

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member Brantley to lead those present in prayer. Council Member Brantley requested that the Council have a moment of silence for May Jones, who was Board of Education Member Sauda Barack's mother-in-law. At the conclusion of the moment of silence, Council Member Olson led those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member Salter to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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: M. Evette Brantley, John Olson
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Richard Salter, Mary McBride-Lee
136th District: Jose Casco
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano
138th District: Nessah Smith
139th District:

A quorum was present.

ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

80-16 Communication from Mayor re: Setting of the Mill Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THAT THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FY 2017-2018 MILL RATE BE AND HEREBY ARE, SET AT 54.37 MILLS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND 37.00 MILLS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

Mayor Ganim said that the mill rate was the same as it was last year. He said that the administration along with Council Member Burns and Council President McCarthy had been part of a conference call to Hartford to find out the status of the State budget.

Mayor Ganim said that they were told that the State Budget will most likely not be approved in the next few weeks. He said that he felt that the Council would be doing the right thing approving the current mill rate. He said that he felt that this was sending the right message.

Council President McCarthy said that he agreed with the Mayor's comments. The undecided nature of the budget has affected the current budget. The Council has already taken an aggressive step but if the State comes out with a very large cut, it will mean that there will be cuts in services.

Council President McCarthy thanked the Budget and Appropriations Committee and particularly Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council Member Burns for their hard work.

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Paoletto was involved with a charity function tonight and that Council Member Lyons was sick.

Council Member Brantley said that it would be important to keep the taxpayers informed. She said that she was a home owner and stands with them.

Council Member Burns thanked everyone involved in this process. He said that the State delegation was working hard to put a State budget together. He said that this would make them work together with Hartford to produce a budget.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that all the Council Members should be thanked because this was a process that everyone had input. They worked together as a team.

Council Member Olson spoke about the difficulty of adjusting the budget to give more money to the BOE.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

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