

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, JULY 2, 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 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Pete Spain
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132nd District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan
133rd District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron
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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.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JULY 2, 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

2018 FY – The Final Monthly
Report

Council Members, Neighbors and Friends

Tonight is the first Council meeting in the 2018-19 FY. I plan on skipping the City fiscal health tonight. Let’s talk about how the Council and City Boards and administration can create good physical health for citizens.

Last week an employee of a City Department asked me: “Where is your snow shovel?” What was he talking about? I brought this shovel on more than one occasion because a historic

confrontation happened in this room. Better management of resources and operations took place. The snow shovel was the symbol of a problem. The City responded. A symbol for action.

A couple years later I introduced these red boots to the Council. On the front of one it says O.B. standing for Operating Budget and on the other is B.S. standing for Balance Sheet. The rubber boots were symbols of the City being in the “red” rather than the “black” and “sinking underwater” with debts and obligations growing faster than we are paying them down. They were promised to Denese Taylor-Moye when fiscal info shows multi-year trends toward improvement. No noticeable trend yet.

Tonight I am introducing a 50 Gallon industrial capacity black bag, one of three kept by a Mom. They are filled with respiratory medicine packaging from prescriptions for asthma and allergies used by her son, the young man standing before you, over the past five years. The young man has lived in a Park City Community apartment unit with his Mother. Broken water pipes within the building, precipitation coming through unrepaired windows for months at a time, and sewage and other leakage at the base of second and third floor room walls created an opportunity for mold to feel at home and grow. Medical records at emergency rooms stand as evidence of what happens.

Just today NYC public housing is reporting lead based health issues as being underreported. Lead is recognized as a problem federally, whether you see it or not, to be remedied so that lead concentrations do not cause severe damage to human organs, especially those of youth. If blood tests or other forms of health testing shows increased lead levels, it is a problem. There is a protocol to follow.

Mold is different it turns out. You have to see it. It has to be visual according to our State legislature. Testing is not routinely done in the City. And after bleach and scraping have removed obvious sites, paint is applied, only to frequently re-appear as if bleeding through the paint months or years later. In many cases that which was visual, on one side of the wallboard, is “repaired” on the interior side, but nothing was observed, tested, or if necessary, remedied to any standard for the dark side. So lungs are at risk, based on State law, to the frustration, expense and outrage of hospitals local and statewide.

Oversight is one of your tasks. That is why you have liaison responsibilities with other City groups. If you do not attend their meetings, read their minutes and listen to citizen responses to service requests and complaints, you are not doing oversight. Why not?? Integrity is doing what you are supposed to do, even if no one is looking at you.

We have City Code enforcement, environment and health inspectors and Park City Communities that has nearly 2500 units of housing. What is the story about mold in public housing? Are records open to review? What is the repair protocol? Is there a budget for testing? Is this your business? Vulnerable tenants may be afraid to speak up. You may be their only advocate or voice. If you are silent because of ignorance, tonight you are no longer ignorant. Do you care? People are suffering. Too many folks become victims of respiratory issues that likely are avoidable.

Where are the votes in it? If you think that providing a slice of pizza gets more votes at election time than helping your constituents obtain the best possible health outcomes when water, heat and closed spaces create mold conditions that are difficult to see.....or are on the other side of wallboard. Why will no one pick up this cause? Remember the “black bag” and the compromised lungs of the young in our City. Time will tell.

Robert Whisnant

115 Washington Avenue, Apt. 5J
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Police and Traffic agents not
ticketing motorists.

Mr. Robert Whisnant came forward and said he was present to complain about the fact that the traffic laws were not being enforced. He said that there was a downtown bus stop where cars park and the handicapped riders can't get on or off. He said that he has seen a number of officers drive by without doing anything about it. Once an officer did stop someone and the individual complained that they were allowed to park in the area. Mr. Whisnant asked that the Council to check into this situation.

Ethan Book

144 Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

City handling of tax delinquencies.

Council President Nieves called Mr. Book's name. There was no response. She repeated her call two more times with no response.

Linda R. Lee

60 Freeman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Illegal Towing of Vehicle.

Ms. Linda R. Lee came forward and gave her residential address. She said that she lives on a street where she has no driveway. she said that her vehicle was parked in front of her home and it has been towed. There was another vehicle that was parked on her street but has not been moved in years. Her car taxes and registration have been paid, along with her property taxes. Her property taxes and vehicle taxes pay the Council 's salary. The Chief of Police told her that he would release her vehicle but he did not follow up. She said that now she owes \$250 for fees, but now she has to make a choice between paying her mortgage or redeeming her car. She was told that her house was abandoned because she was out of town for two weeks due to work assignment.

Cecil C. Young

99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Mr. Young came forward and said that the microphone system needs to be fixed. He stated that he was here to speak about a Bridgeport resident who had raw sewage in her sink and tub. Now she has been told she will be evicted because she complained. This is a disgrace and the Council should be ashamed of itself for letting something like this happen. This is happening in 2018 and no one should be living like this. Shame on the City of Bridgeport. He said that he had

complained about this years ago in 2006 at the PT Barnum housing project and still it is happening. He said that he would continue to talk about this and corruption.

He said that Gerald Raines, a Bridgeport attorney had committed fraud along with Michael Cohen.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves closed the public speaking portion at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018**

7:00 PM

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Bridgeport, Connecticut

Mayor Ganim called the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ganim led those present in a round of applause for retiring Council President Emeritus Thomas McCarthy.

Council President Nieves then proceeded to administer the oath of office to returning Council Member Jeanette Herron. Mayor Ganim then proceeded to administer the oath of office to newly elected Council Member Michael DeFilippo.

Mayor Ganim led those present in a round of applause for the two newly elected City Council members.

Mayoral and City Council Citation(s): Recognizing the International WeLoveU Foundation for cleaning up Seaside Park through the “Clean WORLD Movement.

The members of the International WeLoveU Foundation 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.

PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

Council Member McBride-Lee requested a point of personal privilege and proceeded to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and prayers during her recent recovery following surgery.

Mayor Ganim said that Council President Nieves has some procedural matters and would like to address the Council about the changes in the City Council Committees. Mayor Ganim said that he would like the record to reflect that there was a recent election.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION FOR 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR TWO RECENTLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTOWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING 2017-2018 COMMITTEES ASSIGNMENT TO INCLUDE THE NEWEST MEMBER COUNCIL MEMBER DEFILIPPO AND TO RE-ASSIGN COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON:**

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS: CO-CHAIR TAYLOR-MOYE; CO-CHAIR ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, COUNCIL MEMBER DEFILIPPO, COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON, COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE, COUNCIL MEMBER C. SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT: CO-CHAIR MCBRIDE-LEE, CO-CHAIR VALLE; COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO, COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON, COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ, COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN CHRISTY, COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH.

COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: CO-CHAIR VIZZO-PANICCIA, CO-CHAIR N. SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN, COUNCIL MEMBER DEFILIPPO, COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN, COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE, COUNCIL MEMBER ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO.

COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS: CO-CHAIR HERRON, CO-CHAIR NEWTON; COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA, COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO, COUNCIL MEMBER DEFILIPPO, COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA, COUNCIL MEMBER ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES: CO-CHAIR VALLE, CO-CHAIR VIZZO-PANICCIA, COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON, COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON, MEMBER LANGAN, COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS, COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE, COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG): CO-CHAIR NEWTON, CO-CHAIR N. SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO, COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE. COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN CHRISTY, COUNCIL MEMBER C. SMITH. (REMOVED T. MCCARTHY).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTOWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Newton said that he was requesting that the agenda be amended to include two items that were time sensitive.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES IN ORDER TO ADD TWO ITEMS TO THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRAL:**

ONE REGARDING AMENDING SECTION 3.29 OF THE CHARTER “EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEVELOPERS FOSTERING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”; (ITEM #136-17) AND

ONE REGARDING THE CONTRACT LEASE BETWEEN THE WONDERLAND OF ICE AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT (ITEM #135-17)

FOR REFERRAL TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM REGARDING SECTION 3.29 OF THE CHARTER “EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH**

DEVELOPERS FOSTERING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT” TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #136-17)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM REGARDING THE CONTRACT LEASE BETWEEN THE WONDERLAND OF ICE AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #135-17)**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

129-17 Communication from Labor Relations & Benefits Administration re: Proposed Agreement between the State of Connecticut Office of the Comptroller, City of Bridgeport, Board of Education, Oxford Health Plans LLC., Caremark PCS Health LLC. and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company to provide Group Benefits under the Partnership Plan 2.0 for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021, referred to Contracts Committee.

130-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Glenn Felisko, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

132-17 Communication from Public Facilities re: Proposed Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Agreement regarding the City’s Renewal of Membership in the Multi-Town Group known as the Southwest Connecticut Regional Recycling Operating Committee (SWEROC), referred to Contracts Committee.

133-17 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Rosalina Roman-Christy (D) to the Bridgeport Environmental Task Force as in accordance with Section 2.124.030 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

134-17 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of John Francis Hennessy Jr. (D) to the Bridgeport Environmental Task Force as in accordance with Section 2.124.030 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

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

131-17 Resolution presented by Council Member Jackson re: Proposed resolution requesting that the installation of “Speed Humps” of sufficient height be placed along various portions of Pearl Harbor Street, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO COMBINE AND CONSOLIDATE THE COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES INCLUDING THE TWO ITEMS OFF THE FLOOR ALONG WITH THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***85-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Amended Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.**

***86-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Amended South End Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.**

***98-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: “2018” Neighborhood Assistance Act Program.**

***101-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for the Pool Safety Grant Program (#19269).**

***106-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern CT Agency on Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Bridgeport Senior Center Recreational Activities Program (#19533).**

***107-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern CT Agency on Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Elderly Hispanic Program (#19270).**

***119-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of a New Job Classification with LIUNA for a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Technician.**

***120-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Robinette Walker.**

***121-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Rayford Scott.**

***125-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Vincent Albaladejo (D) to the Ethics Commission.**

***127-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Anthony R. Paoletto (D) to the Port Authority Commissioners.**

***128-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Arturo R. Gravina-Hernandez (U) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.**

***108-17 Special Committee on CDBG Report re: Program Year 44 Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).**

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 85-17 and Agenda Item 108-17 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

The City Clerk read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***86-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN.**

***98-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: "2018" NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM.**

***101-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR THE POOL SAFELY GRANT PROGRAM (#19269).**

***106-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – BRIDGEPORT SENIOR CENTER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (#19533).**

***107-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – ELDERLY HISPANIC PROGRAM (#19270).**

***119-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION WITH LIUNA FOR A GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) TECHNICIAN.**

***120-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH ROBINETTE WALKER.**

***121-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH RAYFORD SCOTT.**

***125-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF VINCENT ALBALADEJO (D) TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION.**

***127-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY R. PAOLETTO (D) TO THE PORT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS.**

***128-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ARTURO R. GRAVINA-HERNANDEZ (U) TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

85-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Amended Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 85-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED HOLLOW NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

126-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Willie A. Dyer (R) to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED AGENDA ITEM 126-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIE A. DYER (R) TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Jackson said that she wanted this off the agenda. She said that she had asked Mr. Dyer about the WPCA users fees. She said that she objected to the fact that the WPCA cannot regulate the user fees.

Council Member Newton said that the Commissioners have been negotiating with the City Attorney's on the fees and those who are collecting the fees for the City. He said that the without the WPCA supporting the moratorium to protect the home owners regarding the excessive fees.

Council Member N. Smith said that she thought there was a misunderstanding and that Mr. Dyer said that the WPCA was working with people to resolve the issues. However, the WPCA does not have the ability to change the fees.

Council Member Brown said that he would be voting no because he had asked Mr. Dyer a series of questions including the fact that the interest rate was 18% and Council Member Brown was not satisfied with Mr. Dyer's answers. Council Member Brown said that he did not feel that Mr. Dyer would act in the best interest of the Bridgeport residents. When Council Member Brown asked why people were not paying the bills, Mr. Dyer said that they did not want to pay their bills.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TEN (10) IN FAVOR (TAYLOR-MOYE, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON), FIVE (5) OPPOSED (SPAIN, BROWN, LANGAN, LYONS, AND JACKSON) AND FOUR (4) ABSTENTIONS (BANTA, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, AND ROMAN CHRISTY).**

Mayor Ganim said that a number of abstentions required that they state the reasons for their abstention. He said that he would like to move on and let the Council Members become comfortable with the rule. However, based on the advice of the City attorney, when asked to state the reason for their abstentions, Council Member McBride-Lee, Council Member Roman Christy and Council Member Banta said that they did not have enough information to have made an informed decision. Council Member DeFilippo had just been sworn in earlier in the meeting.

Council President Nieves announced that the Council would be having a training session on Roberts Rules and she wanted to let everyone know about it. Council President Nieves said that it was incumbent upon the Council Members to call the chair of the committee for an update on matters that they did not feel they did not have enough information.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: May 21, 2018

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

108-17 Special Committee on CDBG Report re: Program Year 44 Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).

Council Member Newton read the following item into the record:

DUE TO A DISCLOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE CDBG. EACH MEMBER MUST STAND AND LEAVE THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS PRIOR TO THE VOTE.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER MUST ABSTAIN NOW:

- ROMAN-CHRISTY
- MARTINEZ
- LYONS
- HERRON
- JACKSON
- VALLE
- VIGGIANO* – WE DID NOT COLLECT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM (MATERNITY LEAVE)
- DEFILIPPO* -- SHOULD NOT VOTE. WE DO NOT HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM.

MOTION OF ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CDBG FOR PY44 (JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019). WITH THIS MOTION, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WISHES TO NOTE THAT THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT NO CONTRACT FOR PF44 SHALL BE EXECUTED UNLESS ALL REQUIRED, NECESSARY AND MENTIONED DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY. IF DOCUMENTATION IS NOT PROVIDED, THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY REPROGRAM THE FUNDS.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.**

Council Member Spain noted a scribe's change in the documentation where it was stated that "NO CONTRACT FOR PF44 SHALL NOT BE EXECUTED" and pointed out it should be amended to read "NO CONTRACT FOR PF44 SHALL BE EXECUTED".

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM:**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The following Council Members then left the Council Chambers: DeFilippo, Herron, Jackson, Lyons, Martinez, Roman-Christy, Valle and Zambrano Viggiano.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 108-17 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CDBG REPORT RE: PROGRAM YEAR 44 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG), HOMELESS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (HESG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM (HOPWA).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service