

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-chair;
Matthew McCarthy, Rolanda Smith, Samia Suliman

OTHERS: Council Member Tyler Mack, A. Toldeo, Community Relations Director;
City Attorney Mark Anastasi, Associate City Attorney L. Ouellette; Atty.
John Mitola (7:05 p.m.); Charles Breland, James O'Donnell

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

• **September 25, 2023**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

117-22 – Appointment of Charles G. Breland (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Charles Breland came forward, greeted the Council Members and gave a brief overview of his work history.

Council Member McCarthy asked why he was interested in the ZBA. Mr. Breland said that he was interested in serving and that he had already served as an alternate on the Board.

Council Member Mack said that Mr. Breland was a constituent and he had been a very valuable member of the NZR.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 117-22
– APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES G. BRELAND (D) TO THE ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

128-22 – Reappointment of James O'Donnell (D) to the Library Board.

Mr. O'Donnell came forward and greeted the Committee members. He said that his wife was a native Bridgeport resident and he was from Toledo Ohio. He has been involved in the Library Board for many years.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she had known Mr. O'Donnell for many years and seen him work with the library Board Members.

Council Member Mack said while he had never met Mr. O'Donnell before, he strongly approved of the work that the Library has been doing in the past few years.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 128-22 – REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES O'DONNELL (D) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.
** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

129-22 – Reappointment of Kenya Osborne Gant (D) to the Library Board.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that Ms. Gant could not be present due to illness.

Council Member McCarthy reminded everyone that Ms. Gant had been before the Committee two years ago and there were no issues.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 129-22 – REAPPOINTMENT OF KENYA OSBORNE GANT (D) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.
** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

130-22 – Appointment of Jerome Roberts (U) to the Fair Rent Commission.

Mr. Roberts was not present.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 130-22 – APPOINTMENT OF JEROME ROBERTS (U) TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION.
** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (VIZZO-PANICCA, SMITH AND SULIMAN) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY).**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

131-22 – Subject: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation in the matter of Agata Kotapka Case #3:18-cv-1660 (RNC).

132-22 – Subject: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of Wayne Williams – Docket No. FBT-CV-20-6096034-S.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PENDING LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS:**

131-22 – SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF AGATA KOTAPKA CASE #3:18-CV-1660 (RNC).

132-22 – SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF WAYNE WILLIAMS – DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-20-6096034-S.

WITH ATTORNEYS ANASTASI, OUELLETTE AND MITOLA.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Council Members, Atty Anastasi and Atty. Ouellette entered into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Atty. Anastasi and Atty. Ouellette left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Atty. Mitola joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Council Members and Atty. Mitola returned to Public Session at 7:11 p.m. No actions were taken or motions made during Executive Session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED AGENDA ITEM 132-22 – SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF WAYNE WILLIAMS – DOCKET NO. FBT-CV-20-6096034-S.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (VIZZO-PANICCA, SMITH AND SULIMAN) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (MCCARTHY).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED AGENDA ITEM 131-22 – SUBJECT: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF AGATA KOTAPKA CASE #3:18-cv-1660 (RNC).**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SULIMAN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Telesco Secretarial Services