

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM  
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Nieves called the public speaking portion of the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Scott Burns, *Matthew McCarthy*  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jorge Cruz, Tyler Mack  
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136<sup>th</sup> District: *Frederick Hodges*, Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Ernest Newton

A quorum was present. Names shown in italics did not respond when the roll was called.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.**

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

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

**The Promise of Democracy and its Delivery**

Housing is a critical issue in this City, but leadership has a neglecting to include average people, fellow Bridgeport Americans, whether born outside the US and

speaking a language different than that used most commonly in Council meetings or residing for a generation or more knowing the quality-of-life constraints and working to improve them. Who speaks up for their rights? Who listens to them?

As to housing, how has a series of municipal leaders failed to appoint people to Fair Rent and Fair Housing groups for nearly 20 years? Why was the Council forced to make up for the lack and create a Fair Rent ordinance on their own with little or no public input? And why did the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 8-30j, take so long and be submitted late by our Office of Economic Development. After all, isn't it a good news report noting Bridgeport provides 81% of the regions' affordable housing. Further, in the years from 2017 through 2021, 834 new affordable housing units were added to a base of 11, 300 to signify that 21% of our housing stock is deemed affordable.

Tonight, you are asked to approve the statement on Affordable Housing in which you post that by re-establishing the Fair Rent Commission it will "provide a direct place of appeal and information of resident rights" that is different language from your recently approved Fair Rent purpose of "regulating and eliminating excessive rental charges on residential property within the City". What are you doing about Fair Housing Commission? OK to let it reside in the cemetery of inactive Boards because of failure to appoint folks to it?

Is the Housing issue about buildings to shelter those who find it difficult to live anywhere else in the region? Is it about funding more such construction with the help of current taxpaying owners? Where is the carrot?

Is it about ignoring old governance on sheltering in general to provide more opportunity to pursue the status quo for personal financial or unannounced reasons?

Is it about providing for people who have lived here for years (or newly attracted) to know, understand, and pursue their civil rights whether in 2020 they are merely owners of a property (44%), or renters of their homes(56%)?

I have commented on housing before, and also about economic development and civil rights. Are you open to listen to fellow Bridgeport Americans? Will you provide them with sessions that inform them of such basic rights and responsibilities? Will you listen when issues or incidents are raised that are troubling and need remedy? Time will tell.

**Helen Olga Losak**  
304 Bradley Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Ms. Losak came forward and greeted the Council Members and spoke about Bridgeport Police officers dealing with noise complaints. She called the Police Department and said that there was loud music being played at all times. The officers are not familiar with the Noise Ordinance and said that they do not have any decimeter to measure the loudness of the music. some have tried to measure it on their cell phones, but the music can be heard blocks away.

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The officers should be familiar with the ordinance and take it seriously by issuing tickets. She reminded everyone that they had an event on Colorado Avenue several years ago that cost the City a great deal of money.

**Jilian Genao**  
651 Westfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

1775 Madison Avenue, previous Testo site.

Ms. Genao said that she was present to speak about the previous Testo's Restaurant parcel. The site is now full of garbage along Madison Avenue. She invited the Council Members to take a walk with her to the area. The neighborhood is already being impacted. She said that the neighborhood is opposed to this development.

**Jermaine Rogers**  
Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Rogers came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that this was the fourth time that he was present to speak about the F.O.I. Requests. He asked if any of the Council Members had done anything for their constituent's requests at that time.

Council President Nieves replied that the Council Members do not reply to the residents during Public Speaking.

Mr. Rogers said that his Council Member had been able to help him get the information he needed but there were residents in other Districts that are not being assisted. Bridgeport deserves to have the representative that works for them. That is the City Council Members' job. Mr. Rogers said that he would be posting this to Facebook so Bridgeport residents can see who represents them. Then the residents can ask each individual Council Member about the status of F.O.I. requests. He said that Council Members should do their due diligence and make this happen.

**Brian More**

Mr. More's name was called, but there was no response.

**Kelvin Ayid**  
State Street  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Ayid came forward and said that he had serious concerns about this administration and their ability to mislead the City Council Members. He said that there were concerns with how Economic Development was working in the City. Bridgeport needs a hotel and he had serious concerns about the City's tendency to favor certain developers. It takes a very long time to get

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permits to open a business. One café took two years before it could open but another business was able to open in a much shorter time. He also mentioned a project with Land Use Agreement that has not been presented to the Economic Development Committee. This project would bring a hotel to the City of Bridgeport. He said that the Council may not be aware of the project because the Economic Development Department has played everyone present at the meeting.

**Su Purefoy**

Queen Street  
Bridgeport, CT

Ms. Purefoy came forward to speak about Testo's and said that there is nothing that the Council can do about the development. She said that the Mayor still can change things and asked the Council Members to speak to the Mayor about this. The development is not acceptable. And the Council should tell the mayor that they want a response. The community has spoken and the Mayor has the power to change that. She encouraged the Council Members to do what is right.

The Council Members are elected by the people and they should respond. She said that they would be doing some other things to let the Mayor know how they feel.

**Ernie Quiles**

Old Town Road  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Ernie Quiles came forward and said that he lives on Old Town Road for the last 13 years. He said that when teens and young adults get together and drink, they often speed. The speeding on Old Town road is increasing and the garbage on the property has increased. The youth have been loud and cursing and urinate all over the place,

**Wayne Winston**

OPED

Mr. Winston came forward and said that he wants to talk about the hotels. He said that a hotel downtown would help the downtown. He then spoke about McLevy Green. He said that there was a project for the green and they have the funding, but they need the Council's support.

**Council Member Jorge Cruz**

Council Member Cruz came forward and spoke, but he raised his voice, which overpowered the microphone and speaker system. He spoke about Puerto Rico still being a colony and said that it was time for the Puerto Ricans to speak up. He said that it was shameful the way they were acting.

**Eneida Martinez**  
Connecticut Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT

Ms. Martinez came forward and said that she had been in politics since 2006 and said that she did not understand why there was still a problem with using Harding High School for polling. It has worked well in the past and. The Council needs to move this item forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Nieves adjourned the public speaking portion of the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

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

**Bridgeport, Connecticut**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:09 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Suliman to lead those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Roman-Christy to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

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**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

• **May 15, 2023**

\*\* Council Member Herron moved the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting.

\*\* Council Member Smith seconded.

The following corrections were noted.

Page 1, under **PRAYER**: please change the following from:

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked for a moment of silence in memory of two former Bridgeport Police Officers who passed away: Charles D. Mack and William Reilly.

To:

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked for a moment of silence in memory of three former Bridgeport Police Officers who passed away: P.O. Norman Barnum, P.O. Charles D. Mack and P.O. William Reilly.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2023 MEETING AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**90-22 Communication from Labor Relations re: Proposed Tentative Agreement with the Bridgeport City Attorneys' Union, Local 1303-272, Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 regarding their Bargaining Unit Contract, referred to Contracts Committee.**

**92-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Sarah Lewis (D) to the Fire Commission, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

**93-22 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of chronically Vacant and Blighted Properties in accordance with the Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan as amended, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

**94-22 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of a chronically Vacant and Blighted Property at 330 Myrtle Avenue in accordance with the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan as amended, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

**95-22 Communication from Labor Relations re: Proposed Tentative Agreement with the Bridgeport Police Local, #1159 and Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 regarding their Bargaining Unit Contract, referred to Contracts Committee.**

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

**91-22 Resolution presented by Council Member(s) Boyd and Co-sponsor(s): Burns & Roman-Christy re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10.12 – Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally amend Section 10.12.010 – Restrictions on Stopping or Parking Generally-Violations-Penalties-Exemption, Subsection B, Penalty, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

Council Member Pereira requested Agenda Item 92-22 be removed from the list. Council Member McBride-Lee said that there had been other nominations that a Council Member objected to.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO COMBINE AND REFER THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**90-22 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS RE: PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT CITY ATTORNEYS' UNION, LOCAL 1303-272, COUNCIL #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**93-22 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CHRONICALLY VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOLLOW NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN AS AMENDED, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**94-22 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A CHRONICALLY VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY AT 330 MYRTLE AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN AS AMENDED, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**



**95-22 COMMUNICATION FROM LABOR RELATIONS RE: PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE LOCAL, #1159 AND COUNCIL #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

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

**91-22 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) BOYD AND CO-SPONSOR(S): BURNS & ROMAN-CHRISTY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.12 – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY AMEND SECTION 10.12.010 – RESTRICTIONS ON STOPPING OR PARKING GENERALLY-VIOLATIONS-PENALTIES-EXEMPTION, SUBSECTION B, PENALTY, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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

**92-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Sarah Lewis (D) to the Fire Commission, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had strong concerns about the candidate. Council President Nieves called the question.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 92-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF SARAH LEWIS (D) TO THE FIRE COMMISSION, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

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

Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone who wished to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Burns requested that Agenda Item 17-22 be removed.

Council Member Pereira requested that Agenda Item 84-22 be removed.

The City Clerk read the following items into the record:

**\*79-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: Proposed Plan of Districting adopted by the Redistricting Commission on May 30, 2023 for Amendment of Code of Ordinances, Section 2.06.010, to comply with the Commission's Plan and for providing Suitable Polling Places in such Districts and Defining the Boundaries of the area to be served by each Polling Place, WITHDRAWAL.**

**\*84-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 2.06.010 – Districts for Election of Council Members, in order to comply with the Plan of Districting (Plan 3) adopted on June 12, 2023, by the Redistricting Commission and for providing suitable Polling Places in such Districts and defining the Boundaries of the Area to be served by each Polling Place.**

**\*61-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program (#24462).**

**\*62-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Connecticut DECD Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development – Municipal Grant Program (#24443).**

**\*75-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) – Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Elderly Hispanic Outreach Program (#24270).**

**\*76-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) – Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Bridgeport Senior Center Recreation Activities (#24533).**

**\*70-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of Ashley Quiles, ET AL – Docket No. FBT-CV-20-6096325-S.**

**\*71-22 Education and Social Services Committee Report re: Resolution for School Construction Project Application for State Grants and Initiation of Design for John Winthrop Elementary School Renovate to New Project.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**\*79-22 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PROPOSED PLAN OF DISTRICTING ADOPTED BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ON MAY 30, 2023 FOR AMENDMENT OF CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.06.010, TO COMPLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S PLAN AND FOR PROVIDING SUITABLE POLLING PLACES IN SUCH DISTRICTS AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY EACH POLLING PLACE, WITHDRAWAL.**

**\*84-22 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.06.010 – DISTRICTS FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PLAN OF DISTRICTING (PLAN 3) ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2023, BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND FOR PROVIDING SUITABLE POLLING PLACES IN SUCH DISTRICTS AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY EACH POLLING PLACE.**

**\*61-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND – OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM (#24462).**

**\*62-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DECD OFFICE OF BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT – MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM (#24443).**

**\*75-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) – TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – ELDERLY HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM (#24270).**

**\*76-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) – TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – BRIDGEPORT SENIOR CENTER RECREATION ACTIVITIES (#24533).**

**\*70-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF ASHLEY QUILES, ET AL – DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-20-6096325-S.**

**\*71-22 EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANTS AND INITIATION OF DESIGN FOR JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE TO NEW PROJECT.**

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

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

**17-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Affordable Housing Plan.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO SEND AGENDA ITEM 17-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN BACK TO THE COMMITTEE.**

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

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

**84-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 2.06.010 – Districts for Election of Council Members, in order to comply with the Plan of Districting (Plan 3) adopted on June 12, 2023, by the Redistricting Commission and for providing suitable Polling Places in such Districts and defining the Boundaries of the Area to be served by each Polling Place.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 84-22 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.06.010 – DISTRICTS FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PLAN OF DISTRICTING (PLAN 3) ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2023, BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND FOR PROVIDING SUITABLE POLLING PLACES IN SUCH DISTRICTS AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY EACH POLLING PLACE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that she would like a roll call vote to be taken. She said that the gerrymandering was wrong and the judge has told her she has a good case and this will be going to court.

Council Member Newton spoke about the changes in the District boundaries and said the issue was over Harding High School. 99% of the Council was in favor of this. He said that he would not do what the Republicans are doing in the Country by disenfranchising people. He said that he can't wait to see this go to Court and before the judge.

Council Member Cruz pointed out that these changes happen every ten years. He explained that in his District, they had to make some adjustments to keep the Council Members in their Districts. He asked why everything has to go to court. It is what it is.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ITEMS:**

**\*88-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Franck Adjisegebe (U) to the Fair Rent Commission.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED AGENDA ITEM 88-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF FRANCK ADJISEGBE (U) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

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

**\*89-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Twana Johnson (D) to the Fair Rent Commission.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED AGENDA ITEM 89-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF TWANA JOHNSON (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that this person was a City employee and her vote was absolutely no.

Council Member Newton said that when candidates come to the Council to serve on Boards and Committees, they are grilled about things they did 20 years ago; where they work; what their kids did and all other sorts of things. People do not want to serve on Boards and Committees because of this. The Council Members are not the judge and jury.

Council Member Herron said that constituents are abused when they ask to be on Committees. Because of this, it is hard to find people willing to fill the vacant seats.

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOURTEEN (14) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Burns stated that he had a matter to add to the agenda.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED SUSPEND THE RULES IN ORDER TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR REFERRAL TO THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.36.010 – OFFICER AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADDING A NEW PART-TIME SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF OPM DIRECTOR UNDER THE SUBSECTION, EXECUTIVE APPOINTED OFFICIALS AT GRADE 8.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #96-22)**

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

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Telesco Secretarial Services