

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Pro Tempore Newton called the Public Speaking session of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
131st District: Jorge Cruz, *Tyler Mack*
132nd District: Rolanda Smith
133rd District: Aikeem Boyd, *Jeanette Herron*
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy
136th District: Frederick Hodges, *Alfredo Castillo*
137th District: *Aidee Nieves*, Maria Valle
138th District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman
139th 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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.

NAME

SUBJECT

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Election – 2023.

Mr. Lee greeted the Council Members and read the following statement into the record”

Before the next “public speaking”, the Bridgeport Democratic Town Committee will hold a primary pitting the incumbent against a candidate opposing his return to office. There is an under-ticket also. Many of you have been renominated to

return to the ballot in November for the General Election, but some have not. Frankly I find that curious when considering democratic practices.

You know that I have noted the failure by a series of Bridgeport mayors to fully appoint fellow citizens to responsible positions on Boards and Commissions authorized by the Charter or by Statute. In the situation of both the Fair Rent Commission and Fair Housing Commission, those bodies have disappeared in plain sight without much comment or concern for more than 15 years through municipal dysfunction, ignorance, or corruption. Without new appointments to replace extended expired appointments, the bodies and their purposes died.

Last year the Council noted the failure of the City Planning Office to timely file a Housing Report with the State. You also passed an ordinance based on the CT statute to resurrect a Fair Rent Commission. You authorized a staff position and funded it for the current budget. But as yet, no hiring. A first Fair Rent Commission hearing is yet to occur. Takes time. I know.

With more than 50% of City residents in rental housing at a time when monthly rents have increased, as well as new units available, now more than ever it is not only the cost of such rentals that require a value review, but also more than 5,000 units subsidized by HUD voucher programs for the eligible poor, elderly, and infirm that require oversight. Who performs that now? In the downtown district, two City Council people have met monthly for two years to assist tenants of the former Stratfield Hotel, now the Stratfield Apartments with 190 units. They have guided movement towards the goal of creating a Tenant Association to offer democratic representation and elected leadership among the residents to speak for them for public security of tenants, private safety for mail and packages, and equal treatment of all residents, among a larger number of specific concerns.

Council time and talent are on display to folks who deserve equal treatment. But the DTC has ignored this work by appointing folks who have not shown up for these residents since the elevators failed in 2021. Why does this happen in Bridgeport? What happens to renters in your districts? Time will tell.

RECESS

The electrical power in the Chambers went out at 6:37 p.m. Council Member Pereira moved to recess until power was restored. The session resumed at 6:39 p.m. The power had not been restored.

Joseph Sokolovic
334 Burnsford Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Fiscal Oversight Responsibility.

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

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Joseph Sokolovic. I live at 334 Burnsford Avenue. As an elected official I, and each of you sitting up there, have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayer to ensure every single dollar is spent efficiently

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and in accordance with policy and procedure. I've been reviewing whether the money spent in accordance to policy in varying amounts from as little as a couple of hundred dollars to the soon to be released RFP for the enhanced audit of our entire financial records. I am before you each year to advocate for more money than the inadequate amount provided by the mayor. Every dollar counts, and needs to be spent in the best interest of the school system. As we approach the fiscal cliff, I will continue to review any expenditures I deem fit so long as I sit on the board.

Council Member Suliman joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

This information and documentation were requested about ten days before the finance meeting. I learned about 2 days before the meeting that this was being put through as a "qualified purchase". I received the attached documentation to [sic] the day of the finance meeting and reviewed it a mere hour before the meeting. It does not seem to fit a qualified purchase based on the reasons given on the justification letter, so I asked for clarification at the public meeting as is my obligation. Asking questions about a document is not a personal attack, as two city councilors had the audacity to publicly accuse certain board members of.

Now, for the real reason I am here, I am not sure the City Council understands its fiduciary responsibilities. This is evidenced by the very public statement by two city councilors that made accusations that publicly questioning the amphitheater rental and asking to review paperwork is a personal attack. City ordinance requires three price quotes for purchases under \$25K. One City councilor claimed publicly that she could not give her sermon because the congregation was so traumatized by the so-called personal attack questioning the expenditure of taxpayer dollars. Another city councilor made similar comments of personal attacks and irresponsibility tried to incite the public by stating "you will never get 5 votes to get rid of the superintendent" to be clear nobody is trying to get rid of the newly hired superintendent. It is baffling that mere due diligence regarding a purchase would trigger such comments.

That made me think, in the six years I have been governing in the same manner, so why now? Why this purchase? Why such an aggressive attack? Perhaps it was not who I was questioning, perhaps it was what I was questioning. The Amphitheater.

As publicly reported in the CT Post, and other media outlets, the city of Bridgeport receives twenty-five free concert tickets that are used, and sometimes abused, by elected officials and their families. Is this why certain council members are outraged? Has the city council ever reviewed the city's expenditures at the Amphitheater? I, as a taxpayer, demand that the city council do it [sic] due diligence and review the expenditures of city taxpayer dollars at the amphitheater to ensure [sic] that proper purchasing protocols were followed and share that information publicly. To be clear, the Amphitheater is not the only large venue in the city, Total Mortgage Arena has twice as much seating and has been used in the past for Graduations, Convocations and other city events.

So, I ask that you as elected officials do your due diligence and function as a check and balance, rather than rubber stamping everything that comes across the budget or contracts committee. Until you as a body do so, please refrain from personal attacks on my integrity for doing my due diligence. I certainly will continue doing my job in the same exact manner as I always have.

Chris Caruso

208 Beechmont Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Mr. Caruso came forward and said that when he went to the State Legislature, someone had warned him to always be prepared in case the microphones were not working properly. He stated he was present to speak about municipal ethics and suggested that the Council revamp the current Ethics Code which has been in place for many years. He requested that they form the Commission post haste in order to provide information to the Council. He spoke about things such as Sound on Sound Tickets and other similar instances that raised ethical questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Newton closed the public session at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim led those present in prayer for guidance in view of the fact there was no power in the Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll.

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138th District: Maria Pereira, Samia Suliman
139th District: Ernest Newton

There was a quorum present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

• June 20, 2023

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

114-22 Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of Jeygar Vargas – Docket No. 3:23-cv-00265-KAD, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

115-22 Communication from Finance re: Proposed Approval of the De-Authorization of Five (5) Projects previously approved for Bonding Authority, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

116-22 Communication from Finance re: Proposed Approval of General Obligation Bonds for the John Winthrop Elementary School Renovate/New Project, referred to Budget and Appropriations Committee.

117-22 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Charles G. Breland (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

119-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – Immunizations and Vaccines for Children – COVID-19 Supplemental Funding (#24471), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

120-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut State Library – Public Library Construction Grant – Lower East Side Branch (#24268), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

121-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Connecticut State Department of Education FY 24 After-School Health Disparities Grant for Grades K-12 (Lighthouse After-School Program), referred to Education and Social Services Committee.

122-22 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (#24312), referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

123-22 Communication from Civil Service re: Proposed Approval for the establishing of a New Job Classification and Specifications of the Certified Police Officer Position pursuant to Municipal Charter Chapter 17 Section 206(d), referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

114-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF JEYGAR VARGAS – DOCKET NO. 3:23-CV-00265-KAD, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

115-22 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF THE DE-AUTHORIZATION OF FIVE (5) PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR BONDING AUTHORITY, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

116-22 COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE/NEW PROJECT, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

117-22 COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES G. BRELAND (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

119-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES FOR CHILDREN – COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (#24471), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

120-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY – PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT – LOWER EAST SIDE BRANCH (#24268), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

121-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY 24 AFTER-SCHOOL HEALTH DISPARITIES GRANT FOR GRADES K-12 (LIGHTHOUSE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM), REFERRED TO EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

122-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FY 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (#24312), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

123-22 COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE RE: PROPOSED APPROVAL FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER POSITION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CHARTER CHAPTER 17 SECTION 206(D), REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Due to the fact that there was no electrical power in the Chambers at this time, the agenda items were taken in order of importance due to the decreasing amount of daylight.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

118-22 Communication from Housing & Community Development re: Proposed Resolution regarding a Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Program year 45 Annual Action Plan as it relates to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM 118-22 COMMUNICATION FROM HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR 45 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM AGENDA ITEM 118-22 COMMUNICATION FROM HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR 45 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HODGES, VALLE, PEREIRA, SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (BURNS AND LYONS).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 118-22 COMMUNICATION FROM HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE**

2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR 45 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira asked if this funding was from the CARES Act or the traditional CDBG funding. Mr. Gaudett stated that it was and gave a brief overview of the reasons for the amendment. The Clinic is moving to a new location and this project qualifies for funding.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM AGENDA ITEM 118-22 COMMUNICATION FROM HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR 45 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HODGES, VALLE, PEREIRA, SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (BURNS AND LYONS).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 97-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: CAPITAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO FY 2024-2028 FOR THE COMPLETE REHABILITATION OF JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PER STATE PROJECT #015-0182RNV/EA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

Council Member Burns explained that the State was referring to the project with the title of John Winthrop Elementary School with the State Project #015-0182RNV/EA, but went on to state that this project also included the Skane Center.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia expressed concerns about the Skane Center not being included in the paperwork. She said that she did not want to see the Skane Center lost during the project construction. Council Member Newton said that he was the Chair of the School Building Committee and that the Skane Center would have its own wing. A discussion followed about the Skane Center's programs, the necessary space requirements and whether this project had been approved by the Board of Education.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 97-22 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: CAPITAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO FY 2024-2028 FOR THE COMPLETE REHABILITATION OF JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PER STATE PROJECT #015-0182RNV/EA PASSED WITH**

THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, VALLE, PEREIRA SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (HODGES).

Council Member McCarthy expressed concerns about Consent Agenda Items 102-22, 103-22 and 104-22, which were refunds for tax payments.

Power was restored to the Chambers at this point in the meeting.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR): CONT'D

***91-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: 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.**

***98-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 12.08 – Street, Sidewalk and Driveway Construction and Maintenance.**

***99-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 12.12 – Excavations.**

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

***107-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report 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).**

***108-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) Community Connectivity Grant Program (#24395).**

***102-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – The Rago Family Limited Partnership.**

***103-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Corelogic.**

***104-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Bass Pro Outdoor World LLC.**

Mayor Ganim asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove any remaining item from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia requested that Agenda Item 98-22 be removed. There was a request to remove 91-22. The Assistant City Clerk then read the agenda item into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

***99-22 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 12.12 – EXCAVATIONS.**

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

***107-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 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).**

***108-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CT DOT) COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM (#24395).**

***102-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – THE RAGO FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.**

***103-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – CORELOGIC.**

***104-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – BASS PRO OUTDOOR WORLD LLC.**

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

91-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: 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.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 91-22 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 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.**

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

Council Member Pereira said that she had been working on this ordinance herself and referred to some of the language on page 2 of the document. She noted that many times, the drivers separated the tractor cab from the trailer. She said that 10,000 pounds was too high because the trailer might be empty. She stated that this had not been updated since 1957.

There is a portion of the code that allows the commercial vehicles to park on residential streets except between the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. However, often the residents don't happen to notice the vehicles until later in the morning, when the parking is allowed. This needs to be addressed. A brief discussion followed.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

98-22 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 12.08 – Street, Sidewalk and Driveway Construction and Maintenance.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 98-22 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 12.08 – STREET, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HODGES, VALLE, PEREIRA SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

ROLL CALL VOTE ITEMS:

***87-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Troy Robert Denunzio (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED AGENDA ITEM 87-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF TROY ROBERT DENUNZIO (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that the applications for these appointments should be a matter of public record and available to the Council Members. She stated that she would be opposing the candidates solely because she did not have access to their applications.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, VIZZO-PANICCIA , MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HODGES, VALLE, SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (LYONS AND PEREIRA).**

***100-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Ayo Haynes (D) to the Fair Rent Commission.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED AGENDA ITEM 100-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF AYO HAYNES (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ELEVEN (11) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, VIZZO-PANICCIA , MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, VALLE, SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND THREE (3) OPPOSED (LYONS, HODGES AND PEREIRA).**

***111-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Elizabeth Gonzalez (D) to the Fair Rent Commission.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED AGENDA ITEM 111-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH GONZALEZ (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWELVE (12) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, VIZZO-PANICCIA , MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HODGES, VALLE, SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND TWO (2) OPPOSED (LYONS AND PEREIRA).**

***112-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Soledad Nunez (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD MOVED AGENDA ITEM 112-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF SOLEDAD NUNEZ (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that those who serve on Planning and Zoning need to be qualified.

Council Member Newton pointed out that people learn as they serve and presently, there is no required criteria. He added that people do not want to serve on the Bridgeport Boards and Commissions because the candidates are so poorly treated. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 112-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF SOLEDAD NUNEZ (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

105-22 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant (CFWR) Program (#24555).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 105-22 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) COMPOSTING AND FOOD WASTE REDUCTION GRANT (CFWR) PROGRAM (#24555).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN (13) IN FAVOR (MCCARTHY, CRUZ, SMITH, BOYD, VIZZO-PANICCIA, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, HODGES, VALLE, PEREIRA SULIMAN AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (BURNS).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

56-22 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of John Mariani, Jr. (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 56-22 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MARIANI, JR. (D) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services.