

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 6:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain  
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137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Karen Jackson, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Ernest Newton, Eneida Martinez

A quorum was present.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018 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

Raw sewage in P.T. Apartments.

Mr. Young came forward and said that he was going to speak about his concerns about the recent violence and mentioned contacting the National Guard about it.

He also mentioned that the resident who had raw sewage back up in her apartment and said that this was being addressed.

Mr. Young said that he had contacted Ms. Hawkins about his unjust termination and that he had left a copy of a letter from Ms. Hawkins stating that in her opinion, the City and the union had

followed protocol and policies in his termination. Mr. Young objected to this and said that her opinion was someone's judgment call rather than a legal action.

Mr. Young then spoke about two attorneys who he claimed committed fraud and stated that he was speaking truth to power. That was wrong and his termination was wrong. However, he will continue to speak truth to power.

He encouraged everyone to visit his website and reminded him that it was never too late to do the right thing or speak the truth to power.

**John Marshall Lee**  
30 Beacon Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

“Liaison” Roles.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Bridgeport City Council, greetings. I often discuss City finance towards needed funding, alternately, or overfunding with room for change and re-focus; or fiscal tricks where today's obligations are kicked down the road, where local taxpayers are not looking today.

Tonight I bring another message. As a volunteer of the NAACP I have worked with a coalition of Bridgeport citizens and the Acting Chief with representatives of his department to see how the Department knows our diverse community and vice versa. Some call it “community policing”. Whatever it is called evidence on the street of mutual respect, and understanding, especially among the youngest and poorest is needed. The African American membership count has been static, while diversity has grown in other hiring. \$100 Million or more Police budget with 50% spent on benefits (and bonding to fund benefits) for fewer than 450 officers and 60 clerical? Are we top heavy with officers earning over time benefits?

Tonight we wait to see whether Mayor Ganim will win a primary to fight to be Governor in November. Tonight we wait for the appointments by Mayor Ganim to an important selection committee to review candidates for Police Chief. This will stop the overdue “acting chief” term and perhaps restore some long overdue professional management, fiscal reality and community trust. The current front page story on an affair in the office of the Acting Chief provides a disappointing review of “white supremacy” in action.

Tonight we also await the meeting of your own Public Safety Committee that has a responsibility of interviewing and approving appointments and re-appointments to the Police Commission. In general, members of the public who appear at your Committee meetings are not allowed to speak, so I am using this opportunity to place elements of a story in front of you where all the facts have not been made public, yet. A long time politically active current City employee, appointed by this Mayor as a project advisor is also Chair of a Commission. A story circulating in the community with reliably confirmed elements is that he engaged in a relationship with an African American City employee probably half his age. Just as in the current Police Department story, a spouse uncovered enough details to personally challenge or put a close to the affair. The Police Department hierarchy acted in this case to assure confidentiality for the young woman and secure a place for observation and treatment from the effects of the emotional attack suffered. She has not returned to her desk. Is she disabled? Has she cause to sue the City for the acts of a

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more powerful City worker in this “me too” era? Does this story have enough legs to require Chief Perez to appear and tell your Committee what he knows? Does a departmental investigation begin with IA? Who is involved and what is their duty to report? Is any such report to be considered by your Public Safety Committee reviews tomorrow night? The taxpaying City voter needs to know what dangerous financial liability he may face from acts of full time City employees who happen to be appointed to Boards.

The role of the Police Department is “to protect and serve” the entire community. That includes all of the people of the City no matter their age, their wealth, the color of their skin, or how connected they feel with the powers that be. The integrity of the Police Department rests on the shoulders of the way matters are managed and fairly resolved and in the honest way they are reported. When that is not the case, trust in integrity collapses. And Mayor, Chief and all in power including elected Council are tarnished. Yes, indeed there are stories about Council members and the extent of their co-optation due to financial favoritism, jobs provided, and even affairs between married folks and others not so married. Any of these situations can provide leverage to those who want a larger voice in decision making than their one vote on Election Day provides them. Is this the Bridgeport way? Time will tell.

**Melvin M. Peoples**  
76 Porter Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Illegal garage across from home and threats made.

Mr. Melvin Peoples said that his rights had been violated and someone had come on to his property and left an illegal substance. He said that a neighbor was running an illegal garage and there was an incident on June 26 and 27th and he had complained to the police. This was reactive, but they need pro-active actions. The neighbor was harassing him by yelling at him in Spanish. Mr. Peoples said that he wants to know who will take care of his issues. This is America and he was born here. Now he has to ask his neighbor to move his vehicles so he can park in his own driveway. This is not right. Mr. Peoples said that he pays over \$7,000 in taxes and no longer has access to his own garage or driveway.

**Mary L. Bruce**  
323 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Illegal apartment/dumpster.

Ms. Mary Bruce came forward accompanied by Ms. Millie who spoke about an illegal apartment in a home and the placement of a dumpster. Ms. Millie said that there were people living in the basement of a building and large dumpsters in the front and back yards of a house right across from St. Augustine's church. The dumpsters are filled and overflowing. Rodents have been seen there. There are families with children that live nearby and this is not safe.

Mr. Jorge Cruz came forward and spoke about the fact that the larger dumpsters contain a great deal of trash and with the heat, the trash smells.

Ms. Bruce said that she had spoken to the Fire Department and the Health Department and she was told that the issue was being addressed. She spoke to them in June, and now it is August but nothing changed. She asked the Council to help them.

**Ethan Book**  
144 Coleman Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

WPCA and City Tax Liens.

Mr. Ethan Book came forward and said that he was the Republican candidate for the 128th District. He said that there were some who claimed that he talks about himself. However, he has spoken to the Council about the WPCA and the City Tax Liens. He spoke about the late interest charges on WPCA bills or City taxes that are levied against the home owners. Many years ago, 18% was different but now there are many other City taxes and levies. He pointed out that 18% was the maximum and suggested that it be reduced to 12% or even totally eliminated.

**Scott Kjellberg**  
Bridgeport Energy/Emera Energy  
10 Atlantic Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Bridgeport Energy and introducing  
the new plant manager.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves closed the public speaking portion at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

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

Council President Nieves called the City Council to order at 7:15 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Council President Nieves requested Council Member McBride-Lee to lead those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Nieves requested Council Member Langan to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

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**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**137-17** Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – WR Group 430 Huntington Turnpike LLC RE: 420 Huntington TPK., referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**138-17** Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Cooperative Land & Lease LLC RE: 434 Grand Street, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**139-17** Communication from Engineering re: Proposed Resolution regarding the Safety and Traffic Operation Improvements on Main Street at Summit Street Intersection and Removal of Median on the Southbound Approach as part of the 15-360 Main Street Signal Project, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**140-17** Communication from Library re: Reappointment of Anne M. Cunningham (R) to the Library Board of Directors, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**141-17** Communication from Library re: Appointment of Eric Torres (U) to the Library Board of Directors, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**142-17** Communication from Library re: Reappointment of Sauda Efia Baraka (R) to the Library Board of Directors, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**143-17** Communication from Library re: Reappointment of Thomas R. Errichetti (D) to the Library Board of Directors, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**146-17** Communication from City Attorney re: (Ref. #67-13 & 69-16) Proposed Addendum to the Current Bargaining Unit Contract with the Bridgeport Firefighters IAFF Local 834, referred to Contracts Committee.

**147-17** Communication from Emergency Management & Homeland Security re: Proposed Resolution for the Utilization of Approved Capital Funding to Hire Federal Engineering, Inc. for the City's Land, Mobile and Radio (LMR) Infrastructure Project, referred to Contracts Committee.

**150-17** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Center for Disease Control (CDC) for Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant Program (#19322), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**151-17** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program (#9P663), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**152-17** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for FY 2018 Juvenile Review Board Grant Program (#19246), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**154-17 Communication from OPEd re: Proposed Street Discontinuance and Acceptance of a Portion of Michael Street, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

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

**144-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Newton, Nieves, Martinez, Jackson and Langan re: Proposed resolution regarding Connecticut “Clean Slate” Legislation for Citizen Re-entry, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

**145-17 Resolution presented by Council Member Jackson re: Proposed resolution requesting the installation of a Crosswalk and Stop Sign be placed on Noble Avenue and Waverly Place, referred to Board of Police Commissioners.**

**149-17 Resolution presented by Council Member Jackson re: Proposed resolution requesting the Establishment of a Bullying Prevention Task Force in the Bridgeport Public School District, referred to Education and Social Services Committee.**

**153-17 Resolution presented by Council Member Spain re: Proposed resolution requesting that the stretch of public road around St. Mary’s by the Sea from the edge of the property line of the Black Rock Yacht Club to the edge of the property line of 923 Gilman Street be designated as Eames Boulevard, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

**155-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Martinez, Newton, Herron and N. Smith re: Proposed resolution regarding downloadable 3-D Printed Firearms and Ghost Guns, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

Council Member Newton requested that Agenda Item 144-17 be removed for Immediate Consideration.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

**137-17 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – WR GROUP 430 HUNTINGTON TURNPIKE LLC RE: 420 HUNTINGTON TPK., REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**138-17 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – COOPERATIVE LAND & LEASE LLC RE: 434 GRAND STREET, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**139-17 COMMUNICATION FROM ENGINEERING RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC OPERATION IMPROVEMENTS ON MAIN STREET AT SUMMIT STREET INTERSECTION AND REMOVAL OF MEDIAN ON THE SOUTHBOUND APPROACH AS PART OF THE 15-360 MAIN STREET SIGNAL PROJECT, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**140-17 COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE M. CUNNINGHAM (R) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**141-17 COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY RE: APPOINTMENT OF ERIC TORRES (U) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**142-17 COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF SAUDA EFIA BARAKA (R) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**143-17 COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS R. ERRICHETTI (D) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**146-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: (REF. #67-13 & 69-16) PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE CURRENT BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT FIREFIGHTERS IAFF LOCAL 834, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**147-17 COMMUNICATION FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE UTILIZATION OF APPROVED CAPITAL FUNDING TO HIRE FEDERAL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE CITY'S LAND, MOBILE AND RADIO (LMR) INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**150-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH (REACH) GRANT PROGRAM (#19322), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**151-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM (#9P663), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**



**152-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FOR FY 2018 JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD GRANT PROGRAM (#19246), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**145-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK AND STOP SIGN BE PLACED ON NOBLE AVENUE AND WAVERLY PLACE, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**149-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BULLYING PREVENTION TASK FORCE IN THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.**

**153-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STRETCH OF PUBLIC ROAD AROUND ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA FROM THE EDGE OF THE PROPERTY LINE OF THE BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB TO THE EDGE OF THE PROPERTY LINE OF 923 GILMAN STREET BE DESIGNATED AS EAMES BOULEVARD, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**155-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) MARTINEZ, NEWTON, HERRON AND N. SMITH RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING DOWNLOADABLE 3-D PRINTED FIREARMS AND GHOST GUNS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**154-17 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED STREET DISCONTINUANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF MICHAEL STREET, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*34-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #141-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.20 – Tax Incentive Development Program of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.**

**\*35-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: (Ref. #142-16) Resolution regarding the reversal of the 2017 Amendments to Chapter 3.24 – Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Program of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.**

**\*117-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution requesting the creation of an Ordinance for the Establishment of the Bridgeport “Percent for Art” Development Program.**

**\*122-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program Cost Estimates (Third Round).**

**\*116-17 Contracts Committee Report re: (Ref. #186-15 & #187-15) Professional Services Agreement with WXY Architecture + Urban Design for the implementation of Various Downtown Capital Plan Improvements.**

**\*129-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement between the Office of the Comptroller for the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport, Oxford Health Plans, LLC, Caremark PCS Health, LLC and CIGNA Health and Life Insurance Company.**

**\*132-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Greater Bridgeport Regional Recycling Interlocal Agreement regarding the City’s Renewal of Membership in the Multi-Town Group known as (SWEROC).**

**\*135-17 Contracts Committee Report re: First Amendment to the Lease with Wonderland of Ice Associates, Inc. (“The Lease Parties).**

**\*61-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution requesting the creation of an Ad Hoc Casino Committee, DENIED.**

**\*113-17 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning a review of the Community Environment Benefits Agreement (CEMA), DENIED.**

**\*130-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation Glenn Felisko.**

**\*133-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Rosalina Roman-Christy (D) to the Bridgeport Environmental Task Force as in accordance with section 2.124.030 of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances.**

**\*134-17 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of John Francis Hennessy Jr. (D) to the Bridgeport Environmental Task Force as in accordance with section 2.124.030 of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances.**

Council President Nieves asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Item 122-17 be removed from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Langan requested that Agenda Item 135-17 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Langan then asked for clarification on the DENIALS. Atty. Anastasi reminded everyone that the motion to Deny received a unanimous vote in Committee and it was actually a recommendation that the Committee was making to the full Council.

Council Member Martinez requested that Agenda Items 34-17; 35-17 and 117-17 be removed and tabled to Unfinished Business.

**122-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding the Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program Cost Estimates (Third Round).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 122-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM COST ESTIMATES (THIRD ROUND).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ, AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) AGAINST (SPAIN AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

Council Member Langan said that he wanted to hear why Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia pulled it off the agenda. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she wanted to vote against the proposal. Council President Nieves reminded everyone that the vote had already been taken. Atty. Anastasi pointed out that the Council Rules only require a reason to be given for abstentions.

Council Member Langan said that he had wanted to hear the discussion before voting.

**135-17 Contracts Committee Report re: First Amendment to the Lease with Wonderland of Ice Associates, Inc. ("The Lease Parties).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Langan said that he was not at the Committee meeting because he was out of town. He said that it states in the minutes that the building is owned by the City and rented by the Wonderland of Ice but the City still has liability.

Council Member Banta said that Atty. Rizio, who represented the Wonderland of Ice, was present. Atty. Anastasi said that this was an amendment to the original agreement. Under the agreement, Wonderland of Ice carries liability insurance. The original contractor was given State money but never finished the repairs. They have just agreed on a stable rent and includes profit sharing. Mark said that under the prior lease, the City was responsible for capital repairs, but the new agreement the responsibility has shifted to the Wonderland of Ice.

Council Member Jackson asked if the rent was current. Atty. Rizio said that he believed that they were. She said that Mr. Ricci had brought a list of properties that were delinquent and Wonderland of Ice was on the list. Atty. Anastasi said that if a City owned property was delinquent, the City would handle it. He also pointed out that Atty. Liskov was the one handling the contracts and that he would not allow the contract to go forward unless all the bills were current. However, he added that he would look into this before the contract was finalized and report back to the Council.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 135-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE WITH WONDERLAND OF ICE ASSOCIATES, INC. ("THE LEASE PARTIES) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*116-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #186-15 & #187-15) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WXY ARCHITECTURE + URBAN DESIGN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS DOWNTOWN CAPITAL PLAN IMPROVEMENTS.**

**\*129-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, OXFORD HEALTH PLANS, LLC, CAREMARK PCS HEALTH, LLC AND CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**\*132-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL RECYCLING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CITY'S RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE MULTI-TOWN GROUP KNOWN AS (SWEROC).**

**\*61-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC CASINO COMMITTEE, DENIED.**

**\*113-17 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS AGREEMENT (CEMA), DENIED.**

**\*130-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION GLENN FELISKO.**

**\*133-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY (D) TO THE**

**BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE AS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2.124.030 OF THE BRIDGEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

**\*134-17 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOHN FRANCIS HENNESSY JR. (D) TO THE BRIDGEPORT ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE AS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2.124.030 OF THE BRIDGEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 144-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) NEWTON, NIEVES, MARTINEZ, JACKSON AND LANGAN RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING CONNECTICUT "CLEAN SLATE" LEGISLATION FOR CITIZEN RE-ENTRY, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FROM RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) IN OPPOSITION (SPAIN).**

*Council Members Martinez and Zambrano-Viggiano left the meeting.*

**144-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Newton, Nieves, Martinez, Jackson and Langan re: Proposed resolution regarding Connecticut "Clean Slate" Legislation for Citizen Re-entry, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she was looking for clarification as to why this was being placed for immediate consideration. She will be voting against it.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she wanted to know how many offenses it would take before their record was no longer expunged. She also wanted to know what the definition of "low level crime". She asked if there was any information given out.

Council Member Lyons said that there were clearly many questions and that this issue should be sent to Committee for more information and no one seems to exactly know what this will cover. She said that she would appreciate it when a Council Member brings a resolution forward, it should be sent to the Council President and that all the Council Members should receive copies of it.

Council Member Langan said that he had sent this out on July 16th and there was a request for anyone else who wanted to co-sponsor the item. He said that he could hear the concerns. He said that he believed that everyone could get behind this. He said that when people are leaving prison, they may be denied access to housing or other services because of their criminal record. He then read a section from Clean Slate Legislation proposal.

Council Member N. Smith said that it was unclear what low-level crimes were.

Council Member Taylor-Moye pointed out that there were a number of people coming out of the system who were unable to get any types of jobs. This encourages people to not become repeat offenders. She said that she felt this was a good resolution and had signed on to this.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that if someone wanted to make a statement, it should be in letter form. All these resolutions just make more work for everyone. If it needs immediate consideration because of time, then it can be considered.

Council Member Spain asked why this item needed to be immediately considered.

Council Member Newton said that the Council suspends the rules all the time for issues that the attorneys bring to the Council. He said that this was encouraging the Bridgeport delegation to support this type of resolution. It addresses misdemeanors that are on peoples' records.

This was sent to every Council Member and if they chose not to read it, then that was their choice.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she thought that this was a good thing but she did not want someone telling her how she should vote. Anything she votes on, she will have to live with will support it, but she will vote as she sees fit.

Council Member Spain said that the item went to the Miscellaneous. Matters. While he supports what Council Member Newton is doing, but wishes it was not being brought forward for Immediate Consideration.

Council Member C. Smith said for the record, she felt it should have gone to Committee, but would support it.

A Roll Call Vote was requested.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 144-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) NEWTON, NIEVES, MARTINEZ, JACKSON AND LANGAN RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING CONNECTICUT "CLEAN SLATE" LEGISLATION FOR CITIZEN RE-ENTRY, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, NEWTON) AND THREE (3) AGAINST (DEFILIPPO, LYONS AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

**148-17           Communication from Airport re: Proposed Resolution regarding the Airport Master Plan Update, Pavement Management Plan and FAR Part 150 NEM Acceptance of FAA Grants, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

Council President Nieves explained that the airport had not been informed of the grant opportunity and timeliness is a factor as there is a deadline.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO WAIVE AGENDA ITEM 148-17 COMMUNICATION FROM AIRPORT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE, PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FAR PART 150 NEM ACCEPTANCE OF FAA GRANTS, FROM THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL REQUIREMENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 148-17 COMMUNICATION FROM AIRPORT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE, PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FAR PART 150 NEM ACCEPTANCE OF FAA GRANTS, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**156-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Update on Pending Litigation and Possible Action in the Matter of Twila Williams, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

Council Member Brown announced he was abstaining from the matter due to the fact that he knows the party involved.

*Council Member Brown recused himself from the meeting at 8:17 p.m.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY C. MEYER AND ATTORNEYS LAWRENCE OUELLETTE AND MARK ANASTASI FOR A REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATUS OF PENDING SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MATTER OF TWILA WILLIAMS V. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT, ET. AL.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Council Members, City Attorney C. Meyer and Attorneys Lawrence Ouellette and Mark Anastasi entered into Executive Session regarding pending litigation in the matter of Twila Williams v. City of Bridgeport Fire Department, et. Al at 8:18 p.m. They returned to public session at 8:41 p.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEGAL STRATEGIES DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE MATTER OF TWILA WILLIAMS V. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT, ET. AL.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Council Member Brown rejoined the meeting at 8:42 p.m.*

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**59-17 Joint Committee on Miscellaneous Matters and Budget & Appropriations Report re: Petition from Reverend Francis Asante re: Tax Abatement for Victory Bible Church International located at 850 Norman Street, DENIED.**

Council Member Langan then gave a summary of the events surrounding this issue. He explained that he was uncomfortable with both the process and the fact that the Church was not allowed to speak to the Council Committee. There is a lengthy legislative route involved.

Atty. Anastasi said that the Church has retained an attorney that is working with Atty. Liskov. He added that Mr. Flatto was working with Webster Bank about this. Mark said that they would be working with the church and would inform the Council if this is favorably resolved.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the Tax Assessor, the Comptroller, and the administration were working to bring this issue through the process.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that the City Attorney's who were at the meeting were committed to helping the church out. The Council members should be proud that they helped the Church with this issue.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVAL THE DENIAL OF AGENDA ITEM 59-17 JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS AND BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS REPORT RE: PETITION FROM REVEREND FRANCIS ASANTE RE: TAX ABATEMENT FOR VICTORY BIBLE CHURCH INTERNATIONAL LOCATED AT 850 NORMAN STREET.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, DEFILIPPO, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, ROMAN-CHRISTY, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON) AND FIVE (5) AGAINST (C. SMITH, SPAIN, MCBRIDE-LEE BROWN AND LANGAN).**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: June 4, 2018 and June 18, 2018**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2018 AND JUNE 18, 2018.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2018 AND JUNE 18, 2018 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

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