

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

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131<sup>st</sup> District: Denese Taylor-Moye, Jack O. Banta  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan  
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135<sup>th</sup> District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee  
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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

A quorum was present.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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

Unjust termination cover-up.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward and said that he had been coming to the Council since 2004 about his unjust termination. There is nothing in his past 27 and a half years of work that would justify his firing. He is 74 and the City Attorney's Office did not do the right thing. They terminated his medical benefits a week or two after he was fired. This is not a black or white issue, but a matter of right and wrong. He is not looking for charity. The Labor Board Commission stated that his termination was wrong.

Mr. Young then claimed that one of the attorneys committed fraud. He said that he helped all people of color, but the City wants to destroy him. This is not right. He said that he wants the City to produce a document that would show that his termination was justifiably terminated.

**Sandi Hennequin**  
10 Atlantic Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

An introduction to Emera Energy/  
Bridgeport Energy for the new City  
Council Members.

Ms. Hennequin came forward with Mr. Don Ross, the manager of Bridgeport Energy came forward to invite the Council for a tour of the plant on the 22nd and 23rd of October. Council President Nieves suggested that Mr. Ross contact the City Clerk's Office and speak with Mr. Boyer about scheduling the tour. Council President Nieves said that she had taken the tour some time ago and felt it was a very beneficial experience. Mr. Ross then left packets of information for the Council Members.

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

City Priorities.

Mr. John Marshall Lee came forward and read the following statement into the record:

Greetings to all of the "law makers" in this room. That is what the term legislator means. Making "new law" suggests that times may have changed and there may be no reference generally or specifically to govern certain behavior or activity in the City. What structure is in place to review past decisions and Ordinances? Have you ever discussed the subject at a public meeting? What are you waiting for? An invitation by the City Attorney office?

A small example for your consideration is the Ordinance that covers the intersection of Main and Fairfield where court house, hotel and other commerce is located. The Ordinance precludes any turns from one of those ways to another by means of a left or right turn. However, if you check that corner out, only three of the intersections have directional signs and these only prohibit "left turns". "No turn" legislation on the books actually means five of eight turns OK but 3 prohibited. Why are the rules and the signage not in agreement? Oversight? Review lacking?

Publicly over the past 10 years your legislative budget has generated a surplus at year end. How did you do that? You budgeted about \$90,000 annually of appropriations with no real discussion or plan of where that should be spent. Then you failed to spend most of it for current City needs, letting it flow to excess Police Department overtime or overruns in other departments. Isn't that correct? Is there another way to tell the story? If I said that you and your predecessors have allowed your budget to become padded for the past decade, how would you respond?

I have suggested on more than one occasion that you plan to spend some funds on one or more legislative assistant(s) who work for your Council, first and foremost, to get you the type of material some of you ask for and which may be unavailable at the present time. That is a loss for the taxpayer. That would be a research function likely. What sense does

it make that you must depend on the Executive Branch, the administration, to get your facts correct in a timely manner? Is it a good example of checks and balance in operation in Bridgeport?

Speaking of oversight, I call your attention to the Municipal Accounting Rule Board (MARB) set in motion by the State less than one year ago. It was in the news with Hartford supposedly getting a windfall of State support although that may not have been entirely accurate. David Walker, a local resident, is putting his financial and accounting experience to good use in my opinion by joining this group. From past limited discussion It seems that neither Ganim2 nor the Council sees much reward in creating three or five year financial plans that do not necessarily count on increasing State funds, itself in weakened position providing all of the new revenues. Were you aware that certain bond refunding activities can put you at risk of being designated a Tier 3 Municipality? Perhaps that should be investigated by your Budget and Appropriations Committee?

Crying out for a review by your Public Safety group into how the State of CT MVD regulations work with our City Ordinances and PD process to allow the Linda Lee saga to continue (or conclude with an impersonal statement from the CAO?) Where were the communications to Ms. Lee mentioned in City and State process that were meant to protect her when the 30 day parking lot period was complete? You heard the Chief of Police, to whom a letter was delivered one week ago by Ms. Lee, tell you it would be cared for on June 17, didn't you? Sixty days later and no responsible party wants to address the issue seriously? What happened to the van?

Until you exercise your resources and your minds to grasp that you are the last line of defense for desperate citizen taxpayers, I shall imitate a watchdog of funds, other resources, regulations and municipal processes. Please don't talk about me, but rather with me, or other community minded citizens who have the time, energy and integrity to ask "tough questions" and keep prodding for reasonable answers? Time will tell.

**Lenora Bromfield**  
66 Washington Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Filing document on land record  
without proper procedure.

Ms. Lenora Bromfield came forward and introduced herself. She said that there was an issue with the number of foreclosures in the City of Bridgeport, the Foreclosure Department and the judges involved in that process. Many of the residents cannot afford a lawyer. Most of the foreclosures happen to black and Hispanic residents. The lawyers get 20 to 30 minutes in the courtroom, but people representing themselves only get 5 or 10 minutes.

She asked how the City could sit back when a law firm wrote a book and then the judges use it to remove people from their homes. There are cases where the law firms illegal records. On her land record, she has five liens, including one lawyer who had a conflict of interest. Some of the judges come to the court room late and others come drunk. When she filed some documents, she checked back to see if the exhibit was in the record but it was not there. Ms. Bromfield

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approached the Attorney General about this. She wanted to know what ticket the new Attorney General would be going in on -- for the people or for the money.

Ms. Bromfield said that while she was not born in the U.S., she is a citizen and would like the City Council to step in and deal with this issue.

**Johnny Ray Moore**  
73 Baldwin Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

The corruption of our land records  
by the banks and mortgage servicers.

Mr. Johnny Ray Moore came forward and introduced himself. He said that he wants to talk about his hopes that the City Council will have a serious discussion about helping the residents of Bridgeport. It is time to set an example so other cities can see what Bridgeport is doing for its residents.

Mr. Moore then referred to CGS 49-17, which allows banks and mortgage services allows them to foreclose on the properties without titles. He spoke about how this was unconstitutional due to the fact that they bundle properties together and seize the properties without the titles. Mr. Moore said that the residents should be able to see proof that the bank or mortgage companies actually owns the property. Life is unpredictable and one never knows what will happen to home owners, illness, death or job loss. He complimented Council Member Herron on her recent recovery from surgery from injury.

Mr. Moore said that he would like a conversation about the bank or mortgage companies having to prove that they have the right to the title. The State requires that if the bank or mortgage company does not have the title, they have to file an affidavit about the debt, but these are not being filed in Bridgeport. People are losing their homes. Mr. Moore said that he would be like Mr. Young and return repeatedly about this subject but would be appreciative if the Council would reach out to him and his colleagues.

**Philip Kuchma**  
3200 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Proposed Ordinance Re: Hiring  
Priority for Bridgeport Residents

Mr. Philip Kuchma came forward and introduced himself. He said that he was a member of the Council between 2000 through 2003. He came to speak about the Ordinance Committee proposal that was presented on August 30th and was present in support of the ordinance. While the ordinance deals with construction, it is important because the way the ordinance is presented by the media is critical. Sometimes they are misunderstood or exaggerated problem. He said that this happened with the parking meters.

If this ordinance is presented properly, it will help the City. The Connecticut Post did a wonderful job about being accurate and clear in its article. Now, the City Council needs to be prepared to do their part. the placement of people doing the work is key to having the ordinance work well. The City has to be competitive in terms of services it offers to potential residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves adjourned the Public Speaking Session at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
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**7:00 PM**

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**Bridgeport, Connecticut**

Council President Nieves called the City Council to order at 7:17 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 Spain to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

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**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: August 6, 2018**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2018.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2018 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A Meeting of Landowners Abutting re: Discontinuance of the Northerly Portion of Michael Street between Platt Street and Valley Avenue and Acceptance of the Southernly Portion of Michael Street between Platt Street and Valley Avenue per Item #154-17 pursuant to the requirements of Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, who may be heard on the matter.**

Mr. Bill Coleman, the OPED Deputy Director, came forward and said that there had been access issues that had not been discovered until recently.

A homeowner came forward and said that his driveway was on Michael Street and had been notified that the Street was being discontinued. This is not fair.

Ms. Liliane Clark of 42 Michael Street came forward and said that she had lived there for 40 years and has been fighting to get a sign for Michael Street. She has also been fighting with the neighbors on Platt Street. who block the entrance to Michael Street, she said that she did not care about equity, but safety. During the winter when it snows, the street is not plowed by the City regularly. In 2006, she found out that her portion of the street was privatized. If she needs the police, the Fire Department or an ambulance, they would not be able to reach her. By opening a driveway to the cul de sac, she won't have a problem with access any more.

Mr. Roberto Sanchez came forward and spoke about the problems about the access to some of Michael Street. He was house sitting at 42 Michael Street and there was a storm which caused him to be trapped in the house because the street was not plowed by the City. This is wrong.

Mr. Healy of 59 Michael Street came forward and said that he had lived there since 2010 and there is always a major problem with plowing. There is also a problem when the alarm goes off at Ms. Clark's house. The police come to his house because they can't find her house.

Mr. Coleman came forward and thanked the Council for the hearing. He requested that Agenda Item 154-17 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Lyons said that she appreciated the property owners coming out to speak about this. Council Member Lyons said that she was a co-chair as was Council Member Banta and she would move to have the item removed from the Consent Calendar and send it back to Committee.

Another resident came forward and said that he has lived there for 60 years and was a retired police officer. He said that he would work with the City Council Members to correct this.

Council President Nieves asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak. Hearing none, closed the meeting of the landowners abutting Michael Street at 7:34 p.m.

**ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

**168-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Viggiano, Nieves, Castillo, Valle, Taylor-Moye, Newton, Martinez, Roman-Christy, Jackson, Herron, Brown & Langan re: Proposed resolution to express opposition to the addition of the “Citizenship Question” regarding the 2020 Census, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that she had discovered that this item was not an emergency issue and she would like to refer it back to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee. Attorney Anastasi suggested that the item be tabled and referred back to Committee.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 168-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) VIGGIANO, NIEVES, CASTILLO, VALLE, TAYLOR-MOYE, NEWTON, MARTINEZ, ROMAN-CHRISTY, JACKSON, HERRON, BROWN & LANGAN RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE ADDITION OF THE “CITIZENSHIP QUESTION” REGARDING THE 2020 CENSUS, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 168-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) VIGGIANO, NIEVES, CASTILLO, VALLE, TAYLOR-MOYE, NEWTON, MARTINEZ, ROMAN-CHRISTY, JACKSON, HERRON, BROWN & LANGAN RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE ADDITION OF THE “CITIZENSHIP QUESTION” REGARDING THE 2020 CENSUS TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

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

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

**167-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Viggiano, Nieves, Castillo, Valle, Taylor-Moye, Newton, Martinez, Roman-Christy, Jackson, Herron, Brown & Langan re: Proposed resolution in support of an accurate 2020 Census and to create a “Complete Count Committee” with local outreach, assistance and promotion, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**169-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Castillo, Viggiano & Newton re: Proposed resolution requesting the Honorary Street Naming of a Portion of Frank Street as “Paul Mendes Way”, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

**170-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Brown, Viggiano, Herron, Martinez and Langan re: Proposed resolution recognizing White Nationalist and Neo-Nazi Groups as Terrorist Organizations, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**



- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- \*155-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Downloadable 3-D Printed Firearms and Ghost Guns.**
- \*139-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: 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.**
- \*152-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for FY 2018 Juvenile Review Board Grant Program (#19246).**
- \*154-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Street Discontinuance and Acceptance of a Portion of Michael Street.**
- \*162-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program Cost Estimates (Fourth Round).**
- \*163-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Stamford for a 2015 U.S. Department of Justice Body Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program (#16315).**

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 Items 155-17 and 162-17 be removed. Council Member Lyons requested that Agenda Item 154-17 be removed.

The City Clerk then read the remaining consent agenda items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- \*139-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**
- \*152-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF**

**POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FOR FY 2018 JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD GRANT PROGRAM (#19246).**

**\*163-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF STAMFORD FOR A 2015 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BODY WORN CAMERA PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (#16315).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

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

**\*155-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Downloadable 3-D Printed Firearms and Ghost Guns.**

**\*\* Council Member Brown moved to amend the ordinance as follows:**

**CHAPTER 9-17 – 3-D PRINTED FIREARMS MADE OF POLYMER PLASTIC AND ANY OTHER FIREARMS NOT PERMANENTLY AFFIXED WITH UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBERS OR IDENTIFICATION MARKS (“GHOST GUNS”).**

**9.17.010 - GHOST GUNS PROHIBITED**

**A. IT IS UNLAWFUL AND IS PROHIBITED FOR ANY PERSON TO ASSEMBLE, STORE, SELL, OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE AT RETAIL OR HAVE IN POSSESSION, WITH OR WITHOUT INTENT, TO SELL OR USE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY ANY FIREARM (A.K.A. GHOST GUN) THAT: (1) DOES NOT HAVE A UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBER OR APPROPRIATE MARK OF IDENTIFICATION FROM THE CT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AND/OR (2) IS NOT PERMANENTLY AFFIXED WITH SUCH SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARK IN A MANNER THAT CONFORMS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON LICENSED IMPORTERS AND LICENSED MANUFACTURERS OF FIREARMS PURSUANT TO 18 U. S. C. 923 (I), AS AMENDED FROM TIME-TO-TIME AND ANY REGULATION ADOPTED THEREUNDER.**

**B. IT IS UNLAWFUL AND IS PROHIBITED FOR ANY PERSON TO ASSEMBLE, STORE, SELL, OFFER OR EXPOSE FOR SALE AT RETAIL OR HAVE IN POSSESSION, WITH OR WITHOUT INTENT, TO SELL OR USE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY ANY FIREARM (INCLUDING 3-D PRINTED FIREARMS) MADE OF POLYMER PLASTIC, UNLESS SUCH PLASTIC IS EMBEDDED WITH THREE POINT SEVEN (3.7) OUNCES OF MATERIAL TYPE 17-4 PH STAINLESS STEEL AND SUCH FIREARM IS ENGRAVED OR OTHERWISE MARKED WITH A UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER MARK OF IDENTIFICATION, PURSUANT TO 18 U. S. C. 923 (I), AS AMENDED FROM TIME-TO-TIME AND ANY REGULATION ADOPTED THEREUNDER.**

**C. THE CHIEF OF POLICE IS AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO SEIZE, REMOVE AND DESTROY ANY AND ALL SUCH WEAPONS HELD, STORED OR POSSESSED WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY; AND TO IMPOSE A FINE OR PENALTY OF \$100 PER**

DAY A VIOLATION, OR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LAW, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 155-17 AS AMENDED.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*162-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution regarding Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program Cost Estimates (Fourth Round).**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she would be voting against this.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 162-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM COST ESTIMATES (FOURTH ROUND).**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHTEEN (18) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**\*154-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Street Discontinuance and Acceptance of a Portion of Michael Street.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM \*154-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: STREET DISCONTINUANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF MICHAEL STREET BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

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

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

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**136-17 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Title 3 – Revenue and Finance to add New Chapter 3.29 – Employment Opportunities with Developers Fostering Economic Development.**

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

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

Council Member Newton addressed the Council and said that there was a lot of work put into this. There are not many laws that developers have to follow. This attempts to say to companies that come to the City, that they need to hire Bridgeport residents. He has never heard a developer say that they would be hiring Bridgeport residents first. With 142,000 plus residents, there should be people that are qualified to work on any job in this City. Now it is time to step up to the plate and take care of Bridgeport residents. He gave the details of the process and said that once this is on the books, it can be expanded. It is long overdue. The City can monitor and work out issues to make sure that the residents benefit.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEFILIPPO MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE FAILED WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR (DEFILIPPO AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND SEVENTEEN (17) AGAINST (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, AND NEWTON).**

Council Member McBride-Lee said that there are people who live outside of Bridgeport should pay the City for the right to work in Bridgeport. They work and take money from the City and then go home. Contractors claim that they will bring jobs to Bridgeport and it is not fair to Bridgeport residents who are having their homes repossessed and foreclosed on. This is not fair.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that they often have programs for the second chance individuals but nothing for the first chance individuals. She said that many of her church members have records, but when a young man came to her for a job, she had to turn him away because he had not been arrested and did not have a criminal record.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that the resolution was good and is needed. The City is looking for development and it is important to have nice buildings, but the people need to be working.

Council Member Herron said that there have been a number of agreements that had included hiring former convicts. This is just a safety measure. There have been stories about friends and family being hired by developers, but it is time for Bridgeport residents to have a chance at the jobs.

Council Member Newton spoke about job creation in the City. Those without a record have a right to apply for job positions, but the former convicts often are not allowed to apply. Everyone should know their constituents that have skills and work in the trades. He said that out of 142,000 people, he did not believe that there were no skilled workers available.

Council President Nieves reminded everyone that Mr. Kuchma has been present and pointed out that it is important to give a positive message out. It is important to grow the middle class.

Council Member Brown requested a roll call vote.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) AGAINST (DEFILIPPO AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

**166-17 Contracts Committee 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 Zygmunt Mysliwicz having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year.**

Council Member Roman-Christy asked if the firefighter who was coming to the Council for approval would be turning 65 soon. She was told that he would be turning 65 soon. The language in the item say it is for one year. She wished to know if he would have to come back again next year. Council Member Newton pointed out that this was part of the contract and every year that the firefighters decide they would like to stay on, the Council would be presented with this vote.

Council Member Herron said that the firefighters have to go through a rigorous physical every year. Mr. Mysliwicz was not in the original group because he was out on injury, but he is now fit and did pass the physical. The firefighters will have to re-apply every year.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 166-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE 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 ZYGMUNT MYSLIWICZ HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN (17) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BANTA, BROWN, LANGAN, HERRON, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH, AND NEWTON), ONE (1) AGAINST (VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

Council President Nieves announced that Council Member Martinez was not present due to an emergency.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia who is the First Vice President for Women in Municipal Government (WIMG), a constituency group of the National League of Cities, reported that Bridgeport has been nominated as a host location for an upcoming WIMG event.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she was celebrating her 35th anniversary and she thanked everyone for their prayers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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