

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair; AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair;
Alfredo Castillo, Matthew McCarthy, Rolanda Smith, Samia
Suliman (6:15 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member(s): S. Burns & J. Cruz; City Atty. M. Anastasi, A.
Toledo, Community Relations Director; Chris Caruso, Elizabeth
Gonzalez, Troy Robert Denunzio, Ayo Haynes, Soledad Nunez, Carmen
Lopez

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

• **June 26, 2023 (Regular Meeting).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF THE JUNE 26, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2023 REGULAR
MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

101-22 Refund of Excess Payments – MTG Realty LLC Savings Bank of Danbury.

It was stated that the Tax Collector had not received all of the documentation regarding this
refund.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 101-
22 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – MTG REALTY LLC SAVINGS BANK OF
DANBURY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

102-22 Refund of Excess Payments – The Rago Family Limited Partnership.

Ms. Jones stated that the Rago Family had overpaid their taxes by \$20,242.87.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 102-22
REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – THE RAGO FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

103-22 Refund of Excess Payments – Corelogic.

Ms. Jones explained that this was a \$21,193.19 refund which occurred due to duplicate payments.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 103-22 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – CORELOGIC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

104-22 Refund of Excess Payments – Bass Pro Outdoor World LLC.

Ms. Jones said that they had accidentally sent in a duplicate payment of \$53,526.25 for personal property.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 104-22 REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – BASS PRO OUTDOOR WORLD LLC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Suliman joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

87-22 Appointment of Troy Robert Denunzio (D) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Mr. Denunzio came forward and said that he lived in Black Rock and had worked in New York real estate.

Council Member Burns said that Mr. Denunzio was well versed in the real estate world. He is a professional and an upstanding citizen. Council Member McCarthy agreed.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked if he would be able to make it back from the City in time for the meetings. Mr. Denunzio said that he would.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 87-22 APPOINTMENT OF TROY ROBERT DENUNZIO (D) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

100-22 Appointment of Ayo Haynes (D) to the Fair Rent Commission.

Ms. Haynes said that she had been a property owner since 1996 but moved from New York to Bridgeport in 2019. She has worked in real estate for 17 years and has seen an increasing disconnect between the landlords and those individuals who have rent vouchers.

Ms. Haynes said that this Commission is needed to make sure the gap is bridged. Discussion followed about the tenant/landlord issues.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 100-22 APPOINTMENT OF AYO HAYNES (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

111-22 Appointment of Elizabeth Gonzalez (D) to the Fair Rent Commission.

Ms. Gonzalez greeted the Committee and said that she had worked with a number of housing complexes and that she is currently working with a complex that has 105 residents that are elderly or disabled that is located in the Old Bishop Curtis complex. She works with the tenant association.

Council Member Cruz said that it was a pleasure to support Ms. Gonzalez. He met her 10 years ago when she was working with the residents in a senior housing complex. He added that both Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Haynes would be excellent candidates for the Fair Rent Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 111-22 APPOINTMENT OF ELIZABETH GONZALEZ (D) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

112-22 Appointment of Soledad Nunez (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Ms. Soledad Nunez came forward and said that she was a property owner and a business owner in Bridgeport. She loves Bridgeport and is committed to its growth and welfare. She moved from New York to Bridgeport in 2008 and is a social worker.

There was a question about a pending legal issue. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 112-22 APPOINTMENT OF SOLEDAD NUNEZ (D) TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services