# CITY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC SPEAKING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 6:37 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Pete Spain

131st District: Denese Taylor-Moye

132<sup>nd</sup> District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan

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134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia 135<sup>th</sup> District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee 136<sup>th</sup> District: Alfredo Castillo, Maria Zambrano Viggiano

137<sup>th</sup> District: Maria Valle, Aidee Nieves

138th District: Karen Jackson, Nessah Smith

139<sup>th</sup> District: Ernest Newton

A quorum was present. Council President Nieves stated that Council Member Christina Smith was out of town and that Council Member Banta was detained at work.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME SUBJECT

Dasha Spell CSMA.

284 Beechwood Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604

Ms. Spell came forward and stated her name and address for the record. She said that she wanted to speak about the partnership with the BOE, the Community and the Council. The budget discussion will be starting soon and she suggested that the City help the BOE with electricians, plumbers and custodians. There are community forums being held at the various schools. She said that she hoped that the Council Members would attend the one on the 28th at Thomas Hooker School. The budget is tight for the City, but even tighter for the BOE. The community is supposed to assist with the education of the youth.

She reminded everyone that they had people fighting for their education and now it was time for the Council to support the BOE for the students in the schools now. There are many different ways to help out, such as having the Police officers who are on the streets already helping out with the students who have to walk to schools. There are parents who work outside of the community or single parents who simply hope that their children get home safely.

The Classical Studies Academy is currently focused on selling coupon books to support the school.

John Marshall Lee

Fiscal & Governance Issues.

30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605

Mr. Lee came forward, stated his name and address for the record and then read the following statement into the record:

Council Members,

Sincere wishes for the holiday this week that calls forth thanks giving from each of your family members. There are 20 of you who have been elected to represent all of us out here. Were any of you surprised by the numbers of City voters who came out two weeks ago to vote? Were they getting in touch with what seemed like a national sentiment, some have called a "blue wave" wherein especially women came to the polls and used their citizen power? How many young people were voting for change that would protect all of us from gun violence? And how many overall just returned to a basic exercise of their right to vote .... in line with the 500 NAACP buttons seen around Bridgeport that said, DEFEAT HATE – VOTE!!

Is CFO Flatto keeping track of all funds due the City? Last week the CT Post reported that scrap metal delivered to the Transfer Station was a budget item, though I did not check to see if purchasing department has an agreement that gets best terms for the City. At least, some funds are recovered there and have their own line item #41666 in the monthly budget report where \$11,402 was recovered in September. What Ken did not know, or understand, or bother to explore was that City crews "harvested scrap metal" in blight and perhaps other City operations. Where did those funds go? Did any one in City employ ever ask? Some thought it was for parties for employees; a sunshine fund received mention. Where is the taxpayer Sunshine Fund, City Council? Does that sound like a silly question?

Where do items purchased by the City which cannot be returned, and fail to be used, where do they go? Where is Bridgeport's Limbo? Who is in charge? What process is followed? What is the cost to store? To whom does the person in charge report? What am I talking about?? For one thing let's try a light show purchased late in the term of Bill Finch to show up one or more RR underpasses downtown? Was the expense \$350,000 or thereabouts? Was the bill paid? Where is the value to the taxpayer? What is open, accountable, transparent or honest about such a fiscal matter?

And while we are looking at the monthly financial report and previously asked questions that get no final and definitive answer, what is ongoing at the Print Shop. (Three years ago I pointed to the fact that in the previous five years, the Print Shop reported (0) revenues and were otherwise balanced with expenses according to the reports. However, a review of Print Shop purchases showed that over \$800,000 of excess expenses in the 5 years were actually spent by the City BEYOND THE MONTHLY REPORT.

To my ear, Ken Flatto never provided a conclusive answer that accounted for sufficient revenues to offset the actual \$800,000 of purchases.

What Ken did was cute and quirky? For the 2017-18 budget year he created a new line item #41538 in the revenue report, suggested that \$10,000 would be received and reported \$6957 of revenues in the first few months, but nothing for most FY remaining months. In 2018-19 he has shown ZERO each month so far, yet I know that revenues have been paid to that office. Is Ken competent? Does Ken care? Where is the taxpayer party, Mr. Flatto?

Through the years I have questioned why progressive Labor Relations issues are never advanced for discussion or implementation? And never part of Mayoral election campaigns. Curious? Not really when the City Council president worked with Labor Relations, and "union friendly" agreements were not unusual. When Contracts Committee members attend seminars, what progressive ideas do they return with? Why do Police Department contracts limit the full cost including pension overtime for "external overtime"? Who approved that? Are there similar contract limits that continue expensive payments and earn taxpayers less value than without such limitations? Who will speak for contract committee? Will you allow taxpayers to address such matters at your next meeting specifically? What does secrecy do for us taxpayers? Increase our monthly expenses? Lower our property re-sale values? Force the mil rate to increase? Time will tell.

**Jacquelyn Cauthen** 397 Charles Street Bridgeport, CT 06606 Becoming Divas Conference, March 2019 Wholistic Network.

Ms. Cauthen came forward and gave her name and address. She wished everyone a happy Monday. She said that she was also known by another name, was generous, and blessed. She is a certified nurse and has been teaching health and sex education to female public school students for some time. Ms. Cauthen said that she had created a program called Becoming Divas for girls. She said that her goal was to reach one million girls with the program. The Becoming Divas conference has been scheduled for Housatonic College in March of 2019.

She then explained that she needed some assistance reaching out to caterers for the conference. Council Member Herron and Sister Marion Ward have helped her in the past. As a retired individual, she lives on a fixed income. Now she needs some additional support.

She displayed a booklet which she had written for the girls. In June of 2019, she would like to take some of the girls to a conference.

**Cecil Young** 

Labor Relations.

99 Carroll Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06607

Mr. Young came forward and gave his name and address. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Christmas.

He then spoke about the termination of his health benefits two weeks after he was let go. He asked Council Member Newton to request that the Labor Relations explain why they did this. Mr. Young said that he had heard the excuses and wants the City to justify his termination. He should have never been terminated. All the Council Members swore an oath on a Bible. Now it is time to speak truth to power. The Council Members need to show that Mr. Young was justly terminated. Council Member Newton asked the head of Labor Relations to produce the evidence, but she did not. Mr. Young said that he was persecuted simply for speaking the truth to power regarding the Health Department. Where was the City Attorney? He was doing his job protecting the City. Even though the City Attorney is a friend of Mr. Young's, the City Attorney should be doing what is right. It's not about Mr. Young, but about everyone.

**Anna Greer** 

Walkability in Bridgeport.

Sacred Heart University 59 Harborview Place Bridgeport, CT 06605

Ms. Greer came forward and gave her name and address. She said that she was present in support for the Make the Road, CT. She said that one of the issues was how the students could get to school on time and in a safe manner. While she supports the children walking to school, right now, it is not safe to do so. Ms. Greer said that last year, they went into the high schools and asked the students what routes they used to walk to school. Most of the routes that were mapped failed because they did not have cross walks or other dangerous intersections. The High School students have to walk 2 miles in dangerous conditions. She encouraged the Council Members to interact with the students who may be inviting the Council Members to accompany the students on their walk to school. When there is snow on the ground, the sidewalks are often not plowed and the students end up walking in the streets.

She encouraged everyone who had questions to reach out to her.

**Crystal Aguirre** 

Walkability of Sidewalks.

Make the Road CT 65 Washington Terrace Bridgeport, CT 06604

Ms. Aguirre came forward and gave her name and address. She said that she has lived in Bridgeport all of her life and graduated from Harding School this year. She had to walk a mile and a half to school each day. While the City wants all the students to be college and career ready. They can't do this if they are arriving late to school. It would cost over \$2 million dollars to get all the high school students bus passes. There are trip and fall cracks in the sidewalks,

cross walk lights that don't work and dangerous intersections. While walking to school, Ms. Aguirre was harassed a few times.

Ms. Aguirre said that she would like to see the City do something about making an intersection where the drivers can't see around the corner safer by adding some artwork.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves closed the public speaking portion at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes Telesco Secretarial Services

#### **CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

#### 7:00 PM

## City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

## **Bridgeport, Connecticut**

Mayor Ganim called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### **PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim requested Ms. Cauthen open the meeting with a prayer.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim requested that Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia 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.

## **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**:

**Approval of City Council Minutes: October 15, 2018** 

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.

\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- 198-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Horace Jennings, et al, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 199-17 Communication from Fire Department re: Proposed Request by the Fire Chief Pursuant to and in accordance with C.G.S. §7-430 and their Collective Bargain Agreement, Fire Fighters Local 834 that Manuel Firpi having or soon to attain the age of sixty-five years or more to remain employed by the City for another year, referred to Contracts Committee.
- 201-17 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Employment Contract with Chief of Police, Armando J. Perez, referred to Contracts Committee.

## RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

- 200-17 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Spain, Nieves & Langan re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 8 Health and Safety, amend Chapter 8.90 Regulation of the Marketing of Tobacco Products to Children, referred to Ordinance Committee.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN MOVED TO COMBINE AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES AND THE RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:
  - 198-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH HORACE JENNINGS, ET AL, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.
  - 199-17 COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT RE: PROPOSED REQUEST BY THE FIRE CHIEF PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.G.S. §7-430 AND THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT, FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 834 THAT MANUEL FIRPI HAVING OR SOON TO ATTAIN THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE TO REMAIN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY FOR ANOTHER YEAR, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.
  - 201-17 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE, ARMANDO J. PEREZ, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

## **RESOLUTION TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

200-17 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) SPAIN, NIEVES & LANGAN RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 8 – HEALTH AND SAFETY, AMEND CHAPTER 8.90 – REGULATION OF THE MARKETING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

- \*153-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: 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.
- \*169-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary Street Naming of a Portion of George Street as "Paul Mendes Way".
- \*177-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution to Proceed with the Final Design and Construction of the Pequonnock River Trail Extension made possible by Connecticut Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant.

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Members who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested Agenda Items 153-17 and 169-17 be removed. Council Member Zambrano Viggiano requested that Agenda Item 177-17 be removed.

Mayor Ganim stated that there was no longer a Consent Calendar and all the items would be voted on individually.

- Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: 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.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE ITEM.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she was just being consistent about opposing honorary street naming.

Council Member Spain said that this was not a memorial naming of a street, but a clarification of a legal name of a street.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she was not sure about Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia's objection to the naming. Mayor Ganim said that Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia was not in favor of honorary street naming.

\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 153-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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 PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, 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).

169-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Honorary Street Naming of a Portion of George Street as "Paul Mendes Way".

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

Council Member Newton said that Mr. Mendes was one of the first Afro-Americans to work for the Red Cross. In the Hollow, he played a strong role in starting the NRZ. Mr. Mendes was a member of the Mt Aery Baptist Church and the church family wants a small section of George Street named in honor of Mr. Mendes.

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

Council Member Viggiano Zambrano said that she was not present at the Committee meeting. She said that it was originally listed as portion of Frank Street in resolution. Council Member Newton explained that there was an error in the original document and it was supposed to be George Street and it was amended to George Street in Committee.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 169-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: HONORARY STREET NAMING OF A PORTION OF GEORGE STREET AS "PAUL MENDES WAY".

Council Member Lyons was asked to explain her reasoning for her motion to table. Council Member Lyons said that she would send it back to committee instead.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS WITHDREW HER MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 169-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: HONORARY STREET NAMING OF A PORTION OF GEORGE STREET AS "PAUL MENDES WAY".

Council Member Newton said that if someone had a problem they should come to the committee meeting. He said that this was not rocket science to move it one block from Frank Street to

George Street. There is no argument or opposition. Council Member Newton said that he did not know why it would have to go back to committee. The church did their due diligence.

Council Member Lyons said that she had been out of town when the Committee meeting had been held and she had been asked by a neighbor to table the item. She said that she did not have an issue with the item but now a constituent was concerned.

Council Member Viggiano Zambrano said that she had been working the night of the Committee meeting and she wanted to make sure that all the constituents were heard. She said that she understood that there were concerns and just wanted to make sure everyone was clear.

Council Member Newton said that there were rules and this item had been passed unanimously. He said that he did not understand why there was such a big issue on a small error when the item was passed out of committee unanimously. This should not be stopped because someone didn't come to the Committee meeting. Council Member Newton then announced that he would also start to object to other items in a similar manner if this is how the Council would be operating.

Mayor Ganim said that he would give Council Member Newton all the respect due to him but believed that the issue was somewhat unclear.

Ms. Gaines, a member of the church, came forward and said that this was simply a mistake because the main entrance to the church is on George Street.

Council Member Herron said that when an item is amended, the co-writers of the ordinances are notified, but in this case, they were not. There have been many times when something was voted on unanimously and then sent back to committee.

Council Member Lyons said that she was not at the meeting and had no problem with the resolution but was sending this back for further clarification.

Council President Nieves said that she would defer to Council Member Newton's concern, however, she wished to point out that the Council Members have sent items back to Committee in order for clarification.

Council Member Newton said that he had submitted the language to the City Clerk's Office. The error was his fault. He then repeated his earlier statement that the Council Members should be prepared for him to send back other items that were unanimously approved in Committee in the future.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIGGIANO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM AGENDA ITEM 169-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: HONORARY STREET NAMING OF A PORTION OF GEORGE STREET AS "PAUL MENDES WAY" AND SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 169-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: HONORARY STREET NAMING OF A PORTION OF GEORGE STREET AS "PAUL MENDES WAY" AND SEND IT

BACK TO COMMITTEE AND SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, AND N. SMITH) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (NEWTON).

- 177-17 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution to Proceed with the Final Design and Construction of the Pequonnock River Trail Extension made possible by Connecticut Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 177-17 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PEQUONNOCK RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION MADE POSSIBLE BY CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION MITIGATION & AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) GRANT AND SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE.
- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING A PROPOSED WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT WITH THE ESTATE OF CARNEY FREDDINO FOR REFERRAL TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM REGARDING A PROPOSED WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT WITH THE ESTATE OF CARNEY FREDDINO TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #202-17)
- 164-17 Grant Submission: re U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for FY2018 Local Solicitation. (#19312)
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADD ITEM, 164-17 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR FY2018 LOCAL SOLICITATION. (#19312) TO THE AGENDA.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Member Newton said that this was the first time that he had seen something voted on and brought directly to the Council floor. He said that he wished that the Chair had mentioned this in Committee.

Council Member Lyons said that it was brought up at the last Public Safety meeting and this item had to be moved to a Special Meeting due to the timeliness of the grant deadline.

\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 164-17 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR FY2018 LOCAL SOLICITATION. (#19312) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she would like to say that today the City had distributed turkeys and she had never seen some many people in need of a turkey.

Mayor Ganim said that he was pleased that the City was able to help so many people.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia then requested a point of personal privilege. She went on to make the following statement:

Thank you Mayor. I would like everyone to know that at the National League of Cities (NLC) Elected Officials Conference last week in Los Angeles, California, I was elected to be the President of the Women in Municipal Government (WIMG)Constituency Committee from

Nov, 2018 to Nov, 2019.

This Committee is comprised of elected women from all over the United States of America.

I started many years ago as a member, was selected/elected to serve as a board member, then elected to be 2nd Vice-President, the following year as 1st Vice-President, with now as President.

I will be hosting this committee of approx 60+- women, maybe a guest of theirs along with NLC Staff next year here in Bridgeport.

Back in September, 2015, I also hosted NLC's Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) Steering Committee as I continue over 10 years as a very involved and committed member. There were elected officials at different levels, law enforcement officials in many different fields along with the NLC Staff.

I also continue to serve on the NLC's (UCC)- University Communities Council as now a involved member still even after serving as 1st and 2nd Vice- Chair and serving as Chair for 2 years.

When I attend any NLC meetings, I attend their meetings!

I ask our Bridgeport elected Councilwoman to join via application to WIMG. There is no longer a member fee as the City is already a NLC Member. NLC changes their policy 2 years ago and the only fee would be any activity fee- which is extra.

NLC memberships are also comprised of all elected officials from around the United States of America."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes Telesco Secretarial Service