she would like to thank Council Member Holloway for his implementation of a recent program.

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services