

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM  
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Newton called the public speaking portion of the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Assistant City Clerk, Frances Ortiz called the roll.

130<sup>th</sup> District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jorge Cruz, *Tyler Mack*  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: *Rolanda Smith*  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Aikeem Boyd, Jeanette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: *Michelle Lyons*, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy (6:35 p.m.)  
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 (6:45 p.m.)  
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, AUGUST 7, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Lesly Valbrun**

Greater Bridgeport NAACP  
P. O. Box 287  
Bridgeport, CT

Dr. Lesly Valbrun came forward and said that he attended UB and later went on to teach at UB. He said that he had directed the NAACP at the college and was now taking over the regional office.

*Council Member Roman-Christy joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.*

Dr. Valbrun said that it was important to advance the black and brown community economically. He said that he would like to be the standard bearer for the nation and to empower the small businesses. Dr. Valbrun said that no one likes to pay taxes and he sees how much he pays on every paycheck. This means they have to attract the businesses to Bridgeport and create policies to enable people and enact the change.

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

Democracy - Bridgeport.

Mr. Lee came forward and greeted the Council Members. He then read the following statement into the record:

Does anyone not pay attention when a speaker indicates, “this is my friend, my brother, or neighbor, “in whom I am well pleased”? You doubtless have heard the scripture using the translation ‘well pleased.’ While we look out to our community, who do we see fitting a definition that deserves your designation of any individual who causes you pride, hope, and calls you to a state of “well pleased”?

It is summer 2023 in the City of Bridgeport and in less than a month an incumbent mayor elected by the people (or a minority of folks who are registered voters) faces a primary challenge. Perhaps three other members of his partisan group, the Bridgeport Democratic party who hear and see municipal issues and concerns in the city at-large, disagree enough to contest the administration of the incumbent. In the past three decades, this Mayor has served nearly 20 years in office, in addition to serving seven years as a Federal convicted inmate for his multiple corrupt activities while serving the highest municipal office initially.

Faith cultures and political traditions set standards for future behavior when one admits to behavior otherwise not condoned by a community. In the Bridgeport situation the larger community never were actual witnesses to a confession including a pledge of remorse and change in the future. Anyone looking for a change in caring about people in general and more inclusion of a large and diverse population in line with democratic practices will be disappointed. That is why several members of the community are seeking the highest office at the moment. And they have found support for change in many of your districts too. Ability, experience, integrity, and caring are present character values among them.

Who among you supports improving outcomes in Bridgeport by raising the bar for data and decision-making to be better observed? Who believes that better administrative practices including regular training and evaluation will create better and faster execution by City employees of their work effort? Who understands that recruiting and selection of quality employees and regular oversight of their activities, rather than their personalities, may move us forward

dramatically? The short of it is: Who cares? About student outcomes year after year using adequate resources? About public safety in homes, at work, at gatherings, or on the street? About listening to a public that is frustrated and turned off today? Time will tell.

**Harry Cohen**  
310 Douglas Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Need for better sidewalk and infrastructure.

Council Member Newton called Mr. Cohen forward. There was no response. He called two more times with no success.

**Mr. Jermaine Rogers**  
1188 Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Rogers came forward and said that this was his fourth time addressing the Council. He asked if any of the Council Members had looked to see if there were any FOI requests taken care of during the last few weeks. The majority of the Council are minorities. He said that there were three Council Members who had told him that they had seen some FOI requests answered. He said that he would keep coming over and over until he has a piece of paper that shows him the number of inquiries when they started and how many inquiries have been handled.

**Chris Caruso**  
208 Beechmont Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Mr. Caruso came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that there were particular rules and policies that assures the public that they can trust them. The Council should create a Commission to update the Code of Ethics which hasn't been done since 1985 and give the Ethics Committee some teeth.

*Council Member S. Suliman joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.*

He reminded everyone that the gratuities from developers to the administration needs to be examined. He pointed out that the former Police Chief and the former Personnel Director were investigated by the FBI and charges were brought. The Ethics Committee should have been aware of these issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Newton closed the public session at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 7, 2023

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER**

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

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested a moment of silence for former Bridgeport Firefighter John D'Ausilio recently died. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia then read the following into the record:

Mr. John D'Ausilio, who died on June 25, 2023 was a long-time retired Bridgeport Firefighter who was very involved in many volunteer and Italian organizations in many capacities. He was a longtime friend and a very dedicated family man, dad and grandfather. May John rest in peace and God bless his family.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim asked Assistant City Clerk Ortiz to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Assistant City Clerk called the roll.

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A quorum was present. Names shown in italics did not respond when the roll was called. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia noted that Council Member Smith was absent due to a death in her family.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

• **June 5, 2023**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 MINUTES.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**97-22 Communication from Mayor re: Proposed Capital Plan Amendment to FY 2024-2028 for the complete rehabilitation of John Winthrop Elementary School per State Project #015-0182RNV/EA, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.**

**98-22 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 12.08 – Street, Sidewalk and Driveway Construction and Maintenance, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

**99-22 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 12.12 – Excavations, referred to Ordinance Committee.**

**100-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Ayo Haynes (D) to the Fair Rent Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**101-22 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – MTG Realty LLC, Savings Bank of Danbury, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**102-22 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – The Rago Family Limited Partnership, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**103-22 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Corelogic, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**104-22 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Bass Pro Outdoor World LLC, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**105-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant (CFWR) Program (#24555), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

**106-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Preventative Health Strategies at Work in Connecticut Communities (#24605), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

**107-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Subrecipient Agreement between the City and Ledge Light Health District regarding the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (#24221), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

**108-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) Community Connectivity Grant Program (#24395), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

**109-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: The Justice Education Center – Project Safe Neighborhoods (#24485), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

**110-22 Communication from Mayor re: Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Griffin & Strong P.C. regarding the creation of a New Disparity Study, referred to Contracts Committee.**

**111-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Elizabeth Gonzalez (D) to the Fair Rent Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**112-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Soledad Nunez (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**97-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED CAPITAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO FY 2024-2028 FOR THE COMPLETE REHABILITATION OF JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PER STATE PROJECT #015-0182RNV/EA, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**98-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 12.08 – STREET, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**99-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 12.12 – EXCAVATIONS, REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**100-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF AYO HAYNES (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**101-22 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – MTG REALTY LLC, SAVINGS BANK OF DANBURY, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**102-22 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – THE RAGO FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**103-22 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – CORELOGIC, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**104-22 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – BASS PRO OUTDOOR WORLD LLC, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**105-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) COMPOSTING AND FOOD WASTE REDUCTION GRANT (CFWR) PROGRAM (#24555), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**106-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PREVENTATIVE HEALTH STRATEGIES AT WORK IN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES (#24605), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**107-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT REGARDING THE STATE OF**

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT (#24221), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**108-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CT DOT) COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM (#24395), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**109-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: THE JUSTICE EDUCATION CENTER – PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (#24485), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**110-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GRIFFIN & STRONG P.C. REGARDING THE CREATION OF A NEW DISPARITY STUDY, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**111-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH GONZALEZ (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**112-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF SOLEDAD NUNEZ (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

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

**\*96-22 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 2.36.010 – Officers’ 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.**

**\*77-22 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) – Title III Funding Older Americans Act Grant Program – Project LifeSaver Program (#24420).**



**\*78-22 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Port Security Grant Program.**

**\*93-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of chronically Vacant and Blighted Properties in accordance with the Hollow Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan as amended.**

**\*94-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: 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.**

**\*95-22 Contracts Committee Report re: 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.**

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

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested Agenda Item 96-22 be removed.

Council Member Burns requested Agenda Items 93-22 and 94-22 be removed.

Council Member Pereira requested Agenda Item 95-22 be removed.

The Assistant City Clerk read the remaining items into the record.

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

**\*77-22 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: SOUTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT AGENCY ON AGING (SWCAA) – TITLE III FUNDING OLDER AMERICANS ACT GRANT PROGRAM – PROJECT LIFESAVER PROGRAM (#24420).**

**\*78-22 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

**\*85-22 EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY23 – FY25 BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION, FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATION – AFTER-SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-12 (LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

**96-22 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Section 2.36.010 – Officers’ 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 BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 96-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.36.010 – OFFICERS’ 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.**

**\*\* THERE WAS A SECOND.**

Council Member Pereira said that she opposed this because someone retired and was wanted to stay on. They were claiming they would only be working 19 hours. The residents don't understand how someone could make \$119,000 for 19 hours of work. Graveyards are filled with irreplaceable people.

*Mayor Ganim left the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Council Member Newton assumed the chairmanship.*

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the item had gone through the Committee and passed, but after thinking it over she felt that there should be a time limit and the pay should be adjusted. She said that she would be voting against it.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that they keep saying that they should do the best for the City and reminded everyone that some people go to school and earn their degrees and qualification for the job.

*Mayor Ganim rejoined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

Council Member Herron said that they have had interim Directors for departments. It is time to train the people to replace the department heads because this is an aging department. The Council has had this conversation over and over again.

Discussion followed.

**\*\* THE MOTION ON AGENDA ITEM 96-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND SECTION 2.36.010 – OFFICERS’ 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 PASSED WITH TWELVE (12)**

**IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, BOYD, HERRON, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND FOUR (4) AGAINST (CRUZ, VIZZO-PANICCIA, LYONS AND PEREIRA).**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 93-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CHRONICALLY VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOLLOW NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN AS AMENDED.**

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

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

**95-22 Contracts Committee Report re: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 95-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Council Member Newton said that the Council Members had discussed this and felt that they should have some say so in the contract terms. He said that the officers should have to commit to a number of years in Bridgeport. Discussion followed.

Council Member Pereira said that it was an expensive contract. She outlined a number of issues that she had with the grievances bypassing the Police Commission. she said that there was no cost analysis on the pay increases among other things.

Council Member McBride-Lee pointed out that the union had voted on this and if it was okay with them, then it should be okay with the Council. People earn things.

**\*\* THE MOTION ON AGENDA ITEM 95-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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 PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BOYD, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO,**

**HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) AGAINST (PEREIRA).**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**90-22 Contracts Committee Report re: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 90-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that it was a violation of the ethics. Atty. Anastasi was at the bargaining table and his niece is a member of the Union.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 90-22 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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 PASSED WITH FIFTEEN (15) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, BOYD, HERRON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) AGAINST (PEREIRA).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM INVOLVING A RESOLUTION REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM TO THE AGENDA FOR REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED. (ITEM #113-22)**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM INVOLVING A RESOLUTION REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM #113-22)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Telesco Secretarial Services