

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Aidee Nieves called the called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Pete Spain  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: Marcus Brown, Kyle Langan  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Michael Defilippo  
134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons  
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  
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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 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

Municipal Governance.

Mr. Lee came forward and noted that there was a Boy Scout troop along with a Political Science Class observing how a Council Meeting and the government runs. He then read the following statement into the record:

Good evening,

Last Wednesday I attended a presentation at Mt Aery by the Empathy Network whose state coordinator is Rev. Nancy Kingwood-Small. A redemption video, panel questions from moderator Louis Reed, former Mayor's Initiative for Re-entry Affairs director, and then audience questions. "Returning citizens" and how they move their lives in a good direction is a real concern of many families in Bridgeport.

A panelist with much experience and a spiritual healing approach outlined the path to be followed by the "returning citizen":

- You have to take ownership of your crime, first.
- Acknowledge the wrong done to the victim and family.
- Ask for forgiveness.

I was impressed with these words from Lyle Hassan Jones for the benefit of those who may be hearing them for the first time. Getting to such a point in your life journey takes time. It takes lots of listening and reflecting on who you are and where you wish to go. And it takes empathy for others in your life. (Michael Mayko, CT Post reporter wrote his story without quoting Jones, a loss for readers.)

What is clear is that Mayor Ganim's 2015 "second chance" statement, whatever the words and emotions were on that day, did not conform to his "returning citizen" stance at that moment in time.

- Despite expressing "Sorry." he did not own up to the multiple crimes for which he was found guilty.
- He did not tell the public, who is the victim when there is "public corruption", that he owned the crimes committed.
- And he did not ask "forgiveness", then. Had he shown this attitude including remorse while at trial or consistently after, he might have been credible?

The empathic community of color in Bridgeport provided him his "second chance" politically in 2015 at the polls. And, today?

Where is the advice of Lyle Hassan Jones if applied to Louis Reed, former MIRA director, fired when two occasions of financial lawlessness came with ultimate five year sentence and probation? His biography on #cut50 shows no evidence of a reason for his Bridgeport departure. Why and how is this "national organizer" back in town? If we see hundreds of "returning citizens" annually coming back to Bridgeport to re-start their lives, the abject failure of MIRA is partly his responsibility. Did he ever own up to this crime? Did he apologize to those victims who were "returning citizens" left with no quality community program? Of whom did he ask forgiveness?

Ganim2, to support his "wild struggle" to remain in office is taking photo ops for Senior Citizen tax breaks, school bus shortened routes, and athletic uniforms and other youth funding, and he requires your City Council power to approve the financial details. (So is his avoidance of MARB where the books would be open to wider attention and comparison than currently.)

Council power to approve the funds tonight, indicate that the City has the funds, and even had them back in March and April when you labored over the numbers. But Ganim

wants you to approve the funds by-passing Education and future “minimum budget requirements” putting them through the Lighthouse budget which did not contain those programs in spring 2019. (Is this a re-play of 1999 when Ganim1 wanted City taxpayers to pay for a deferred compensation scheme funded by \$1 Million of life insurance using the Harbormaster’s Office budget line to keep everything secret?)

Finally, there is Myron Dukes, a “returning citizen” known to you since March who pursued an answer from the Office of the Mayor, an explanation from City Attorney, and a report from Police Chief Armando Perez as to why his photograph was in the hands of officers on January 23, at a City Hall free event for Black History month dealing with hip-hop and violence. Why was he turned away at the door with no reason? Why is there no explanation? Yet Council members have caucused because one of you has written on social media about banning this “citizen” from City Hall and meetings? Does he have to sue the City to raise a response? It has been six months and counting? Time will tell.

**Cecil Young**  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Request regarding termination.

Mr. Young came forward and said that he wanted to recognize Charlie Tisdale, who was a real leader.

Mr. Young then spoke about the circumstances of his own job termination from the City years ago.

Mr. Young announced that there was a white man who was stalking him by parking his truck in front of his home. When Mr. Young would call the police, the individual would disappear. Finally, last month, Mr. Young said he was able to get the police over to his home when the individual was there. However, the police did nothing. Mr. Young spoke to police Chief A. J. Perez, who he trained in Community Policing when Chief Perez during his first years on the force. Mr. Young distributed copies of the police complaint to those present. (See attached).

**Helen O. Losak**  
304 Bradley Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Street Paving.

Ms. Losak came forward and said that "To pave or not to pave" would be a great title for a Bridgeport book. She said that she had been in contact with council Member Jackson with 20 streets that desperately needed repaving. Then Council Member Jackson informed her that only 10 streets could be paved in each District. After Ms. Losak revised the list down to 10 streets, and Council Member Jackson told her that Public Facilities had run out of money for street paving.

Ms. Losak then launched into a personal attack against one of the Council Members and made several comments regarding the upcoming political election. Council President Nieves announced that Ms. Losak was out of order.

**Clyde Nicholson**  
396 Madison Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Making Bridgeport a “Gun-Free Zone”.

Mr. Nicholson came forward and said that the City of Bridgeport should become a Gun Free zone. He submitted a copy of an August 29th memo to Mayor Ganim proposing that the City become a Gun Free zone. (See attached) He said that Bridgeport could be the first city in the U.S. to become a gun free zone.

The person that is selling the gun is a fool as is the person purchasing it, along with anyone using it. There is no penalty for someone who has a gun in the City. he said that the police should have the cam recorder on their helmet rather than their shirt.

Mr. Nicholson pointed out that if he hit his child, he would be arrested, but people who sell guns aren't arrested. He wondered why they could find money to keep people in jail but couldn't find money to arrest those who sell guns.

Council President Nieves said that the next speaker who had signed up was Mr. Myron Dukes.

**Mr. Myron Dukes**  
Harriet Street  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Dukes came forward and said that he had attempted to attend a free Black History Month event at City Hall. he said that the Bridgeport Police Department had been put on high alert about him and given his photo. He was not able to attend the event. He left peaceable and since then a City Council Member has contacted the Police Department in order to have him banned from speaking to the City Council again. Someone also tried to have him arrested for no reason. He asked why he was being harassed this way since he has no weapons and has been peaceable. He served 25 years for a murder he did not commit. He was shot on the East Side as a teen and spent 3 months in the hospital.

Mr. Dukes said that when he mentioned the Mayor's time in jail, he was told that it was past and the Mayor served his time. Mr. Dukes wanted to know why he was being treated like this since he too, has served his time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves adjourned the Public Speaking portion of the Council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 3, 2019

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

**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 7:11 p.m.

**PRAYER**

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

Council Member Newton then requested a moment of silence for Mr. Charles Tisdale, a community leader that had recently passed away. He also explained that Council Member Martinez had left the meeting early to be with the family of a Bridgeport resident who had committed suicide.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Council Member McBride-Lee asked for a point of personal privilege. She said that the buses had been restored and that everyone should be thankful that the children no longer had to walk so far to school in bad weather.

She also spoke about the Mayor's visit to an East Side church and went on to speak about forgiveness.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll.

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139th District: Ernest Newton

After roll call Mayor Ganim announced that there was a UB Political Science class in attendance

**Mayoral Proclamation and City Council Citation: Recognizing Frank Recchia for his Exceptional Journalism and Humanitarian Work for the people of the City of Bridgeport.**

Mayor Ganim announced that there had been a request to defer this citation recognition to a future date.

**121-18 Public Hearing re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of certain City-Owned Properties (4) by Sale or by Sale to Community Based Housing Development Corporations.**

Mayor Ganim opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the item. No one came forward. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of the item. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 121-18 at 7:27 p.m.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**June 17, 2019**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2019.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2019 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

**134-18 Communication from OPM re: Proposed Budget Transfers to Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget to Facilitate the Transportation of Bridgeport School Children for the FY19-20 School Year in the total amount of \$1,200,000 From: Citywide Contingency Account (\$500,000); Citywide Required Reserve Account (\$600,000) and City Attorney-Personal Property Claims Account (\$100,000) To: Light House – Transportation Services Account, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES SECONDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR BY CHANGING THE TRANSFER FROM LIGHT HOUSE – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNT #01863.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN SECONDED.**

Council Member Roman-Christy said that she was not in favor of taking the funding from the transportation account and moving it into the BOE general funding account.

Council Member Newton asked Council Member Langan if there was any guarantee that the funding would be used for transportation. Council Member Langan said that in April, the Mayor's budget had been flat funded for transportation. He said that the BOE had informed the City that there was a \$1.9 million dollar shortfall in the budget. The issue of transportation has been a hot button topic and there has been discussion about solving the problem.

Council Member Langan said that Council Member Newton knows the State statute dictates that the City does not have control over the BOE. This is a potential subversion of the law by paying the transportation costs directly.

Council Member McBride-Lee said the funding should stay with the Transportation company.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that it was sad there was some funding for transportation and that the children have had to walk to school. The Council Members have been working on a way to transport the children for some time. The parents and the teachers don't want to see the students walking this far to school.

Council Member Langan said that the important thing to understand this would include the \$1.2 million but is a means of working around the Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR). Putting the money in the general BOE budget is a brave thing to do because next year, the Council will have to find \$1.2 million more for the BOE. The Board has cut kindergarten paras, family resources and guidance counselors.

Council President Nieves said that she wanted to clarify that she had a discussion with the Mayor, Mr. Weldon, the Chair of the BOE and the School Superintendent about this. She spoke about the fact that the BOE was able to find funding for the buses. Children are walking 30 to 40 minutes and the high school students have to walk over an hour. As a parent, she objects to this. Children's safety should come first.

A roll call vote for the amendment was requested.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND FAILED TO PASS WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR (SPAIN AND LANGAN); TWELVE AGAINST (12) (TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON) AND ONE ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

Council Member Lyons stated that her husband works for a bus company that is paid by the Light House.

Mayor Ganim said that Council Member Newton should state the reason for immediate consideration. He added that a 2/3rds vote was needed for Immediate Consideration.

Council Member Newton said that the reason for immediate consideration was because school has already started and that they had discussed this issue with the BOE.

**\*\* THE MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 134-18 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: PROPOSED BUDGET TRANSFERS TO**

**FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR THE FY19-20 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000 FROM: CITYWIDE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (\$500,000); CITYWIDE REQUIRED RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$600,000) AND CITY ATTORNEY-PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS ACCOUNT (\$100,000) TO: LIGHT HOUSE – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ACCOUNT PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON); ONE (1) AGAINST (SPAIN) AND ONE ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

Council Member Lyons stated that her husband works for a bus company that is paid by the Light House.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 134-18 COMMUNICATION FROM OPM RE: PROPOSED BUDGET TRANSFERS TO FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR THE FY19-20 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000 FROM: CITYWIDE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (\$500,000); CITYWIDE REQUIRED RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$600,000) AND CITY ATTORNEY-PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIMS ACCOUNT (\$100,000) TO: LIGHT HOUSE – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ACCOUNT PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON); ONE (1) AGAINST (SPAIN) AND ONE ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

**132-18 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BANTA & TAYLOR-MOYE RE: PROPOSED HONORARY STREET NAMING OF FERRY ACCESS ROAD AT MAIN STREET TO BE DESIGNATED AS “LOU RINALDO WAY”, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**133-18 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPLY TO THE STATE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (OPM) SECRETARY TO BE DESIGNATED AS A TIER III MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE’S MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD (MARB) PROGRAM, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**



**135-18 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN RE: PROPOSED REQUEST THAT A “STOP” SIGN BE PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC STREET AND WADE STREET, REFERRED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**\*114-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant (#20605), (#20533).**

**\*115-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Ledge Light Health District regarding the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Public Health Emergency Preparedness (#20221) and Medical Reserve Corp Grants (#20282).**

**\*116-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Per Capita Funding Allocation (#20220).**

**\*117-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Connecticut State Library for the Public Library Construction Grant (Lower East Side Branch #6P700).**

**\*118-18 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Associates for Diana Donald Scholarship – Internship Program for Round IV (#20248).**

**\*125-18 Joint Committee on Ordinances and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Administration of a Pilot Program for Shared Mobility Devices.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Lyons requested that Agenda Item 125-18 be removed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**\*114-18 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PREVENTATIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (#20605), (#20533).**

**\*115-18 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT REGARDING THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (#20221) AND MEDICAL RESERVE CORP GRANTS (#20282).**

**\*116-18 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PER CAPITA FUNDING ALLOCATION (#20220).**

**\*117-18 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT (LOWER EAST SIDE BRANCH #6P700).**

**\*118-18 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATES FOR DIANA DONALD SCHOLARSHIP – INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ROUND IV (#20248).**

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

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

**125-18 Joint Committee on Ordinances and Public Safety and Transportation Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Administration of a Pilot Program for Shared Mobility Devices.**

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

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

Council Member Lyons said that she was chair of the Joint Committee on Ordinances and Public Safety and Transportation meeting but would had voted against the program. She said that she would like them to check into some of the types of scooters being ridden. These scooters should have wider wheels for better stability, photos should be taken to show where they can be parked and they should not be allowed outside of City limits. She said that there have been accidents and some of them have been due to the riders drinking. Also, there are cities in California that have banned the scooters. These are the reasons she objects.

Council Member Newton said that he had the chance to ride one and while he would like to move forward, there has to be liability insurance. He asked the Council Members to support the Pilot Program.

Council Member Lyons said that in Washington D.C. the scooters were limited to the city limits.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 125-18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (SPAIN, TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, DEFILIPPO, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON); TWO (2) AGAINST (LYONS AND VALLE).**

**126-18 Joint Committee on Ordinances and Budget and Appropriations Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.16 – Property Taxes, amend Sections 3.16.100 – Eligibility and 3.16.110 – Real Property Tax Relief and Maximum.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN MOVED AGENDA ITEM 126-18.**

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

Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that she had an amendment to the language that was contained in an email from Atty. Anastasi to Mr. Flatto and Mr. Gaudett.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ZAMBRANO VIGGIANO MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 126-18 FIRST BY ADDING THE WORDS “UP TO” IN THREE PLACES; THAT IS, BETWEEN THE WORDS:**

- (1) “TAX CREDIT OF” AND “\$1,200”,
- (2) “TAX CREDIT OF” AND “\$900” AND
- (3) “TAX CREDIT OF” AND “\$400”

**AND SECONDLY WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT STATES:**

**“ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF CREDITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$600,000 PER FISCAL YEAR.**

**TAX CREDITS SHALL BE GRANTED FIRST TO THOSE APPLICANTS WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM \$1.00 UP TO \$20,000 WHO QUALIFY FOR TAX CREDITS. IN THE EVENT THE NUMBER OF SUCH TIMELY FILED ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS RESULTS IN THE TOTAL OF THE TAX CREDITS IF GRANTED AT THE FULL \$1,200 RATE EXCEEDING THE TOTAL OF \$600,000 PER FISCAL YEAR, THEN THE TAX CREDITS SHALL BE GRANTED IN EQUAL REDUCED AMOUNTS BY ALLOCATING THE \$600,000 AMONGST ALL THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN THIS CATEGORY.**

**IN THE EVENT THAT FUNDS REMAIN AFTER GRANTING THE TAX CREDITS TO THOSE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM \$1.00 UP TO \$20,000, THEN TAX CREDITS SHALL NEXT BE GRANTED TO THOSE APPLICANTS WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

**BETWEEN \$20,001 AND \$43,900. IN THE EVENT THE NUMBER OF SUCH TIMELY FILED ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS RESULTS IN THE TOTAL OF THE TAX CREDITS IF GRANTED AT THE FULL \$900 RATE EXCEEDING THE TOTAL OF \$600,000 PER FISCAL YEAR, THEN THE TAX CREDITS SHALL BE GRANTED IN EQUAL REDUCED AMOUNTS BY ALLOCATING THE AVAILABLE FUNDS AMONGST ALL THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN THIS CATEGORY.**

**IN THE EVENT THAT FUNDS REMAIN AFTER GRANTING THE TAX CREDITS TO THOSE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM \$20,001 UP TO \$43,900, THEN TAX CREDITS SHALL NEXT BE GRANTED TO THOSE APPLICANTS WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOME BETWEEN \$43,901 AND \$58,000. IN THE EVENT THE NUMBER OF SUCH TIMELY FILED ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS RESULT IN THE TOTAL OF THE TAX CREDITS IF GRANTED AT THE FULL \$400 RATE EXCEEDING THE TOTAL OF \$600,000 PER FISCAL YEAR, THEN THE TAX CREDIT SHALL BE GRANTED IN EQUAL REDUCED AMOUNTS BY ALLOCATING THE AVAILABLE FUNDS AMONGST ALL THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN THIS CATEGORY.”**

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

Council Member Brown asked if there would be an exception made for someone who is at the lowest range. Council Member Zambrano Viggiano said that the neediest individuals would be served first.

Council Member Brown asked what would happen to the individual who had previously received a credit if there was an influx of applicants. Mr. Flatto came forward and explained that this was an additional \$600,000 beyond the original allocation. Discussion followed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO MAKE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST PARAGRAPH FROM:**

**“ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF CREDITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$600,000 PER FISCAL YEAR.”**

**TO:**

**“ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF CREDITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$600,000 PER FISCAL YEAR MORE THAN THE AMOUNT IN THE CURRENT FY 2020 YEAR.”**

**AND THE ADDITION OF THE WORD “NEW” BEFORE EACH REFERENCE TO “ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS”**

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

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

Council Member Langan asked when this would be activated. Mayor Ganim said that it would be activated on July 1, 2020, the start of the next fiscal year. Council Member Langan pointed out that since the ordinance would not impact people until the next budget season, he wished to know why they should not wait until the next Budget Committee was in place.

Council Member Defilippo asked if it could be limited to households. Mayor Ganim said that State statutes does not allow the City to limit the households.

Council Member Spain asked what would be the harm in tabling this item until February 2020 rather than amending on the fly.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 126-18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.16 – PROPERTY TAXES, AMEND SECTIONS 3.16.100 – ELIGIBILITY AND 3.16.110 – REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND MAXIMUM.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE FAILED TO PASS WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR (SPAIN AND LANGAN); TWELVE (12) AGAINST (TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LYONS, DEFILIPPO, ROMAN-CHRISTY, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MCBRIDE-LEE).**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 126-18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.16 – PROPERTY TAXES, AMEND SECTIONS 3.16.100 – ELIGIBILITY AND 3.16.110 – REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND MAXIMUM AS AMENDED WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED, CLEAN COPY TO THE CITY CLERK PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (TAYLOR-MOYE, BROWN, LANGAN, LYONS, DEFILIPPO, ROMAN-CHRISTY, MCBRIDE-LEE, ZAMBRANO-VIGGIANO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, JACKSON, N. SMITH AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (SPAIN).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SPAIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REFER AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 2.98 – HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

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

Council Member Langan explained that the Historic Commission was having difficulty attaining a quorum and mentioned that they were considering combining with the Stratfield Historic District.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LANGAN MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 2.98 – HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #136-18)**

Mayor Ganim thanked the Council for their hard work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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