

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking session to order at 6:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain
131st District: Jack Banta
132nd District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Rosalina Roman-Christy
136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Maria Zambrano Viggiano
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle
138th District: Karen Jackson, Nessah Smith
139th District: Ernest Newton, Eneida Martinez

A quorum was present. Council President Nieves announced that Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council Member McBride-Lee were not present due to illness.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Operating Budget Approved
for 2019.

Council members, City neighbors and friends, (June 4, 2018)

Thanks to those among you who are willing to ask questions and wait for answers...sometimes.....somehow.....with accuracy.....and hopefully timely.

I asked a question over a year ago wondering why in the five years to 2017, the print shop made \$800,000 of purchases over and above what the finance report shows. We

assumed that outside revenues were meaningful. For the 2017-18 year, Mr. Flatto entered a \$10,000 revenue assumption. Big difference between \$160,000 per year and \$10,000 but have you looked at his reporting. For July 2017 almost \$7,000 and no print shop revenue since then? Do you trust Ken's numbers? If you don't thoroughly have confidence in them, what will you tell your constituents?

Part of my point last year is that print shops in this region do not feature benefits like the City offers employees. Healthcare expense reimbursements? Lifetime healthcare? Defined benefit pension plan? Perhaps we should outsource this City function and see if there is a savings of at least \$150,000 to \$200,000 ANNUALLY?

Do you have time to conduct such a study? Probably not, even if you had such an interest? But shouldn't we invest in seeing if there may be a better way of affording services and supplies? How might you do that? Hire a staff person with financial and accounting expertise. If he or she is with you during the year, their value at budget time becomes more valuable, because they will know the big numbers and City practices better. You have room in your Legislative budget to make that happen if you have the will power. Who else will do the work if you do not? Imagine if Council members found ways to cut expenses and taxes other than in budget sessions? Photo-ops for sure!!

Nearly two years ago the City started spending \$24,000 per year for a program that the State also uses to let voters see how funds are spent. How is it working locally? How many hits do you count for a month or a year? Is it necessary or valuable? What about putting the monthly reports out on Finance and/or OPM Department sites and let the public download to their hearts content? What would Ed Adams think of such an open and accountable measure that carries no added expense? What is the current excuse for not letting the public see the numbers?

Tonight there is language proposing an Ordinance to create (and at some later date likely fund) our Other Postretirement Employee Benefits (OPEB). Why do we continue lifetime healthcare benefit funding? This big expense to taxpayers is when the employees are long gone? How do we stop this pattern and get a grip on what Labor Relations is proposing in our technologically changing times? Does that discussion need to wait for the Mayor to return attention to Bridgeport? Does it mean that the faces of the politically appointed need to be back at their desks from vacations or time spent petition gathering?

And what level of stewardship does the City exercise over property it receives. It bothered me that the former Black Rock Bank and Trust building on the corner of Brewster and Fairfield Avenue purchased from a non-profit more than ten years ago for about \$640,000, held for years and most recently sold for an adaptive reuse with commercial and residential spots for maybe \$300,000? Look at it today, but remember how much money taxpayers lost in buying high and selling low, plus forfeiting rents.

This morning I visited property at 347 Wilmot Avenue in the East End. The City got the house through a WPCA foreclosure action. Fire, vandalism, chimney disrepair, and overall blight are the most obvious issues. But aside from the land value, what has

happened to the two family house value while in City ownership? Where is a list of such properties? Who is in charge? OPED placed a net bra on the Main Street theater properties within the past couple years for in excess of \$100,000. Why own lesser properties if we cannot care for them? Who will look into this? Questions beget questions, but good questions beget solutions. Time will tell.

Gemeem Davis
1115 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Anti-Corruption Resolution.

Ms. Gemeem Davis, the Bridgeport Generation Now/Bridgeport United Against Corruption Chair, came forward and thanked Council Members Spain, Council Member Martinez, and the other Council Members for their leadership in promoting this anti-corruption resolution. Ms. Davis then read the following resolution into the record:

Whereas, corruption is defined as "the abuse of the public office for personal gain"; and,

Whereas, the City of Bridgeport has a well-documented history of corruption, which has led to mistrust among and between citizens, residents, civic and community leaders, and elected and appointed officials; and,

Whereas, we are deeply committed to upholding our state Clean Elections program and our local Ethics Ordinance; and

Whereas we know that within the public lies the true power and future of our city; and therefore, whatever trust the public places in its officials must be respected; and,

Whereas, an elected legislator casts his or her vote as "a trustee of the public, not as a prerogative of personal or partisan power;" (public servant) and,

Whereas, we are continuing to chart a new course for our city, grounded in a vision to reestablish trust and mutual respect with the people of Bridgeport to foster healthy community and diverse civic engagement; and,

Whereas, we defined good governance as the process for making and implementing decisions on behalf of the public trust; that is accountable, transparent, follows the rule of law, is responsive, equitable and inclusive, efficient and effective, and participatory; that restores and builds trust, honesty, and a collective vision for a people united by a common (and statute) law; and,

Whereas, the operation of good governance requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial, and accountable to the people; that the City of Bridgeport conducts open and fair elections, free from partisan influence; that the government decisions and policy be made in the best interest of the community and government; that public office not be used for personal gain; that officials and employees not be duly or in

appropriately influenced by those they regulate or by those who seek special benefits from the City of Bridgeport; and that the public have confidence in the integrity and transparency of its government; and

Whereas, we desire to establish as a position of the City of Bridgeport that stringent, new electoral reforms and anti-corruption laws for politicians, lobbyists, and outside groups such as SuperPACs, are necessary in order to protect and promote the First Amendment free speech rights of all citizens, regardless of political party, wealth, business or labor affiliation, and to foster ordinary legal permanent residents as the most important stakeholders in government instead of major donors or organizations; and,

Whereas, limits on contributions to political candidates at the federal level are justified by the need to reduce the potential for undue influence and the appearance of impropriety; and,

Whereas, precedent suggest that restrictions on official actions taken by legislators in situations in which there may be conflicts of interest do not constitute restrictions on the First Amendment free speech rights of legislators; and,

Whereas, closing "the revolving door," where elected representatives and administrative staff accept jobs that give the appearance of impropriety, whether through a political party or through a lobbying firm, which further deteriorates the public's trust; and,

Whereas, substantial sums of money are spent in elections yet there is no public disclosure of private interests, including campaign donations received; and,

Whereas, the City of Bridgeport joins with other communities in the united states in seeking limits and full transparency of political money and influence as necessary for the growth of an educated, engaged, and informed electorate.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that it is the position of the City of Bridgeport that we denounce corruption in all its forms, in all levels of our government, commit to the values of good governance and to uphold clean elections and our Ethics ordinance, and that stringent, new electoral forms and anti-corruption laws be passed by the State of Connecticut and the U. S. Congress, including to the extent permitted by law to enact legislation that prohibits candidates from taking campaign money from interests they regulate and from lobbyists; puts limits on PACs and other groups; increases transparency for campaign funding; stops elected representatives and senior staff from negotiating jobs while in office and bars them from all lobbying activity for three years once they leave office; and strengthens federal agencies to enforce the rules against candidates and identified groups defined in such legislation from violating the proposed laws.

Be it further resolved that the City of Bridgeport respectfully urges the state and the congressional delegation to support and introduce anticorruption legislation to the state and federal House and Senate addressing the issues herein described.

Ms. Davis concluded her remarks by stating that real action against corruption by State Representative Steve Strafstrom and other Bridgeport representatives. She then asked the Council to approve Item 78-17.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

FOI Complaint.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward and said that he commended the previous speaker. He said that the City needs a press that actually reports when citizens have hard stories to tell. He said that he has been coming to the Council for many years with no result.

Without giving the people hope, the young people will not think that anyone cares. He spoke about four Bridgeport youth, one of which went to jail and the other three who were under 16, who had carjacked someone.

Mr. Young said that people will not go downtown if they feel that they have to rush around because they might get a ticket.

Mr. Young then spoke about the Labor Relations Director who turned over some documents and needs to be exposed because she has lied. He said that he deserves to be respected. He said Shame on Brian Lockhart, who ignores the needs of the people. The Connecticut Post is ignoring the issues.

Chris Taylor
155 Davenport Street
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Educational Matters.

Mr. Chris Taylor came forward and wished several people belated birthday wishes. Mr. Taylor said that he was looking for solutions, not causing problems.

He spoke about how President Eisenhower in 1957 used elements of the 101st Airborne Division to protect the students at Little Rock Central High School during the early days of integration. He also spoke about how another school was protected by soldiers at another time.

Mr. Taylor said that he wanted to protect the students and felt that the Council needs to address this issue.

Christine Mathews-Connor
105 Linwood Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Metro North, Street Repairs,
Animal Control, Cleaning
Bridgeport etc.

Ms. Christine Mathews-Connor who lives in Bridgeport and a union member. She said that she was very unhappy with her way of life. She said that she hoped that she would see Mayor Ganim. She spoke about her fellow union members who voted for Mayor Ganim but do not think he kept his promises.

Ms. Mathews-Connor said that the street sweeper just runs down the middle of the street. Linden Avenue is a very small street. The garbage is still there because it is under the cars. The streets are filled with potholes.

Ms. Mathews-Connor said that she commutes to the City and it costs \$500 a month. She said that the noise from the student parties will not let her sleep. She said that she is wondering about whether she should move and sell. Who is going to look out for the residents who are paying all these taxes while MetroNorth has raised the costs of fares? She said that she was very disappointed in the Democratic Party and wanted to know why Brewster Street in Black Rock was fixed but her street is ignored.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves closed the public speaking portion at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

Mayor Ganim called the City Council to order at 7:18 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim led those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Castillo was then asked to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Nieves requested a moment of silence for the family of Council Member Herron in the loss of her uncle and for the family of Council Member Newton in the loss of one of their family members. Council Member Newton said that he would like to add the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit who just lost First Lady Peggy Moales recently.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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Council Member Zambrano Viggiano requested a point of personal privilege to thank everyone for their congratulations on the recent birth of her son. She noted that Council Member Taylor-Moye and Council President Nieves chaired the Budget and Appropriations during the final meetings.

Mayoral Proclamation: Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Michele and Enrique ‘Rick’ Torre’s Harborview Market.

City Council Citation: Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Michele and Enrique ‘Rick’ Torre’s Harborview Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Torres were called forward and presented with both Mayoral and City Council Citations recognizing their contributions to the City. They were then presented with Mayoral and City Council Citations.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: April 16, 2018 and April 25, 2018 (Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2018 AND THE APRIL 25, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2018 AND THE APRIL 25, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

114-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Twenty Day Notice to Settle Pending Litigation Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.10.130 with Armando Gonzalez, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

115-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Twila Williams, Adm. Estate, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

116-17 Communication from OPED re: (Ref. #186-15 & 187-15) Proposed Professional Services Agreement with WXY Architecture + Urban Design for the implementation of Various Downtown Capital Plan Improvements, referred to Contracts Committee.

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

111-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s): Langan & Brown re: Proposed request that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Linwood Avenue and Laurel Avenue, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

112-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s): Valle & Nieves re: Proposed request for the installation of appropriate signage on Boston Avenue and Brooks Street to the St. John Community Church warning pet owners to clean up pet waste properly or face a \$150 fine as stated under ordinance section 6.04.040, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

113-17 Resolution presented by Council Member: Langan re: Proposed resolution concerning a review of the Community Environmental Benefits Agreement (CEBA), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

117-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s): Brown, Langan, Nieves, Martinez, Spain, McCarthy, Jackson, Valle, C. Smith & Herron re: Proposed resolution requesting the creation of an Ordinance for the Establishment of the Bridgeport “Percent for Art” Development Program, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO COMBINE BOTH THE COMMUNICATION TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC. FOR APPROVAL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***77-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: (Ref. #396-93; 130-95; 279-98; 154-13 & 168-14) Amendment #6 to the West End Municipal Development Plan and Authorizing the Transfer and Redevelopment of 340 Cherry Street and 1565 Railroad Avenue.**

***78-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution requesting the State and Congressional Delegation to support and establish anti-corruption legislation regarding corruption in the city.**

***90-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Edward J. McLaine (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

***92-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Martha Santiago (D) to the Board of Park Commissioners.**

***93-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Osiba A. Nelson (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission.**

***94-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Nina Thomas (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission.**

***95-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Cynthia Hayes (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission.**

***100-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Paul Percudani.**

***110-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Workers' Compensation Settlement/Stipulate Award in the matter of claimant LaFlamme.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Newton requested that Agenda Item 77-17 be removed. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Item 78-17 be removed. Council Member C. Smith requested that Agenda Item 90-17 be removed. Council Member N. Smith requested that Agenda Items 93-17 and 94-17 be removed.

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

***92-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF MARTHA SANTIAGO (D) TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.**

***95-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA HAYES (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY COMMISSION.**

***100-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH PAUL PERCUDANI.**

***110-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT/STIPULATE AWARD IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMANT LAFLAMME.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***77-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: (Ref. #396-93; 130-95; 279-98; 154-13 & 168-14) Amendment #6 to the West End Municipal Development Plan and Authorizing the Transfer and Redevelopment of 340 Cherry Street and 1565 Railroad Avenue.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED AGENDA ITEM 77-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #396-93; 130-95; 279-98; 154-13 & 168-14) AMENDMENT #6 TO THE WEST END MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND REDEVELOPMENT OF 340 CHERRY STREET AND 1565 RAILROAD AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton said that there had been some changes made and wanted Mr. Coleman to come forward and give an explanation about the costs of demolition. Mr. Coleman came forward and explained that they have an estimate of the demolition, but reminded everyone that there may be some unforeseen issues. He added that the City has to demolish the building either way.

Council Member Newton said that he did not want to have the City demolish the building and then have the lot just sitting there for years while the developer thinks about things. Mr. Coleman said that the developer is well known to the City and that this was a way for the City to shed liability.

Council Member Banta asked if it has been identified as a Superfund site. Mr. Coleman said that it was not identified as a Superfund site.

Council Member Langan asked for confirmation that once the City has demolished the building, the responsibility of the clean-up shift over to the developer. Mr. Coleman said that this was so. Council Member Langan has several more questions about what kind of clean up issues the City could encounter. Mr. Coleman said that there could be asbestos, PCBs in the window caulking and other issues in the building.

Council Member Banta asked about the taxes assessed on the site. Mr. Coleman said that the site was owned by the City.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO RECESS SO THAT THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS CAN CONVENE ITS SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS:**

115-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH TWILA WILLIAMS, ADM. ESTATE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR: (C. SMITH, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (SPAIN).**

Mayor Ganim left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Council President Nieves assumed the chairmanship.

RECESS

The Council went into recess at 7:45 p.m. Council President Nieves reconvened the session at 8:50 p.m.

***78-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution requesting the State and Congressional Delegation to support and establish anti-corruption legislation regarding corruption in the city.**

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that she had some concerns about one of the Whereas clauses which includes donations from a PAC, which is not illegal. She spoke about her times as a California public teacher, and noted that she made donations to her local Political Action Committee who supported teachers. She said that while she was uncomfortable with the language, she would support the resolution.

Council Member Spain asked if modifying the term PAC to super PAC. Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that the clause also included Lobbyists who work for various groups. She repeated that while she was uncomfortable with the language, she would support the issue.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 78-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AND ESTABLISH ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION REGARDING CORRUPTION IN THE CITY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton said that he would like to see congress or the State legislature pass a bill like this. However, he pointed out that while the resolution sounds good, it wouldn't change a thing. He takes exception to the bill because it is the people who elect others into office. When a resolution like this is passed, it sends a message to the general public that the politicians are corrupt. People then think that everyone that is involved in politics is crooked.

Council Member Newton went on to speak about the laws that changed when Governor Rowland went to jail. He said that if the corruption section just led people to think that politicians are corrupt and that perception includes all the members of the Council. People make mistakes.

Council Member Newton said that he would be voting for this feel good legislation against his better judgment.

Council Member Martinez said that she had co-sponsored this resolution and that the previous language did not include any names. She said that she wanted the record to reflect this.

Council Member Martinez requested a roll call vote.

Council Member Newton said that if he voted in favor of this, he would be making a statement, but because this resolution does not change anything, he was going to support it.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR: (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA AND ROMAN CHRISTY).**

Council Member Banta left the meeting 9:14 p.m.

90-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Edward J. McLaine (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council Member Martinez said that there were some details that were being handled.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 90-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD J. MCLAINE (R) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

93-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Osiba A. Nelson (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission.

Council Member N. Smith explained that there was an error regarding the expiration date for Osiba A. Nelson. The date was incorrectly stated as December 31, 2018. The correct date is December 31, 2020.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 93-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF OSIBA A. NELSON (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY COMMISSION BY CHANGING THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM DECEMBER 31, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 93-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF OSIBA A. NELSON (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY COMMISSION AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

94-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Nina Thomas (D) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission.

Council Member N. Smith explained that there was an error regarding the expiration date for Nina Thomas. The date was incorrectly stated as December 31, 2018. The correct date is December 31, 2019.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 94-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF**

NINA THOMAS (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY COMMISSION BY CHANGING THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM DECEMBER 31, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 94-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF NINA THOMAS (D) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY COMMISSION AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

91-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Wayne A. Mazzoni (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 91-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE A. MAZZONI (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Langan said that he was the person who objected because when he interviewed the candidate, the candidate did not seem very interested.

Council Member Spain said that when the candidate came for the interview he said that he had only applied because he was friends with a member of the administration.

A roll call vote was requested.

**** THE MOTION FAILED TO PASS WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN CHRISTY, CASTILLO, AND N. SMITH); NINE (9) OPPOSED (SPAIN, BROWN, LANGAN, HERRON, NIEVES, JACKSON, VALLE, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (C. SMITH).**

80-17 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Request by the Fire Department Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Robert Whitbread having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.

81-17 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Request by the Fire Department Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Daniel Magri having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.

82-17 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Request by the Fire Department Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Kevin Higgins having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.

83-17 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Request by the Fire Department Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Clayton Jurgens having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.

96-17 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Request by the Fire Department Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Francisco Rivera having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.

97-17 Joint Committee on Contracts and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Request by the Fire Department Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Peter Mosley having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.

Council Member Newton said that many of the candidates came to a joint committee and he wanted to know why this was done. He said that the Council members were not allowed to see the physicals and just had to take the word of the members that they passed the physicals. The Committee members could not change the agreement.

Council Member McCarthy said that this was state statute. Atty. Anastasi said that he thought that the collective bargaining language may supercede the state language. Therefore, the Council would not be required. He suggested that these be tabled.

Council Member Herron said that at the meeting one of the attorneys had stated that the Council had to vote on it. She added that the Council does not have the right to see the physicals due to the HIPPA laws. Council Member Herron said that the City pays a physician a lot of money to do the firefighters' physicals and if Council Member Newton did not trust the doctors, it was something that he should think about. She pointed out that many of these individuals would be retiring soon.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that firefighting was a high stress job and that she could not vote to approve this.

Council Member McCarthy said that these firefighters were senior administration and that fire fighting was a technical job. He added that it would be important to remember that the senior administration staff were not on the front lines at fires, but directing the action.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

80-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT ROBERT WHITBREAD HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

81-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT DANIEL MAGRI HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

82-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT KEVIN HIGGINS HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

83-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT CLAYTON JURGENS HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

96-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT FRANCISCO RIVERA HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

97-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: REQUEST BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430

AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT PETER MOSLEY HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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