

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: Marcus Brown, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy, Co-chair;
Ernest Newton, Avelino Silva, Maria Valle, Michelle Lyons
(6:07 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council Member(s): Jeanette Herron, Maria Pereira, Scott Burns & Eneida
Martinez (6:09 p.m.); Tom Gaudett, Mayoral Aide; Barbara, Call in User
1 (6:05 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

• November 30, 2020 (Regular Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

The following correction was noted:

Pg. 9, paragraph 4, line 2: please change the following from:

“Bridgeport only receives \$15,000.”

To “ Bridgeport only receives \$1,500.”

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.**

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

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 REGULAR MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

• December 7, 2020 (Public Hearing)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Call in User 1 joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

108-19 Proposed resolution requesting the City Attorney to draft amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances to Reduce Auto Theft and Break-Ins.

Council Member Brown said that the resolution was co-sponsored by Council Member Newton and Council Member Martinez. Council Member Newton asked the Committee to wait for Council Member Martinez to join the meeting. This was agreeable to all.

195-19 Proposed Resolution for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City Code to restrict selecting, reclassifying or otherwise placing political appointees/unclassified service appointees in vacant positions in the classified service during period Mayor is a “lame-duck”.

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 195-19 PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY CODE TO RESTRICT SELECTING, RECLASSIFYING OR OTHERWISE PLACING POLITICAL APPOINTEES/UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE APPOINTEES IN VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE DURING PERIOD MAYOR IS A “LAME-DUCK”.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that at the last Committee meeting, Atty. Anastasi had agreed to draft an ordinance.

Council Member Lyons joined at 6:07 p.m.

Council Member Pereira asked if the resolution had been received. She said that it specifically stated in the minutes that a document would be ready for the next Committee meeting. Council Member Brown said that he had not received a document from the City Attorney’s Office.

Council Member Pereira said that they were voting on an item but did not have a resolution.

Council Member Martinez joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Council Member Newton asked the Committee to vote this out of Committee and let the City Attorney deal with it.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 195-19 PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY CODE TO RESTRICT SELECTING, RECLASSIFYING OR OTHERWISE PLACING POLITICAL APPOINTEES/UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE APPOINTEES IN VACANT POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE DURING PERIOD MAYOR IS A “LAME-DUCK” PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

196-19 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add New Chapter 12.17 – Establishing an Honorary Street Naming Program in the City of Bridgeport. (For the purpose of ordering a public hearing only.)

Council Member Brown said that they had previously approved the item in Committee but had not scheduled a public hearing.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. ON AGENDA ITEM 196-19 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.17 – ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET NAMING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. ON AGENDA ITEM 196-19 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.17 – ESTABLISHING AN HONORARY STREET NAMING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

108-19 Proposed resolution requesting the City Attorney to draft amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances to Reduce Auto Theft and Break-Ins. CONTINUED

Council Member Brown noted that none of the City Attorneys were on the call. Council Member Martinez asked the Committee to table the item. She said that she would prefer to have an attorney present to answer questions.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 108-19 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REDUCE AUTO THEFT AND BREAK-INS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 108-19 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REDUCE AUTO THEFT AND BREAK-INS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

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