

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018
6:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT**

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Christina Smith, Pete Spain
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132nd District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan
133rd District: Jeannette Herron, Michael Defilippo
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mary McBride-Lee
136th District: Alfredo Castillo, Maria Zambrano Viggiano
137th District: Maria Valle
138th District: Karen Jackson, Nessah Smith
139th District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newton

A quorum was present.

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

Governance – City Fiscal.

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

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Bridgeport City Council greetings of this season to each of you and to your families.....

This year has been historic and remarkable when you consider the way we Americans self-govern. 2019 may prove even more so. And 12 months from now it is likely that some seats will change hands on this Council.

I use the word “oversight” frequently in my talks with you. It is because

“checks and balance” were included in our City Charter. Although simple, oversight of the Executive body, the Mayor’s Office, is part of your necessary work. It goes along with representing the interests and priorities of your constituents who are your neighbors, and also leads you to review and sometimes create legislation.

Six months ago on June 16, 2018 you heard about Linda Lee, a property owner and tax paying resident of the East End whose registered, plated, insured and tax paid Ford van was stickered one day, June 5, and towed the following day. After 30 days it was presumed to have been “crushed”. But that night Ms. Lee met Acting Chief Perez who promised all of us that he would check into it the next day. Did not happen and a claim turndown by the City Attorney office was received. Four months later the Chief did review all the facts, but no word to Ms. Lee. Then an attorney appeared offering to help Ms. Lee. City Attorney reversed their position and provided a check on December 4, to counsel. Ms. Lee is awaiting delivery of an unspecified amount, net of attorney fees tomorrow.

My lengthy advocacy to your ears and those of Chief Perez was insufficient to produce such reparation without a legal expense paid from taxpayer funds. And I cannot tell you which department is bearing the hit to their budget. The failure of the towing company to provide a 30 day letter to the owner per State law, a necessary part of the process subject to Police oversight, was ignored. Think about it. If it had been you who was harmed, was this a just outcome? What can you do when you hear about City actions that appear unfair or unjust?

The Budget and Appropriations Committee did not meet last week. Perhaps they were reading about the sale of scrap metal by City employees to a Bridgeport firm, said to be in excess of \$30,000 according to the firm’s records but amounting to \$5,000 or less when reviewed by Public Facility boss John Ricci. Are City employees ever told that tools, equipment and other property they handle are City assets, to be carefully used as necessary and returned in good condition after use? Were they ever authorized to sell salvaged metal and decide where to convey the cash received? That story is still working on the front page. But there is another one I have reported to you that hasn’t made the paper.

Perhaps someday Chief Finance Officer Ken Flatto along with Mayor Ganim can tell taxpayers that all funds received as part of City business are recorded accurately and timely for the purpose of maintaining honest and thorough accountability. Isn’t that what you assumed happens? Well think back to my comments about InPlant print operation. Tracking them from 2012-2016, I was surprised to discover over \$800,000 of expenses were charged to Print shop in excess of what “balanced” monthly reports claimed. That averaged \$160,000 per year. Ken Flatto did not review the research that I had done, nor did he provide a written explanation.

What he did was to include among assumed revenue items the sum of \$10,000 as assumed Print Shop revenue for 2017-18 and for this year 2018-19. And how did that work out? During the first three months of 2017 almost \$7,000 was reported in your monthly reports. Each month since, for

more than 12 months “\$0” is recorded. And that is in error because I have seen checks payable for printing presented and cashed. What is the explanation for not reporting ALL FUNDS received and saying so? How do taxpayers trust? And when B&A members hear such allegations from me why are you not investigating all of the numbers?

Oversight? Will you be discovered doing enough to satisfy your serious constituents? Time will tell.

Robert Halstead
55 Sterling Place
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Pequonnock Bike Trail and
Bassick High School.

Mr. Robert Halstead came forward and introduced himself. He said that he was a professional city planner. He has been a lifelong Bridgeport resident and also been a lifelong bicycle rider. He said that there was an item regarding the Pequonnock River Trail Extension. Trumbull and other towns have done a beautiful job on their portion, but the members of the biking community have examined the proposed Bridgeport route and have deemed it unsafe. Mr. Halstead said that there was an original route proposed, but it was later changed. The Trumbull path allows the riders to see waterfalls and nature. Downtown needs to have bike paths because millennials need bike paths.

Tony Barr
141 Pennsylvania Avenue, #8
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Schools, policing, jobs and
WPCA.

Mr. Tony Barr came forward and introduced himself. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. He said that he has some disturbing concerns about the lack of respect from the Bridgeport Police displayed when he had a recent incident involving them. The video recording proves the charges were false. He was disappointed that the Council was not even recognizing this and said the Police Department was out of control. When will the Council say enough is enough? The high school students are afraid of the police. This does not make sense. When God is put first, no one can alter His Plan. No one in the City of Bridgeport should be afraid to call the Police Department. When will this be addressed? The only way this will happen is when the residents get real with themselves and face the reality. Mr. Barr said he is a taxpayer and wants to know when the Council will address this. It can't be fixed by having white police officers. Fairfield and Trumbull don't have this problem. When will this issue be addressed?

Eleanor Angerame
325 Lafayette Street, Unit #9101
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Yaremich Drive being Green Village
Initiative converted into a one-way road.

Ms. Eleanor Angerame came forward and said that she would like to submit a number of documents to be included in the record. The president of the local NRZ came forward and spoke about the fact that a public road, Yaremich Drive, was being changed from a two-way street into a one-way street. The Council approved the item.

The NRZ President said that she believed the Council Members thought the residents were aware of this. When the NRZ President contacted her representative, Council Member Christy, Council Member Christy said that the NRZ had been informed of this in 2017. There was no NRZ in existence in 2017. There was no outreach to the local community.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye stated that the group's time to speak was up. Council Member Spain moved to have the public speaking extended. Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye said that the next speaker was Cecil Young. Council Member Spain objected.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Cover-up of unjust termination.

Mr. Young came forward and said that he was impressed by Mr. Barr who spoke about the policing. He said that he was also disappointed in Council Member Newton who had said that he would help him to get his medical benefits. It is time to do the right thing. It angers Mr. Young that council Member Newton will not do what he promised to do and Mr. Young is ashamed of Council Member Newton. He was here to speak the truth to power and every single member should have their medical benefits taken away from them two weeks after being fire. Every single member has evidence of this in black and white. They won't bring out evidence because they can't. He said that they would not be getting away with this. He said that his supervisor works down the hall from the Tax Assessor. If the Council thought they had heard the last from him, they were mistaken.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye called Ms. Eleanor Angerame forward and explained to her that if the group wished to speak, they needed to sign up the individual speakers with the City Clerk's Office.

Claude Young
First Avenue
Stamford, CT

Pequonnock Bike Trail

Mr. Claude Young came forward and said that he had three concerns about OPED, CMEQ and the fact that the City did not do their due diligence. Many of his comments were inaudible due to background cross talk.

Carline McDonald
Yarmich Drive
Bridgeport, CT

Ms. McDonald who is a resident of Yaremich Drive and lived there for more than 50 years came forward and said that the original plan of Yaremich Drive had the traffic going down the road, not coming up the road. The businesses are dying because of the changes.

Mr. Stephen Nelson came forward and said that many of the people who spoke did not live on Yaremich Drive. He then asked how many of the people who came forward lived on Yaremich Drive. Several people raised their hands.

Council President Pro Tempore Taylor-Moye closed Public speaking at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 7:23 p.m.

PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim requested that City Clerk Martinez lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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Holiday Performance by the East End Baptist Church Choir

The East End Baptist Church Choir then performed a number of songs for those present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: November 19, 2018

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member N. Smith requested a moment of silence for three constituents that had recently died: Ms. Carolyn Nelson of Fleet Avenue, Ms. Victoria Recko of Success Avenue and Mr. Andy Fardy, of Nutmeg Road.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO COMBINE AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REFERRALS AND RESOLUTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

05-18 COMMUNICATION FROM BENEFITS RE: PROPOSED MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

06-18 COMMUNICATION FROM BENEFITS RE: PROPOSED DENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ONLY AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

07-18 COMMUNICATION FROM HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 8.20 – FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

08-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH RAMON COLON, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

11-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) ROUND 12 REMEDIAL ACTION AND REDEVELOPMENT MUNICIPAL GRANT (#19231), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

12-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FY 2018 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS (AFG) OPERATIONS AND SAFETY (PROJECT #19210, #19211 & #19212), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

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

09-18 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S): BANTA & TAYLOR-MOYE RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT COLE STREET AND SIMS STREET BE CONVERTED TO “ONE-WAY” STREETS FROM IRANISTAN AVENUE TO FLANDERS STREET WITH THE INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY AT SEASIDE VILLAGE, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***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.**

***172-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with National Development Council regarding Economic and Community Development Financial Consulting Services.**

***192-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Construction Agreement with Armani Restoration, Inc. regarding the City Hall Façade Project.**

***201-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Employment Contract with Chief of Police, Armando J. Perez.**

***03-18 Contracts Committee Report re: State Lobbying Services Agreement with Reynolds Strategy Group, LLC.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Langan requested Agenda Items 177-17 and 201-17 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***172-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGARDING ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES.**

***192-17 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ARMANI RESTORATION, INC. REGARDING THE CITY HALL FAÇADE PROJECT.**

***03-18 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: STATE LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REYNOLDS STRATEGY GROUP, LLC.**

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTER TO BE ACTED UPON:

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

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO MOVED THE ITEM.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano gave a brief overview of why the honorary street naming had been changed back to Frank Street as opposed to George Street.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, SPAIN, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, DEFLIPPO, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, JACKSON, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (LANGAN, VIZZO-PANICCIA AND VALLE).**

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 Banta said this was a hot topic and the bike path would enhance the City.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO SEND THE ITEM BACK TO COMMITTEE.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN SECONDED.**

Council Member Langan said that there was a robust discussion and said that while this was not the end all and be all. He said that because of the change of administration, this project fell by the wayside. He said that OPED had told the Committee that they were on the Federal watch list and could stand to lose the funding. He suggested to amend the name of the project to "The Interim Pequonnock River Bike Trail.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she felt that the project should move forward and did not think that the name change would be make any different. It is important to bring money into the City for improvements.

Mr. Coleman said that it was not a fake ultimatum. In terms of the trail, it was about connecting the existing trail and the best way to get people from Housatonic to Beardsley. It is not on North

Washington Avenue. Right now, except for 8 blocks, the riders would be off road. The City does not want to put people in harm's way. What the Council is being asked to do is to authorize OPED to move forward on the project. It is not the final end all and be all.

Council Member Herron asked if it was part of the Master Plan for the bike plan to be included. Mr. Coleman said that it was part of the Master Plan. He said that this was a chance to work on significant off-road paths and connect Seaview Avenue with Beardsley.

Council Member C. Smith asked if it would be possible to connect some portion of the Housatonic Trail with the Pequonnock Trail Extension. Mr. Coleman said that the national requirements are already set. Council Member C. Smith asked why they could not change the name of the project. Mr. Coleman said that the name of the project was the original project name. Council Member C. Smith disagreed and asked what any expansion of the trail would be called. She said that she had worked in the City's Grants Office and now worked in a Non-profit. She said that it was her experience that the grant holders were not usually resistant when a name change was proposed. However, she would support the matter because she would not want to see the City lose the money. She said that she would like to have the amendment approved because it would be more descriptive.

Council Member Newton said that he had served at the State level, that once the State puts out a project that it wants done, it is not the job of the local legislative body to change the name of what the City applied for as a grant. That's not how the State works. It would send the wrong message to the State, particularly as the City needs money. This is just the beginning for the City to improve its bike paths and trails. There are 168 other towns in the state that would like to use that money. However, Council Member Newton said that he was not pleased that the city was doing such a poor job in handling this and received the letter from Hartford about the grant funding.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO SEND THE ITEM BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN WITHDREW HIS SECOND.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE 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.**

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

Council Member Jackson said that when OPED had presented the information she was not at the meeting. She said that the eight blocks would need some upkeep.

Council Member Langan said Mr. Coleman was asking him to trust OPED. He said that since he was not willing to change the title, he would appreciate it if Mr. Coleman would put forward something in an internal memo that this was the first step towards a larger plan.

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

201-17 Contracts Committee Report re: Employment Contract with Chief of Police, Armando J. Perez.

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

Council Member Langan said that he wanted to bring up a concern by Council Member Zambrano Viggiano who said that there was a last minute change to the contract about the sick, vacation, and unused leave time. Council Member Langan said that he had not seen any numbers of what this would look like. Since Chief Perez has been with the City for 30 years.

Council Member Langan said that there were indications that the Chief would be paid out at the level of Chief of Police. He said that he would like to know what that would cost the City.

Mayor Ganim said that he was not part of that particular discussion and the matter would have to be discussed with the City Attorney.

Council Member Newton noted the City Attorney was present and Chief Perez had been in the Police Department for 30 years. They may have been doing that because the Chief was entitled to it. Council Member Newton said that he was entitled to what he put in.

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that she had done some research on the previous chief and it appeared that he had something that was the same in that contract dated 2010. Her concern was the monetary gain. The City has the responsibility to pay their officers for their time served. She said that she would like more context on this.

Mayor Ganim asked Atty. Anastasi about the previous Fire and Police Chiefs. Atty. Anastasi explained that there was a change because CMERS was involved. He said that he did not have an answer on that because the Benefits Office had not reached a conclusion. His comments were simply to clarify that Chief Perez's contract was different from the previous Chief's contract.

Council Member Herron said that each department have different contracts and they have different terms. Chief Perez could retire in four years and walk out the door with a lump sum. Right now, Chief Perez is negotiating for payments over time.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she had been working for the City for 30 years as a teacher. She said that she deserves her payments and so does the Chief.

Council Member Spain said that the question was whether Chief Perez was affiliated with the union during the time that he was Acting Chief

Council Member Langan said that his comments have been clear that he was not trying to give him his fair due. He said that it was unclear as to whether in transitioning from Acting Chief to Police Chief. the question is whether the 30 years will be based on the 30 years of service as a Captain or 30 years of Chief, which is \$140,000 a year difference. Atty. Anastasi said that it was unclear. He said that he inadvertently may have misled the Council in that it would be mandatory to pay out.

Mayor Ganim said that the rate would be determined by the Benefits Office and the Union, not by the Council.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN (16) IN FAVOR (C. SMITH, BANTA, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, DEFLIPPO, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, VALLE, NIEVES, N. SMITH, MARTINEZ AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (SPAIN, LANGAN, AND JACKSON).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.
** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO REFER A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATELY EXPRESS THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR LOCAL HIRING AND LOCAL CONTRACTING ON THE BRIDGEPORT THERMAL LOOP PROJECT TO THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #13-18)**

ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

**10-18 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Discussion and Possible Action of Pending Litigation with Bridgeport Housing Authority, James River, Worth Construction, et al.
FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 10-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH BRIDGEPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY, JAMES RIVER, WORTH CONSTRUCTION, ET AL.
** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Ganim left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Council Members and Attorneys Ouellette and Anastasi entered Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 8:35 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 8:46 p.m.

Council President Nieves assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO WAIVE THE REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER N. SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 10-18 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH BRIDGEPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY, JAMES RIVER, WORTH CONSTRUCTION, ET AL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Service