

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT 06604

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: October 16, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 21-23** Communication from City Clerk re: Certification of Oath of City Council Members, **ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**
- 22-23** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health FY24 Per Capita Funding Allocation (#24220), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 23-23** Communication from Civil Service Commission re: Proposed Approval to Establish Two (2) New Permanent Positions for the Job Classification and Specifications of Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager and the Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS) Pursuant to Municipal Charter, Chapter 17, Section 206(d), referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 24-23** Communication from Civil Service Commission re: Proposed Approval for an update to the Job Description of the Classification of Purchasing Agent Pursuant to Civil Service Rule IX, Sec. 3, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 25-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Paul Miller (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 26-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of John Stevens (U) to the Harbor Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 27-23** Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax PILOT Agreement with the Bridgeport Housing Authority d/b/a Park City Communities to Facilitate the Substantial Renovation of the Harborview Apartments, to provide Housing to Elderly and Disabled Residents, located at 376 East Washington Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.

NAME	SUBJECT
1.) John Marshall Lee 30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605	Municipal Governance.
2.) Shan-Ali Ahmed BICC 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate De-escalation and Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.
3.) Musa-Ali Ahmed BICC 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate De-escalation and Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.
4.) Muhsen Youssef 26 Pequonnock Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Ceasefires in Gaza.
5.) Michael Merli Bridgeport Islamic Community Center 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate de-escalation and permanent Ceasefire in Israel, Gaza and the occupied West Bank.
6.) Hanan Abdulwahid Bridgeport Islamic Community Center 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate De-escalation and Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.
7.) Amina Seyal Bridgeport Islamic Community Center 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate De-escalation and permanent Ceasefire in Israel, Gaza and the occupied West Bank.
8.) Hamza Seyal Bridgeport Islamic Community Center 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate De-escalation and permanent Ceasefire in Israel, Gaza and the occupied West Bank.
9.) James Shaham BICC 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for a De-escalation and Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.
10.) Yahya Attieh 2429 North Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604	Resolution calling for an Immediate De-escalation and permanent Ceasefire in Israel, Gaza and the occupied West Bank.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Aidee Nieves called the Public Speaking session of the City Council to order at 6:32 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: *Dasha Spell (6:45)*, Rolanda Smith
- 133rd District: Aikeem Boyd
- 134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
- 135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Ortiz
- 136th District: Frederick Hodges
- 137th District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle
- 138th District: Maria Pereira, Jazmarie Melendez
- 139th District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newton

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A quorum was present. Names shown in italics did not respond when the roll was called.

Council president Nieves greeted those in attendance and mentioned those signed up for public speaking must use their personal address if they are not board members at the Bridgeport Islamic Center and there will be no yielding time today, only those who signed up can share their statements.

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There were in total Eleven speakers, ten speakers were registered and one from the floor.

NAME

SUBJECT

John Marshall Lee -
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Municipal Governance.

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Mr. Lee came forward and read the following statement into the record.

Historic reenactments abound as we come to 250-year American anniversaries. This past weekend we read about the Boston Tea Party where colonials dressed as American Indians threw tea worth over \$1.7 Million in 2023 values into the Harbor at Boston. A pre-Revolutionary War protest? Like petitions and marches? I was away attending another enactment at Fort Ticonderoga. The Fort had changed hands between British, French and colonials in its earlier days overseeing the passage between two waters. When the British abandoned the location Americans under the command of Israel Putnam and Benedict Arnold replaced them and Colonel Henry Knox hooked oxen to cannons at Fort Ti to haul them across NY, VT and then MA to Boston during spring 1775 to be the artillery for the patriots gathered at Bunker Hill for a battle and siege. In the last hour of our trip home, we passed Putnam Park in Redding which was the winter encampment of troops during 1778-79 who were intended to support military activity along the Long Island shore, in Danbury-Ridgefield, and at West Point. Something I had never heard previously was the dire need of those soldiers for pay – the “Continental” were basically worthless to them, costing one month’s pay for less than a week of provisions. And clothing and bedding allotted to a soldier annually was not forthcoming either. A letter to military officers ultimately became a petition to Governor John Trumbull of CT outlining the distress caused, that promoted thoughts of mutiny among the fighters. The letter was in the form of a petition for redress. It received attention from General George Washington. It is interesting that the last two Council meetings have requested a petition from current residents about a cause of action. Whether the Council can offer any worthwhile action, or not, in this instance, it appears to me that they can listen to the voices of the people and respond without further delay. It is the “voice of some of the people.” As we approach next week, thank you CC for the new system to ask questions about governance. Civic learning can increase. That is to the good. Also, the findings from the CT Mirror about absentee ballot use and misuse shows the need for OVERSIGHT. What will you do as Council? And perhaps there will be more oversight by all residents for fair and equal treatment to combat injustice in the New Year. Time will tell.

Mohammad Nazme Shaham -
186 Beechmont Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and ceasefire in
Israel and Gaza.

Mr. Shaham came forward and read the following statement into the record.

Assalamualaikum, my name is Mohammad Nazme Shaham. With all due respect, I would like each and everyone of your undivided attention. I'm here today to talk about the urgent and crucial issue of the need for a ceasefire in Palestine. All of Palestine. I am Palestinian, and I have family in the West Bank. I have family that was killed by the IDF. I have experienced threats, mistreatment, and fear of losing my life while visiting family in Palestine. We all have someone we look up to. My role model was my 22 year old cousin Ala Mohammad Shaham, who lived in Qalandi, a small town in the West Bank. He was killed on March 15th 2022 by the IDF while feeding his birds on his balcony. The IDF sniper shot one bullet straight to his head. Innocent, no weapons, no crime, just killed for no reason. In their eyes, it was practice or fun. The region's increased violence has caused unimaginable suffering, deaths, and human tragedy. We, the people, have a right to voice our concerns, and a moral duty to confront this issue and push for an end to the violence. Currently, the Gaza Strip holds close to 2 million people in an area of 140 square miles. That's no bigger than Washington D.C. Almost half that population is made up entirely of children. Innocent children, that have not committed a crime Innocent children who have no say in this war, Innocent children who have been victims of Israeli bombardment for more than 2 months and 80 plus years. In the eyes of the terrorist known as the IDF, the only crime Palestinians have committed is the fact that they were born Palestinian. With the holiday season upon us, most kids in America today

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wonder about the gifts they' receive or how to spend their time while on their break from school. While children in Gaza worry about their homes falling on them, where their next meal or water will come from, or if they'll live to see another day. At this point, a cease fire is not a cry for help; it is a cry for humanity. Here are a few strong arguments in favor of the necessity and urgency of a ceasefire in Gaza: Humanitarian Crisis: The Gaza population is suffering from a serious lack of access to basic essentials like food, clean water, and healthcare. A ceasefire would open up an important window of opportunity for those in extreme need to receive humanitarian relief. International Stability: The Gaza conflict impacts international stability and security, with far-reaching effects that extend beyond the region. In order to lessen these wider effects and promote international collaboration in addressing the fundamental problems, a ceasefire is an essential first step. I question every day if my 6 year old nephew is going to be safe going to school as a Palestinian or if my sisters or mother or friends are going to be safe with their hijab on? Last time I was here in this room, there was a woman complaining about having no heat in the school her children go to. It's crazy to think that less than 1 percent of the 14.3 billion dollars that is sent to Israel to fund a genocide, could be used to make America as a whole a better place in so many aspects. I'm going to close off with this: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." And I quote "justice for all." Does that not include the three Palestinian males my age in Vermont that got shot for wearing this (Keffiyeh), or the 6 year old that got stabbed 26 times in Chicago for being Palestinian? Does it not include the Muslim women that wear hijab with fear everyday? I'll thank you for listening when action is taken. Free Palestine Cease fire now.

Mahmoud Abbas -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and ceasefire in
Israel and Gaza.

Mr. Abbas came forward and read the following statement into the record.

Good Evening, Respected members of the Bridgeport City Council, thank you for giving me the opportunity to address this urgent matter today. My name is Mahmoud Abbas, member of the Bridgeport Islamic Community Center, 703 State Street, Bridgeport. Born in a refugee camp in South Lebanon, after the "Nakba" catastrophe of 1948. In that year, the Zionist militias, protected by the British army, committed genocide, and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population. My grandparents were among those displaced. Majority of those living in the peaceful cities were expelled to Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. The apartheid state of Israel continued to commit massacres over the next few decades, including in 1970 in Egypt, in 1982 in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp in Lebanon, in 1996 in Qana in South Lebanon, and now in Gaza. Palestinians are facing the same devastation 75 years later in front of the whole world. We are watching children, women, elderly, and civilians being slaughtered with US weapons. A staggering 19,000 innocent Palestinians have been murdered and over 6,000 are still missing under the rubble. Over 50,000 are injured, with no medication. The only cure for some is amputation. Over 1.9 million are displaced and waiting for the basic necessities of life that we all take for granted. Palestinians face all kinds of oppression on a daily basis. Every time I travel to occupied Palestine, I get detained for over 5 hours. In 2019, while visiting Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, an Israeli soldier pointed a gun to my back, and forced me to get out of the mosque. I feared for my life, that I might get shot and killed while walking away. The Israeli state believes that the young will forget and the old will die. They are wrong. We will never forget, even if our elders pass on. We, Palestinians, exhibit remarkable resilience, loyalty, and pride that cannot be stripped away. Our stories deserve to be heard and understood through compassion and empathy. We know that Palestine will be free. We know that we will return back to our home. Ceasefire now. Lift the siege off Gaza and the West Bank today, and Free Palestine. Bridgeport City Council - please pass the Ceasefire Resolution today. Thank you.

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Muhsen Youssef -
26 Pequonnock Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Ceasefire in Gaza.

Mr. Youssef did not make an appearance on the podium, he was not in attendance.

Michael Merli -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and permanent ceasefire
in Israel, Gaza, and West Bank.

Alongside: Yahaira Martinez
30 Clearwater Circle
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Mr. Merli greeted the council and told the council he will be sharing his time with Yahaira Martinez. Council president Nieves responded they will not be yielding time today but he can read or submit her statement for the record.

Mr. Merli read the following statement on behalf of Yahaira Martinez into the record.

Good evening City Council, My name is Yahaira Martinez, and my address is 30 Clearwater Circle. I have been a Bridgeport resident for the past 33 years. My family is from Humacao, Puerto Rico. I am a wife, a mother, a sister, an aunt, a daughter, and a teacher. But most importantly I am a Christian. My Bible teaches me that I have to be my brother's keeper. Those in Gaza and in the West Bank are my brothers and sisters. I'm trying my best to be their keeper. How can I be their keeper when my hard-earned tax dollars are going to fund weapons and ammunition to Kill innocent people who are with no food, water, medicine, communication, and shelter? Children are dying, and those who are still alive have watched their parents, siblings, grandparents, and I've seen and followed the journey of two young Palestinian heroes, Bisan and Motaz, who are disappearing right before our eyes. These Palestinian heroes are journalists, and through their eyes, the rest of the world gets to see what is really going on in Gaza. Bisan and Motaz have been reporting on the destruction of their own people and their own homeland, while they are only 24 and 25 years old. My heart aches for them and their people. My heart aches with the rest of my brothers and sisters who you are hearing from today, who are asking you to take a stand and demand an end to Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people. We demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire. With a ceasefire, we will save lives. All of us here should be able to agree that saving human life is an important and urgent concern for us. I cannot begin to imagine the pain that the people of Palestine are going through. They don't know where their next meal is going to come from or whether or not they will have shelter and a warm place to stay. They do not have safety, they do not know if they will be alive even in the next second with the bombs Israel is dropping from above. It is heartbreaking to see children crying out for parents who unfortunately are not coming out of the rubble. Children are missing limbs, they are crying in pain because they are hurt, they are traumatized, they are scared and alone. Parents are crying because they have lost everything in a blink of an eye, they have lost their homes, they have lost their precious children who they loved so dearly. You don't have to be from a specific denomination, race, or culture to understand their pain. You just have to be human. As a Christian, my prayer is that God touches the hearts of those who are in charge of this genocide and moves them to immediately ceasefire, but we can not wait. We must act now and do all that we can to stop this. Bridgeport City Council - as your constituent, I ask you to do the right thing and vote in favor of the Ceasefire Resolution.

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Hanan Abdulwahid -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and ceasefire in
Israel community and Gaza.

Ms. Abdulwahid came forward and read the following statement into the record.

My name is Hanan, and I am Palestinian American. I came here today to express my deep sorrow for the Palestinian people who have lost and continue to lose their lives at this moment due to the Israeli bombing of the Gaza Strip. According to the health administration in Gaza, more than 20 thousand people have lost their lives, including 8,000 children, and hundreds are still missing under the rubble of their houses, schools, and hospitals. What we are witnessing right now is the literal definition of genocide. It is an ethnic cleansing of our people, and nobody is taking any serious action to stop it from continuing. Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib said, "We are not disposable." Indeed, we are human beings who deserve to live in peace and have fundamental human rights such as water, electricity, food, and shelter. I speak to you as a mother of two young Palestinian children. I have been watching a genocide through my screen for the past 72 days. We are exhausted and heartbroken at the images and videos we are witnessing of children being murdered. They are being deprived of food, water, and shelter. It is winter in Palestine and they are sleeping on the ground under freezing rain. We have seen children getting their limbs amputated without anesthesia—children who have to bury their parents. Infants were left out to die in hospital beds with no mercy due to the brutal Israeli army. And let me tell you, when I look into the faces of those children, I see my children's faces. Words cannot express the amount of pain and guilt I feel because I believe we, as the United States government, have failed those kids. Israel claims its violence is about trying to eliminate Hamas. But even though Hamas only has a presence in Gaza, Israel's violence has not been limited to Gaza; they have been killing and terrorizing Palestinians in the occupied West Bank as well. On October 8, I lost my cousin who was only 16 years old. He was shot and killed for no reason. My cousin is one of the hundreds of Palestinian civilians in the occupied West Bank who have been killed or detained since October 7. So I am here today to ask that you support the Ceasefire Resolution submitted by Council Member Melendez. I support an immediate and permanent ceasefire. I support humanitarian aid being able to pass into Gaza so we can save the rest of the civilians that have endured far more than anyone can imagine.

Amina Seyal -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel,
Gaza, and the occupied West Bank.

Ms. Seyal did not make an appearance on the podium, he was not in attendance.

Hamza Seyal -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel,
Gaza, and the occupied West Bank.

Mr. Seyal came forward and read the following statement into the record.

Hello City Council of Bridgeport, My name is Hamza Seyal and I'm a member of BICC at 703 State Street. Now, I was born just five minutes from here at Bridgeport Hospital 21 years ago and to this day I'm still here as an active member of the Bridgeport Islamic Community Center. I'm also Pakistani, I'm a Muslim, and I'm a student at UConn Stamford studying Political Science. Over the past few weeks, I've

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seen some people say that it "seems pointless for a city council to support a ceasefire resolution for something happening across the world" and to that, I could not disagree with more. This great city of Bridgeport, has more influence than you would think. You all as well, respected members of the City Council, have far more influence than you would think. Three weeks ago in Burlington, Vermont, three 20 year old Palestinian students were shot in cold blood simply for wearing Palestinian Keffiyehs. Last Monday, the City Council of Burlington held a vote to call for a ceasefire resolution, and while the vote tied 6 to 6, that vote had major influence on what politicians in the state of Vermont felt about a ceasefire. Most notably, one of the most recognizable and popular politicians in the whole country, Senator Bernie Sanders from Vermont, made a statement in support of a ceasefire in Palestine last Wednesday. For over two months, Senator Bernie's supporters were continuously asking him to support a ceasefire resolution but he didn't comply. Even after three Palestinians were shot in the city he used to be mayor in, he still didn't call for a ceasefire. But, two days after the City Council of Burlington had a vote on a ceasefire resolution, that is when Bernie finally called for a ceasefire as well. Now while Burlington is the largest city in Vermont, Bridgeport is the largest city here in Connecticut. The politicians representing Bridgeport in congress, Senator Chris Murphy, Senator Richard Blumental, and Congressman Jim Himes are the ones who can truly pressure the US government into calling for a ceasefire. I interned with Congressman Himes last year, and I know for a fact he takes note of what is going on in the cities he represents, and I know he, alongside Murphy and Blumental, will hear about the vote on the ceasefire resolution that will take place here in the Bridgeport City Council. One thing I always tell my family is that local elections are so so important to vote in because the local officials that we're voting for are the ones who will actually represent us and influence those above to make the right decisions. Members of the City Council, if you pass this ceasefire resolution, I guarantee it will influence those with more power in this state and this country to potentially call for a ceasefire themselves. This incredible community behind me put you all on that stage to represent us, we put our trust in you all, and I can only hope you do the right thing. Thank you.

James Shaham -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for a de-escalation
de-escalation and ceasefire in
Israel and Gaza.

Mr. Shaham came forward and read the following statement into the record.

Good evening, members of the city council and fellow community members. I would like to thank the Bridgeport City Council for this opportunity to speak in front of you tonight. First to get this out of the way. I condemn all civilian deaths that occur from the military occupation of Palestine on both sides for many decades or since I lived there in 1994. I'm over 50, born and raised in Connecticut and married for 29 years to a beautiful woman from the West Bank who still has a large family there living under occupation, and they are always in our prayers. We are blessed to have four sons who were all born in Bridgeport. My 80 year old mother was born and raised in Bridgeport and my living 80 year old father was born in Lydda Palestine and survived the Lydda Death March of 1948. My father worked at Bonanza and the Bridgeport Jai-Alai for many years, and then became an engineer and devoting another 20 years of his life to assembling the Abrams tank engines with the UAW only minutes from here. He is a very reclusive man that was never affiliated with any political group or ever taught us to hate anyone based on their race or religion, and in fact has always tried to avoid the topic for years, but still agreed to come tonight in support of my speech. I am here today not only as a concerned American taxpayer, but also as a father, a son, a grandson, and a husband to urge you to support a ceasefire resolution in the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas. This war has claimed the lives of thousands of innocent people, including many children, and has caused immense suffering and devastation for both sides. A ceasefire is not only a moral duty, but also a strategic necessity for the security and stability of our region and the world. A ceasefire is the only way, I'll say it again, a ceasefire is the only way to end the cycle of violence and

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create the conditions for a lasting peace. According to the UN General Assembly, a ceasefire would allow for the release of the Israeli hostages and the arbitrarily detained Palestinians, the restoration of basic services and humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the de-escalation of the conflict. A ceasefire would also prevent further escalation and regional instability, as warned by the Indonesian President and other world leaders. A ceasefire would also reflect the will of the majority of the people, as shown by the letters and petitions signed by hundreds of Biden. administration staff, former campaign staff, and congressional employees, who called on the president to demand a ceasefire and reassess the US foreign policy on Israel. A ceasefire would also save lives and heal wounds, not only in Israel and Gaza, but also here in our city. I'm sure you all know someone who has been affected by this war, either directly or indirectly. I had two cousins that were killed by the Israeli occupation forces last year in the West Bank (which shows that Israel's violence against Palestinians did not begin on October 7, 2023). We are almost numb to the suffering. Maybe you have a friend or a relative who lives in Israel or Gaza, or who has family or friends in the West Bank. I have family in both Israel who never left their land in 1948 and the occupied West Bank of Palestine so I have seen much of both sides of the story from an American born perspective. In conclusion, a ceasefire is the most urgent and sensible solution to ending the violence. A ceasefire would stop the bloodshed, ease the suffering, and pave the way for peace. A ceasefire would also serve the interests and values of our city, our country, and our world. I urge you, members of the Bridgeport City Council, to pass this resolution in support of a ceasefire, and to use your influence and connections to pressure the President and the Congress to do the same. I also urge you, my fellow community members, to raise your voice and demand a ceasefire, and to show your solidarity and compassion with the people of Israel and Gaza. My hope is to see Palestinians and Israelis living side by side in peace, and prevent the next generation of American Palestinian children being told "Palestine doesn't exist". Together, we can make a difference and end this war. Thank you for your time and attention.

Yahya Attieh -
703 State Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Resolution calling for an immediate
de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel,
Gaza, and the occupied West Bank.

Mr. Attieh came forward and read the following statement into the record.

Good evening respected members of the Bridgeport City Council. Thank you for granting me the chance to voice my concerns today as a resident of Bridgeport. My name is Yahya Attieh, I live at 2429 North Avenue. I am 70 years old and I am Palestinian. / came to the US almost 50 years ago in 1974 as a student. I studied here, I got married, I worked 16 hours a day for 22 years, I raised and took care of my family here, I have grandkids now too. Sadly, the genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people started not on October 7, 2023, but 75 years earlier. My story started in Jordan, born as a Palestinian refugee from Jerusalem. My family suffered the first Nakba in 1948, forcing them to flee to refugee camps in Jordan. My parents managed to return to Jerusalem in 1960 when I was a young child, but to a different village. Seven years later, we suffered the 1967 Naksa, when Israeli forces took over Jerusalem and forced many Palestinians to leave. The occupation army came, but my Mom refused to leave. I remember when she said, "We are not going to leave again. That is enough. If we die, we die here." Today, my sisters and brothers with their families are still living under oppression and daily abuse in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of Jerusalem. The Israeli government continues to try to force these families to leave the homes where they have lived for generations. The current ongoing attack on Gaza is over 10 weeks old. That means it has been over 70 days of killing civilians in Palestine, including Gaza and the occupied West Bank. The Israeli army continuously targets civilian locations, including residential buildings, churches and mosques, UN refugee schools, and hospitals. Today, Palestinians are suffering not only from continuous bombing and the use of chemical weapons, but also from cold weather, hunger, and disease. Over 1.5 million people are displaced as refugees without food or access to clean water, medical care, fuel, and other basic needs. International calls are being made to stop this crisis, and prevent

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an already dire situation from becoming even worse. The whole world knows that the occupation wouldn't have started without the unconditional support of the US government. Tonight, I stand in front of you as a Bridgeport resident, and as a Palestinian-American who believes in justice. I stand in front of you tonight, to ask you to do the right thing, to support and pass the Ceasefire Resolution submitted by Council Member Melendez. Together, let's make a shared commitment to human rights and support the Palestinian people.

Orlanda Strong
418 Park Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

Classical Magnet Academy Building

Ms. Strong shared she was at the last public speaking to talk about Classical Magnet school and a new building for the school. She was told to submit a proposal and asked why was the plan denied. About 5-6 years ago she was working with Dasha T. Spell and other family members were sitting in the same position asking the same questions. The original plan to move Classical Studies to the old Bassick High school location was told to be denied by the previous superintendent. Last week they were told the school would be moving to BMA, member of the BOE told her that plan was denied as well. Her question now is where are these kids going to go. She interviewed her daughter about the conditions of the school and got a response that there is only one water fountain available. From the previous principle, she was told the building cannot get a complete water fountain renovation, they can only add one. She was also told to use PACT funding to get new water fountains for the building, which is not allowed. Ms. Strong ended her statement asking the council what will they do for the kids.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Aidee Nieves closed the public session at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vianca Rivera
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 7:22 p.m.

PRAYER

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member McBride-Lee to lead the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked City Clerk, Lydia Martinez to lead the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
131st District: Jorge Cruz, Tyler Mack
132nd District: Dasha Spell, Rolanda Smith
133rd District: Aikeem Boyd
134th District: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Ortiz
136th District: Frederick Hodges
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle
138th District: Maria Pereira, Jazmarie Melendez
139th District: Eneida Martinez, Ernest Newton

A quorum was present. The names list were present when the roll was called.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- **October 16, 2023**

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****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 MEETING.**

****SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE LEE**

Council Member Pereira stated that those who were absent to the meeting of October 16, 2023 were McCarthy, Hodges, and herself.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH NINE (13) IN FAVOR (BURNS, CRUZ, MACK, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, CASTILLO, NIEVES, VALLE, NEWTON, VIZZO-PANICCIA, AND MCBRIDE-LEE) AND SEVEN (7) ABSTAINED FROM VOTING (MCCARTHY, SPELL, ORTIZ, HODGES, PEREIRA, MELENDEZ, AND MARTINEZ).**

Council Member Newton requested a moment of silence for the community as three important figures recently passed away. A woman who was raised in the East End, Richard Scalo, City Attorney, and Jack O'Connell, who was previously on the board.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

- 21-23 Communication from City Clerk re: Certification of Oath of City Council Members, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

- 22-23 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health FY24 Per Capita Funding Allocation (#24220), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

- 23-23 Communication from Civil Service Commission re: Proposed Approval to Establish Two (2) New Permanent Positions for the Job Classification and Specifications of Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager and the Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS) Pursuant to Municipal Charter, Chapter 17, Section 206(d), referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

- 24-23 Communication from Civil Service Commission re: Proposed Approval for an update to the Job Description of the Classification of Purchasing Agent Pursuant to Civil Service Rule IX, Sec. 3, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

- 25-23 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Paul Miller (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

- 26-23 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of John Stevens (U) to the Harbor Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.**

27-23 **Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax PILOT Agreement with the Bridgeport Housing Authority d/b/a Park City Communities to Facilitate the Substantial Renovation of the Harborview Apartments, to provide Housing to Elderly and Disabled Residents, located at 376 East Washington Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO CONSOLIDATE COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES TO ONE VOTE.
**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE.
THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADDING NEW ITEM TO AGENDA

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOTIONED TO SUSPEND COMMITTEE RULES AND ADD AN ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENT AND LIASONSHIP.
** SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

President Nieves stated to change the city council 2023-2024 committees with such:
Addition to liaison to parks commission: Matthew McCarthy.
Addition to liaison to police commission: Matthew McCarthy.
And removing Dasha T. Spell from school buildings committee and adding Matthew McCarthy.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS AND LIASONSHIP.
** SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vianca Rivera,
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
City Council
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

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FRANCES ORTIZ
Assistant City Clerk

Comm.# 21-23 Accepted and Made Part of the Record.

December 8, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the following were duly elected City Council Members of the City of Bridgeport at the election held on November 7, 2023, and that they have taken the Oath of Office prescribed by the Charter of the City of Bridgeport to wit:

130th District

Scott Burns (D)
Matthew McCarthy (D)

131st District

Jorge Cruz, Sr. (D)
Tyler Mack (D)

132nd District

Rolanda Smith (D)
Dasha T. Spell

133rd District

Aikeem G. Boyd (D)
Jeanette Herron (D)

134th District

Michelle A. Lyons (D)
AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia (D)

135th District

Mary A. McBride-Lee (D)
Richard Ortiz (D)

136th District

Alfredo Castillo (D)
Frederick Hodges (D)

137th District

Aidee Nieves (D)
Maria I. Valle (D)

138th District

Maria H. Pereira (D)
Jazmarie Melendez (D)

139th District

Eneida L. Martinez (D)
Ernie E. Newton, II. (D)

Attest:

Lydia N. Martinez

Lydia N. Martinez
City Clerk

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ISOLINA DeJESUS
Manager
Central Grants

JOSEPH P. GANIM
Mayor

December 11, 2023

Office of the City Clerk
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace, Room 204
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

RE: Resolution –State of Connecticut Department of Public Health FY 24 Per Capita Funding Allocation (#24220)

Dear Ms. Martinez,

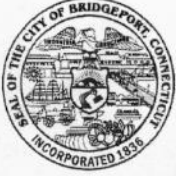
Attached, please find a Grant Summary and Resolution for the **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Per Capita Funding Allocation** to be referred to the **Committee on Economic and Community Development and Environment** of the City Council.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at 203-332-5665 or Angelica.Ojeda@Bridgeportct.gov.

Thank you,

Angelica Ojeda
Central Grants Office

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GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health FY 24 Per Capita Funding Allocation (#24220)

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Central Grants Office

CONTACT NAME: Angelica Ojeda

PHONE NUMBER: 203-332-5665

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION: The City of Bridgeport Health and Social Services Department is seeking funding made available to full-time health department programs via state aid. The purpose of this funding is to assist municipalities with monitoring health status to identify and solve community health problems, identify and investigate health hazards, inform, educate and empower persons in the community, and enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.

The FY 24 allocation of \$286,282.69 is based on a \$1.93 appropriation per resident based on the city's population (148,333). In addition, the funding not utilized from previous years in the amount of \$297,087.93 is being carried over. The total amount for this grant is \$583,370.62.

CONTRACT PERIOD: 7/1/2023-6/30/2024

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching funds):	
Federal:	\$ 0
State:	\$ 583,370.62
City:	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 0

GRANT FUNDED PROJECT FUNDS REQUESTED	
Salaries/Benefits:	\$ 271,519.19 (68.68% Director of Health, 46.445% of Public Health Emergency Coordinator, 100% Grants Coordinator, 100% Community Health & Safety Outreach Coordinator)
Contractual:	\$ 89,645.00 (Medical Advisor, annual inspection and maintenance of AED, increase outreach, address homelessness and opioids epidemics)
Supplies:	\$ 4,526.43 (General office supplies)
Software:	\$33,600.00 (SPSS, Abby, CureMD, Energov, GIS)
Marketing/Printing:	\$ 51,000.00 (Advertisements, Radio Ads)
Training:	\$ 17,500.00 (Staff development)
Vaccine Costs:	\$89,580.00 (Flu, Covid-19, school vaccines)
Miscellaneous:	\$26,000.00 (Print Shop, HIA fee)

MATCH REQUIRED		
	CASH	IN-KIND
Source: N/A		
Salaries/Benefits:		

A Resolution by the Bridgeport City Council

Regarding the

**State of Connecticut Department of Public Health
FY 24 Per Capita Funding Allocation (#24220)**

WHEREAS, the **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health** is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health FY 24 Per Capita Funding Allocation**; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to support core public health functions; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport submits an application to the **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health** to support the monitoring of health status to identify and solve community health problems, identify and investigate health hazards in the community, inform, educate and empower persons in the community concerning, and enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application to and contract with the **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health** for the purpose of the **FY 24 Per Capita Funding Allocation**; and
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor or his designee to accept any funds that result from the City's application to the **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health FY 24 Per Capita Funding Allocation** and to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts, amendments, and documents as may be necessary to administer this program.



ERIC M. AMADO
Personnel Director

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PAUL GRECH
RICHARD P. RODGERS

December 1, 2023

Honorable City Council Members
Office of the City Clerk
City of Bridgeport

RE: Two (2) New Permanent Positions for Bridgeport Public Library:

- **Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager**
- **Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS)**

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Municipal Charter Chapter 17, section 206(d), this correspondence is to formally request for your approval to establish the classification and specifications of the Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager and the Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS) positions.

"Whenever the appointing authority of any department desires to establish a new permanent position in the classified service, the personnel director shall make or cause to be made an investigation of the need of such position and report his findings to the commission. If upon consideration of the facts the commission determines that the work of the department cannot be properly and effectively carried on without the position, it shall classify and allocate the new position to the proper class after the position has been established by the city council... In such event the final action of the city council shall be promptly transmitted to the commission and the commission shall locate the position or positions therein approved to its proper class in the classification plan."

The specifications for the proposed positions of Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager and Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS) have been investigated for purposes of departmental operational necessity. The Library is currently undergoing re-organizational efforts to meet 21st Century best practices in public libraries. Based on continued engagement with the City Librarian, the classifications of Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager and Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS) are necessary to increase efficiency and maintain fiscal soundness. Additionally, to bring the Library up to speed in an ever-changing landscape of technology.

The Civil Service Commission unanimously approved the establishment of these positions including specifications at its November 14, 2023 regular meeting. Record of the vote has been included for your reference.

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Honorable City Council Members
December 1, 2023
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Enclosed you will find full-text copy of the proposed Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager and Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS) job descriptions.

On behalf of the Civil Service Commission, I respectfully request the City Council approve the attached specifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Amado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

Eric Amado
Personnel Director

/djb

cc: Mayor Joseph Ganim
Daniel Shamas – Chief of Staff
Janene Hawkins – Chief Administrative Officer
Bridgeport Civil Service Commissioners

RECORD OF THE VOTE

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, WHEELER ROOMS A AND B
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

VOTES

Commissioner Falberg called the regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission to order at 4:33 p.m. Present were Commissioners Grech, Hall and Rodgers (4:32 p.m.); Personnel Director Eric Amado; Clerk to the Commission Deborah Brelsford; Atty. John Mitola, Aaron Curry, Public Facilities Deputy Director; Sgt. Lawrence Lazaro OIA; Atty. Thomas Bucci; Sgt. Fabio Pereira, OIA; Teron Jones, Officer A. Sistrunk; Jonathan Martin, Terrance Rogers, Nicholas DeLorenzo

CONSENT AGENDA: MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the special meeting on October 10, 2023 are submitted for review.

2. Permanent Appointments – Certify for Payroll

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS – November 2023 MEETING

ID#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	JOB TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
13063	Agueda	Maria	Special Projects Coordinator	6/28/2022
220971	Bullock	Jamal	Maintainer I, Grade I	10/30/2023
218185	Burks	Keisha	Clerical Assistant	1/1/2023
211006	Coca	Ignacio	Public Works Foreman II	1/6/2022
19726	Cochran	Miguel	Custodian I	12/1/2021
220878	Colon	Ramon	BOE - Janitress	11/8/2023
19973	Dancho	Jonathan	Greenhouse	11/8/2023
215952	Delgado	Cruz	Airport Certification Specialist	12/21/2022
218228	Gant	Verdina	Janitress	1/6/2022
221006	Garskof	Deborah	Associate City Attorney	12/27/2022
218330	Grant	Derek	Registered Sanitarian/Inspector	3/19/2023
221658	Hamilton	Tyshun	Maintainer II	5/13/2023
18905	Jean	Peguy	Maintainer I, Grade I	10/17/2023
42433	Jones	Janice	Senior Tax Collector Clerk - 35HRS	11/13/2023
221688	Jefferson	Anthony	Maintainer I, Grade I	10/17/2023
89978	Kapral	Cynthia	Payroll Clerk II	9/22/2021
210909	Lanese	Joseph	Custodian I	9/22/2021
219306	Perez	Robing	BOE - Maintainer I, Grade I	10/5/2023
76133	Rodriguez	Gabriel	Maintainer II	11/8/2023
216981	Spencer	David	Maintainer I, Grade I	11/8/2023
220684	Sharma	Sumitt	Deputy Director of Health & Social Services	6/19/2023
92666	Tate	Charles	Housing Code Inspector	11/8/2023
90832	Tomas	Robert	Zoo Curator	11/8/2023
214117	Urena	Tatiana	Payroll Clerk (40HRS)	11/13/2023
95393	Warner	John	Senior Zookeeper	11/8/2023

3. Vacancy Report

- 1) Housing and Commercial Code Enforcement Officer
- 2) Epidemiological Inspector
- 3) Condemnation/Anti-Blight Inspector

The Commission is also asked to remove the 3 positions from the Health Department Table of Organization.

**** COMMISSIONER HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE ELIMINATION OF CLASSIFICATION(S) PER MUNICIPAL CHARTER CHAPTER 17, SEC. 213(A) THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:**

- 1) HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- 2) EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INSPECTOR
- 3) CONDEMNATION/ANTI-BLIGHT INSPECTOR

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Request to Approve Updated Residency Form

The Commission is asked to approve the recently updated Residency Form.

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECENTLY UPDATED RESIDENCY FORM AS PRESENTED.
** COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*** 6. Request for Non-Competitive Positions in Bridgeport Public Library**

The Commission has received a request from City Librarian, Elaine Braithwaite, for two (2) non-competitive positions of:

- Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager
- Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS)

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CITY LIBRARIAN, ELAINE BRAITHWAITE, FOR TWO (2) NON-COMPETITIVE POSITIONS OF:**

- LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES MANAGER
- LIBRARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES MANAGER (ITS)

**** COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Rodgers joined the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

7. Request to Approve Updated Job Description of Assistant Personnel Director

NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

- **Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager**
- **Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS)**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: **Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager**
Department: Library
Reports to: City Librarian
Union / Pay Grade: Bridgeport city Supervisors Union (BCSA)
Job Class Code: 9527
Prepared Date: August 20, 2023

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

The Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager provides the administration of the Bridgeport Public Library with support for the implementation of the library's strategic plans in the areas of buildings and facilities, and is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and cleaning of library buildings and facilities in a multi-branch urban library system, vehicles, and equipment as assigned. The Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager supervises and directs activities of custodial and maintenance staff. The Manager serves as the point of contact for managing and monitoring the performance of contracted security service personnel and participates in selection of vendor services through formal bidding processes. The Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager also serves as an advisor on facilities problems and improvements at all library locations under Library Board control, and may solicit, prepare and facilitate informal and formal bids for construction, renovation, remodeling, and remedial repair projects, and oversees deliverables on such projects and recommends remedial actions to vendors as needed.

The Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager serves as a point of contact with City Staff and Department Heads in the areas of Public Facilities, Police, Fire, and Emergency Management to ensure effective operation of library buildings and facilities and compliance with local ordinances, policies and procedures, and is a point of contact for library contracted security services.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Reports to the City Librarian. Supervision ranges from daily to minimal; supervision provided on an as-needed basis.

SUPERVISION EXERCIZED: Supervises all Library Maintenance Staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The essential functions or duties described are the primary functions and duties of the position. There may be other types of work that may be performed and the omission of a particular duty or function does not exclude that duty or function from the position provided the duty or function is similar in work, related to work or logically assigned to the position.

1. Communicate and interact effectively with Library Administration, Library Board of Directors, City staff, and outside vendors.
2. Manages and assigns maintenance staff, including custodians and maintainers to ensure clean, operational library facilities, achieve operational goals within available resources, plans and organizes workloads and staff assignments, trains and evaluates assigned staff, reviews progress and directs changes as needed.
3. Keep up-to-date preventative maintenance contracts on all mechanicals.
4. Troubleshoot and perform emergency hands-on repairs as needed.
5. Coordinates and participates in meetings that involve facilities, maintenance and other meetings where such expertise is needed.
6. Manage repair and maintenance projects so they are performed efficiently and in a timely manner.
7. Assist with Information Technology projects to provide infrastructure support.
8. Prepares reports for the City Librarian and Library Board of Directors monthly and on an as needed basis for specific projects and building issues.
9. Assists staff to diagnose and solve maintenance problems.
10. Organizes, directs and participates in training activities for Maintenance staff.
11. Organizes, directs and participates in training activities in safety areas for Library staff development.

12. Participates in Library and Citywide Safety Committee meetings.
13. Works with the Procurement Division to prepare and solicit requests for proposals for building, construction and repair projects.
14. Coordinates with Library Administration, support staff, Library managers or vendors to solve problems.
15. Other duties as required.

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

High School graduation. Certification in Building Services or related field preferred. Experience and thorough knowledge of construction principals and practices. Electrical and HVAC experience. Stationary engineer's license preferred. Extensive prior experience in planning and maintaining interior and exterior grounds preferred. Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum eight years of professional experience in the Maintenance and Facilities Management field, with five years of direct personnel management and at least three of which are in a senior leadership role.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Ability to supervise.

Considerable knowledge of factors of fire and health safety involved in the care of buildings.

Electrical experience preferred.

Considerable knowledge and hands-on experience in mechanical systems.

Hands-on knowledge and experience in the safe operation of a variety of tools, machinery, power equipment used in performing essential functions.

Knowledge of building codes, and construction and architectural terminology.

Considerable knowledge of cleaning methods, materials and equipment.

Ability to read blueprints.

Knowledge of municipal processes for procurement including informal and formal bidding processes.

Ability to work effectively with others on a high level.

Working knowledge of MS Word and Excel.

Maintain the ability to satisfy all physical demands.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

None.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The conditions below are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

- Significant lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling up to 50 pounds.
- Frequent stooping, kneeling, crouching and/or crawling; reaching above shoulder level.
- Fine finger dexterity.
- Must be able to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing skilled movements such as rapid keyboard use.
- Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.
- Must be able to access and navigate all areas of the facilities.
- Must be able to access all parts of the company equipment.
- Ability to withstand a variety of indoor and outdoor environmental conditions.

This job description is not, nor is it intended to be, a complete statement of all duties, functions, responsibilities, qualifications, physical, and cognitive which comprise this position. The above is intended to be a fair representation of the "typical demands of the position."

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: **Library Information Technology Services Manager (ITS)**
Department: Technology Services
Reports To: City Librarian and/or Designee
Union / Pay Grade: Bridgeport City Supervisors Union (BCSA)
Job Class Code: N/A
Prepared Date: September 5, 2023

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

The Library Information Technology Services Manager provides the City Librarian's office with support for unifying leadership and vision in the strategic direction, implementation and management of the Library's information technology (IT) program and budget. The Director advises the City Librarian on all technology and IT-related programs and issues necessary to run a multi-branch urban library system. The Library Information Technology Services Manager also has responsibility for the operation of a highly complex and dynamic networked infrastructure and applications providing full spectrum IT and technology services to Library staff and for public services, and ensuring continuity of operations.

This department director level position involves various leadership roles and administrative responsibilities including selection, training and performance evaluation of subordinates, plus successful execution of departmental programs and projects. The incumbent works under the general direction of the City Librarian and must be capable of exercising independent judgment, demonstrating business acumen, sound technical knowledge and an understanding of how libraries use computers and technology in order to accomplish its mission.

This leadership role requires strong analytical and technical abilities and demands fast, but carefully thought-out decisions. The job centers on developing new ideas, systems and technology, in addition, analyzing and improving established ones. A high level of expertise is expected. Successful candidate will have a style that is purposeful and directed advancing the Library's strategic plan with a clear technology plan to improve operations and decision-making.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Ranges from Daily to minimal; supervision provided on an as-needed basis.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervises all Technology Services Department staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The essential functions or duties described below are the primary functions and duties of the position. There may be other types of work that may be performed and the omission of a particular duty or function does not exclude that duty or function from the position provided the duty or function is similar in work, related to the work or logically assigned to the position.

1. Provides IT advice to the City Librarian, Library Board of Directors, Library administration, staff, and outside agencies. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are needed to interact effectively with each of these stakeholders which includes presentations to any of these groups; and where necessary focus groups and the general public.
2. Coordinates and participates in meetings with library senior staff and with library stakeholders to build and understand current trends in library technology.
3. Confers with management to determine information functional needs and technical requirements of departments to determine boundaries and priorities of IT projects.
4. Responsible to assure appropriate cybersecurity program is established and functional, including tested disaster recovery protocols are in place.
5. Consults with the City ITS Director, Public Facilities, Procurement, and other City department managerial staff to insure cooperation and compliance with policy, procedure, and ordinances as they may apply to the library as a department of the City of Bridgeport.

6. Manages and oversees assigned operations and takes a leadership role with contracted vendors to achieve goals within available resources; plans and organizes workloads and staff assignments; trains and evaluates assigned staff; reviews progress and directs changes as needed.
7. Assures assigned areas of responsibility are performed within budget; performs cost control activities; supervises expenditures in assigned area to assure sound fiscal control; prepares annual budget requests; assures effective and efficient use of budgeted funds, personnel, materials, facilities and time.
8. Creates, changes, implements and manages written IT policies and procedures to establish and maintain excellent standards of performance.
9. Researching and writing of grants.
10. Issues oral and written instructions to IT staff; assigns duties, inspects work for exactness, neatness and conformance to policies & procedures, along with established industry technical standards.
11. Prepares, schedules and expedites workflow; studies and standardizes procedures to improve efficiency and effectiveness of IT operations within the City.
12. Oversees the analysis, design, programming and administration of information technology systems, including lifecycle management of equipment and applications.
13. Prepares an assortment of IT studies, reports and related information for decision-making purposes.
14. Prepares business case studies defining the potential project feasibility.
15. Prepares progress reports to inform management of project status and deviation from goals.
16. Coordinates with management, support staff, technical personnel or vendors to solve problems.
17. Outlines system, database and security requirements for information technology systems.
18. Works with library and city Procurement Divisions to prepare and solicit requests for proposals for hardware and software solutions and professional services.
19. Assists staff to diagnose and solve technology problems.
20. Organizes, directs and participates in training activities for all Library staff.
21. Participates in technical projects including writing equipment and application specifications.

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree in Information Systems Management, Computer Science, Engineering or related field. Master's Degree Technology or related information systems field preferred.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of ten years of professional experience in information technology, with six years of direct personnel management and at least four of which are in a senior leadership role.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Able to communicate technical information in common language as to be understood by people outside the IT industry.
- Extensive knowledge of information technology, including virtualization and cybersecurity.
- Considerable knowledge of fixed and mobile data and unified voice communication systems.
- Considerable knowledge of modern management information systems, and business process analysis.
- Considerable knowledge of office automation software applications.
- Knowledge of how public libraries use information technology for staff and public applications.
- Knowledge of Federal, state and local laws, regulations and court decisions applicable to information technology.
- Knowledge of cloud computing, network infrastructure, application hosting/management, cybersecurity and resilience, data analytics and web and mobile application development.
- Familiar with agile approaches as well as traditional IT governance and management practices.
- Ability to effectively drive process and technology change in a dynamic and complex operating environment and engage and support diverse stakeholders.
- Ability to analyze, interpret and explain proposed legislation and programs in terms of their implications and impacts on Library programs, operations and projects.
- Ability to operate flexibility within shifting political and operational constraints.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- A valid Connecticut Driver's License may be required for transportation between various sites.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The conditions below are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

- Needs to be able to operate equipment and machinery with some requiring rapid adjustments such as a computer keyboard and terminal, photocopier, and calculator.
- Must be able to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing skilled movements such as rapid keyboard use.
- Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for sitting for prolonged periods of time. Tasks may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or workstation. Frequent downward flexion of neck, side-to-side turning of the neck, fine finger dexterity and grasp to manipulate the keyboard, telephone, writing instruments, papers, books, manuals, and reports.
- Work may involve occasional outdoor fieldwork.
- Additional hours and attending meetings outside regular work hours may be required. Work environment is professional and both team and autonomy oriented.

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December 1, 2023

Honorable City Council Members
Office of the City Clerk
City of Bridgeport

RE: Purchasing Agent (Specification) Update

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Civil Service Rule IX, sec. 3, this correspondence is to formally request your approval to update the job description of the classification of Purchasing Agent.

*"With the approval of the commission the personnel director may revise and amend the specification for any class in the classified service for purposes of precision or to conform to changed conditions making it desirable to alter the scope of such specification. **But no such revision or amendment may be made affecting the minimum qualifications as to experience and education without the approval of the common council**; if the common council fails to act on such proposed revision or amendment within thirty days of receipt thereof, then such failure to act shall be legally equivalent to approval."*

The specifications for the position of Purchasing Agent have been reviewed for purposes of conducting proper examination and validation. Based on the results of a full job analysis for this classification, it has been determined that the job description must be revised to conform to current professional purchasing standards. The revision of this job description includes amendment to the minimum qualifications of experience. The Civil Service Commission unanimously approved these revisions at its November 14, 2023 regular meeting. Record of the vote has been included for your reference.

Enclosed you will find full-text copy of the current and proposed Purchasing Agent job description.

Please note that Civil Service Rule IX, sec. 3 imposes an important time constraint related to action by the Common Council on this type of communication. This is:

1. *if the common council fails to act on such proposed revision or amendment **within thirty days of receipt thereof**, then such failure to act shall be legally equivalent to approval.*

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Please note: This time limit is brought to the Council's attention in case a special meeting or agenda modification is necessary to protect the City Council's right to approve or disapprove noticed revisions.

On behalf of the Civil Service Commission, I respectfully request the City Council approve the attached specification revision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Amado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Amado" clearly distinguishable.

Eric Amado
Personnel Director

/djb

cc: Mayor Joseph P. Ganim
Daniel Shamas – Chief of Staff
Janene Hawkins – Chief Administrative Officer
Bridgeport Civil Service Commissioners

RECORD OF THE VOTE

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, WHEELER ROOMS A AND B
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

VOTES

Commissioner Falberg called the regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission to order at 4:33 p.m. Present were Commissioners Grech, Hall and Rodgers (4:32 p.m.); Personnel Director Eric Amado; Clerk to the Commission Deborah Brelsford; Atty. John Mitola, Aaron Curry, Public Facilities Deputy Director; Sgt. Lawrence Lazaro OIA; Atty. Thomas Bucci; Sgt. Fabio Pereira, OIA; Teron Jones, Officer A. Sistrunk; Jonathan Martin, Terrance Rogers, Nicholas DeLorenzo

CONSENT AGENDA: MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the special meeting on October 10, 2023 are submitted for review.

2. Permanent Appointments – Certify for Payroll

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS – November 2023 MEETING

ID#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	JOB TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
13063	Agueda	Maria	Special Projects Coordinator	6/28/2022
220971	Bullock	Jamal	Maintainer I, Grade I	10/30/2023
218185	Burks	Keisha	Clerical Assistant	1/1/2023
211006	Coca	Ignacio	Public Works Foreman II	1/6/2022
19726	Cochran	Miguel	Custodian I	12/1/2021
220878	Colon	Ramon	BOE - Janitress	11/8/2023
19973	Dancho	Jonathan	Greenhouse	11/8/2023
215952	Delgado	Cruz	Airport Certification Specialist	12/21/2022
218228	Gant	Verdina	Janitress	1/6/2022
221006	Garskof	Deborah	Associate City Attorney	12/27/2022
218330	Grant	Derek	Registered Sanitarian/Inspector	3/19/2023
221658	Hamilton	Tyshun	Maintainer II	5/13/2023
18905	Jean	Peguy	Maintainer I, Grade I	10/17/2023
42433	Jones	Janice	Senior Tax Collector Clerk - 35HRS	11/13/2023
221688	Jefferson	Anthony	Maintainer I, Grade I	10/17/2023
89978	Kapral	Cynthia	Payroll Clerk II	9/22/2021
210909	Lanese	Joseph	Custodian I	9/22/2021
219306	Perez	Robing	BOE - Maintainer I, Grade I	10/5/2023
76133	Rodriguez	Gabriel	Maintainer II	11/8/2023
216981	Spencer	David	Maintainer I, Grade I	11/8/2023
220684	Sharma	Sumitt	Deputy Director of Health & Social Services	6/19/2023
92666	Tate	Charles	Housing Code Inspector	11/8/2023
90832	Tomas	Robert	Zoo Curator	11/8/2023
214117	Urena	Tatiana	Payroll Clerk (40HRS)	11/13/2023
95393	Warner	John	Senior Zookeeper	11/8/2023

3. Vacancy Report

The Commission has received a request from the Personnel Director, Eric Amado, to approve the updated job description of Assistant Personnel Director.

**** COMMISSIONER HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, ERIC AMADO, REGARDING THE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANT PERSONNEL DIRECTOR.**

**** COMMISSIONER RODGERS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*** 8. Request to Approve Updated Job Description for Purchasing Agent**

The Commission has received a request from the Personnel Director, Eric Amado, to approve the updated job description of Purchasing Agent.

**** COMMISSIONER RODGERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, ERIC AMADO, REGARDING THE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASING AGENT.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Request to Extend Probationary Period – Jovon Lawrence

The Commission has received a request from Public Facilities Deputy Director, Aaron Curry, to extend the probationary period for Jovon Lawrence for 6 months.

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AARON CURRY, TO EXTEND THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR JOVON LAWRENCE FOR 6 MONTHS.**

**** COMMISSIONER HALL SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Waiver Requests

The Commission has received a request for a 6-month waiver from entry level Police Officer examination #2385 candidates:

- Adam Cohen
- Natalie Cepeda
- Victor Osinaike

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A 6-MONTH WAIVER FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 CANDIDATES:**

- ADAM COHEN
- NATALIE CEPEDA
- VICTOR OSINAIKE (SECOND REQUEST)

**** COMMISSIONER RODGERS SECONDED.**

UPDATED PURCHASING AGENT JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: **Purchasing Agent (40 Hours)**
Department: Finance
Union: Bridgeport City Supervisor Association (BCSA)
Job Class Code: 1410

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Under general administrative direction of the Finance Director, performs work of a difficult and responsible nature in directing and supervising the operation of the Purchasing division of the Finance Department, which is the City's central agency for purchasing all supplies, materials and equipment; promulgates the policies of the City Purchasing Ordinance in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, City Attorney, Finance Director, and the Board of Public Purchases; and maintains and coordinates processes and systems for purchasing all goods and services used by the City. Performs related work as required.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

The Purchasing Agent supervises a staff of five (5) positions in the Assistant Purchasing Agent and Purchasing Buyer job classifications. May supervise other positions applicable to the Purchasing Department.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The essential functions or duties described below are the primary functions and duties of the position. There may be other types of work performed, and the omission of a particular duty or function does not exclude that duty or function from the position provided the duty or function is similar in work, related to the work, or logically assigned to the position.

1. Reviews and approves purchase requisitions with Purchasing Buyers and Assistant Purchasing Agent after review for quantity, supplier, product specifications, cost, funding source, etc.
2. Prepares, receives, and opens sealed bids within established timeframes, and assesses the qualifications of potential vendors as part of the bid review process.
3. Reviews proposed purchases to determine if the competitive bidding process should be waived to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City, or where competitive bids would be impractical or impossible, and ensures that Quality-Based Selection processes comply with City rules.
4. Collaborates with contracting officers in the development of requests for proposals, bid specifications, public advertisements for bid solicitation, and certain other purchases under \$25,000 that require multiple vendor quotes.
5. Collaborates with contracting officers to identify potential vendors, and to identify, locate and learn about goods and services that meet the City's business needs.
6. Identifies opportunities to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements to reduce costs to the City, and coordinates multiple vendor bids for frequently purchased goods and services.
7. Identifies ways to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of purchasing procedures according to current industry best practices, and reviews and comments on proposed purchasing policies or rules prior to adoption by the Board of Public Purchases.

8. Ensures the protection of confidential data, and that all records of purchases and related activities are retained in accordance with City of Bridgeport and State of Connecticut guidelines for the retention of public records.
9. Collaborates with and coordinates meetings of the Board of Public Purchases as a subject matter expert in purchasing policies and procedures.
10. Works with the City Attorney's Office regarding legal matters related to purchasing, contracts, and vendor management.
11. Advises and assists departments in resolving issues with purchases, bidders, and vendors.
12. Directs staff in reviewing specifications, preparing bid documents, qualifying suppliers, analyzing bid and quote responses, and selecting vendors based on best value.
13. Monitors the completion of work performed by department staff to ensure adherence to timelines and schedules for the department's work.
14. Provides consultation and guidance to staff regarding appropriate courses of action to resolve unusual, sensitive, or complex problems.
15. Prepares a variety of documents (e.g., emails, memos, letters, statistical and narrative reports, etc.) to answer questions, obtain information, and document findings, decisions, and recommendations using word processing, email, spreadsheet, and database programs.

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree in business, finance, public administration, or related field.
- A minimum of five (5) years of professional experience in purchasing, of which a minimum of two (2) years shall have been at a supervisory level. May qualify with an equivalent combination of education and/or experience in a finance-related position. Municipal government purchasing experience preferred.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of:

- The principles and practices of government purchasing, including the RFP and bidding processes, public notice, funding sources, centralized versus decentralized purchasing, etc.
- Public sector vendor solicitation, including processes for Requests for Proposal, Requests for Qualifications, developing specifications and scopes of work, methods of public notice, etc.
- The factors used in selecting a vendor, including vendor's business reputation, quality of goods and services, total cost to the city over time, etc.
- The laws and rules relating to contracting with historically underutilized businesses and non-profit organizations employing persons with disabilities, and of procurement rules related to different funding sources (e.g., state, federal, grants, etc.).
- The functions and capabilities of procurement software or procurement modules in finance related software programs.

Skill to:

- Identify the specific information needed to investigate an action, solve a problem, or make a decision or recommendation, and compile information and data from multiple sources for analysis.
- Review the work or actions of others (staff, contracting officers and their staff, vendors, proposers, etc.) to determine if they followed established procedures.
- Interpret and explain policies, procedures, rules, and laws to a variety of individuals to ensure information is relayed clearly and accurately.
- Conduct research to identify potential vendors who can provide goods and services that meet the needs of the City and various City departments.
- Assess the effectiveness of current programs, policies, or procedures to identify changes necessary to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the department and/or City purchasing procedures.
- Prioritize and organize a large volume of projects and tasks to manage time effectively and complete work within required or desired timelines.
- Monitor the completion of work performed by department staff to ensure adherence to timelines and schedules.

Ability to:

- Learn and understand the concepts, rules, and procedures of municipal purchasing.
- Work cooperatively with others, demonstrating a commitment to achieving shared goals and objectives, including treating all others in a fair, respectful, and non-judgmental manner.
- Communicate in a clear, honest, and direct manner to ensure others understand one's ideas, opinions, recommendations, and decisions.
- Use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems, and consider the future implications and consequences of current decisions and courses of action.
- Develop innovative solutions for complex or non-routine problems by applying advanced expertise.
- Maintain composure in the face of competing or conflicting demands, interruptions, and distractions.
- Act consistently in a manner that reflects positively on the department and the City.
- Communicate clearly and effectively in writing.
- Use basic computer programs (e.g., Word, Excel, Outlook) to perform duties related to the job (i.e., create documents, send/receive email, analyze data, etc.).

DESIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- Knowledge of City of Bridgeport purchasing policies and procedures as stated in Title 3 of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, or an equivalent level of knowledge of municipal, state or federal purchasing policies and procedures.
- Some knowledge of Connecticut General Statutes related to municipal purchasing (Title 7).

- Knowledge of issues related to governance in a diverse urban environment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The conditions below are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

- Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for sitting for prolonged periods of time. Tasks may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or workstation. Frequent downward flexion of neck, side-to-side turning of the neck, fine finger dexterity and grasp to manipulate the keyboard, telephone, writing instruments, papers, books, manuals, and reports.
- Ability to see and read objects closely, as in typing from another document, reading/proofreading a report, using a computer monitor, filing and/or retrieving information from a filing system and verifying the accuracy of financial information.

This job description is not, nor is it intended to be, a complete statement of all duties, functions, responsibilities, and qualifications which comprise this position. The above is intended to be a fair representation of the "typical" demands of the position.

OLD PURCHASING AGENT JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASS TITLE: PURCHASING AGENT

1. Duties that are characteristic as to type and level:

Technical administrative work of a difficult and responsible nature in the field of public purchasing, entailing responsibility for managing and supervising the City's central purchasing activities; performed under a minimum of administrative direction by the Board of Public Purchases, with considerable latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and authority.

2. Typical tasks or assignments:

Directs and supervises the operation of the Purchasing Department which is the City's central agency for purchasing all supplies, materials, and equipment (except in the case of sewer contracts, schools construction, library books, and automotive parts); also supervises the central supply department which handles a wide variety of maintenance and office supplies. Independently, or in conjunction with the Board of Public Purchases, promulgates purchasing requirements and regulations within the limitations imposed by law or ordinance. Chairs periodic meetings of the Board of Public Purchases to consider bids received in response to advertising in accounts in excess of \$500. Determines supply sources, prepares specifications, maintains complete files and catalogs or standard and special commodities and prices. Continuously reviews departmental supply, material, and equipment requirements in the interests of achieving a maximum of standardization and economy. Keeps constantly abreast of market conditions and price trends.

3. Minimum qualification requirements:

a. As to education, training, and experience:

College graduation with specialization in business management, public administration, or related fields.
Not less than six years of varied experience in purchasing, pricing, market analysis, and purchasing administration.
Any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

b. As to special knowledge, ability and skill:

Thorough knowledge of supply sources, price trends, and market conditions affecting a wide variety of commodities.
Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of large scale purchasing.




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JOSEPH P. GANIM
Mayor

Comm. #25-23 Ref'd to Miscellaneous Matters Committee on 12/18/2023.

TO: Lydia N. Martinez
FROM: Mayor Joseph P. Ganim 
DATE: December 12, 2023
RE: Boards & Commissions

Please place the following name on the December 18, 2023 City Council Agenda for referral to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee for the purpose of appointment to the **Zoning Board of Appeals**:

Paul Miller (R)
149 Grovers Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

This term shall expire on 12/31/2026.

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JOSEPH P. GANIM
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Comm. #26-23 Ref'd to Miscellaneous Matters Committee on 12/18/2023.

TO: Lydia N. Martinez
FROM: Mayor Joseph P. Ganim 
DATE: December 12, 2023
RE: Boards & Commissions

Please place the following name on the December 18, 2023 City Council Agenda for referral to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee for the purpose of appointment to the **Harbor Commission**:

John Stevens (U)
11 Penfield Place
Bridgeport, CT 06605

This term shall expire on 9/30/2027.

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THOMAS F. GILL
Director

WILLIAM J. COLEMAN
Deputy Director

December 13, 2023

City Clerk
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport CT 06604

**Re: PILOT Agreement with Park City Communities
To Facilitate Substantial Renovation of Harborview Apartments**

Dear City Clerk and Honorable Members of the City Council:

For your consideration, the attached resolution would authorize an amendment to a Cooperation Agreement existing between Park City Communities and the City of Bridgeport and would allow for a PILOT Agreement existing between the two entities in a way designed to facilitate the substantial renovation of the Harborview Apartments.

This item is for referral to the ECDE Committee meeting. There is no requirement for a public hearing.

Thank you.

Truly yours,

Bill Coleman

Bill Coleman
Deputy Director

C: Thomas Gill, Director
Ronald Pacacha, Esq.
Thomas Gaudett

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Resolution Authorizing a Tax PILOT Agreement ("PILOT") with the Bridgeport Housing Authority d/b/a Park City Communities ("PCC") to Facilitate the Substantial Renovation of the Harborview Apartments, Which Provide Housing to Elderly and Disabled Residents, located at 376 East Washington Avenue

WHEREAS, the Harborview Property consists of approximately 240 one-bedroom apartments and is currently owned by PCC, a housing authority created pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-40, and, as such, is exempt from real property assessment and taxation pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-58;

WHEREAS, PCC and the City have previously entered into a Cooperation Agreement approved by the City Council (Item No. 39-01) in or about December, 2001 (the "Original Cooperation Agreement"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A to the Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement (the "PILOT"), pursuant to which, among other things, (i) PCC agreed to pay to the City certain Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes equal to ten percent (10%) of "Shelter Rent" (as that term is defined therein), and (ii) the City recognized that the real properties owned by PCC and subject to the Original Cooperation Agreement (the "Property" or, collectively, the "Properties") are exempt from normal real property assessment and taxation subject to terms and conditions stated in the Original Cooperation Agreement. In consideration for the entry into a PILOT, the City agreed to "furnish to the housing authority and its residents public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the municipality" (the "Public Services");

WHEREAS, PCC intends to undertake a "Rental Assistance Demonstration" ("RAD") conversion of 376 East Washington Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, known as Harborview Towers (the "Harborview Property"), which under the RAD conversion, the Harborview Property will be converted from a public housing project to a project-based Section 8 funding platform, which will enable the Harborview Property to leverage unmet capital investment needs, including a needed rehabilitation of the Harborview Property;

WHEREAS, as part of the RAD conversion, PCC expects to ground lease the fee interest in the Harborview Property for 98 years, and to convey title to the improvements thereon, to a new entity to be controlled by PCC, which will serve as a vehicle to obtain an equity investment utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC");

WHEREAS, PCC and the City wish to affirm (i) that the RAD conversion shall not affect the current status of the Harborview Property as exempt from real property assessment and taxation, (ii) that PCC shall continue to pay PILOTs in the same amount as are currently being paid on other Properties, and (iii) that the City shall

not levy any real or personal property taxes upon the Harborview Property, including the leasehold and improvements, for the period, and upon the terms, stated in the PILOT Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest and in the best interests of its residents to enter into the PILOT Agreement attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that, based upon the statements and representations made herein, the Director of OPED is hereby authorized to finalize and to execute the attached Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and is further authorized to negotiate and to execute such other documents and take such other necessary or desirable actions in furtherance of, and consistent with, this resolution in the best interests of the City.

AMENDED AND RESTATED COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") entered into this _____ day of _____, 2023, by and among **THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT D/B/A PARK CITY COMMUNITIES** having an address at 150 Highland Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604 (hereinafter called, together with instrumentalities thereof, "PCC"), a municipal housing authority, and the **CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**, having an address at 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06604 (hereinafter called the "Municipality").

RECITALS

A. The Harborview Property (as hereinafter defined) is currently owned by PCC, a housing authority created pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-40, and as such is exempt from real property assessment and taxation pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-58.

B. PCC and the Municipality have previously entered into a Cooperation Agreement approved by the City Council (Item No. 39-01) in or about December, 2001 (the "Original Cooperation Agreement") a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A** hereto, pursuant to which, among other things, (i) PCC agreed to pay to the Municipality certain Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT's") equal to ten percent (10%) of "Shelter Rent" (as that term is defined herein), and (ii) the Municipality recognized that the real properties owned by PCC and subject to the Original Cooperation Agreement (the "Property" or, collectively, the "Properties") are exempt from normal real property assessment and taxation subject to terms and conditions stated in the Original Cooperation Agreement. In consideration for the entry into a PILOT, the Municipality agreed to "furnish to the housing authority and its residents public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the Municipality" (the "Public Services").

C. PCC intends to undertake a "Rental Assistance Demonstration" ("RAD") conversion of 376 East Washington Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, known as Harborview Towers (the "Harborview Property"). Under the RAD conversion, the Harborview Property will be converted from a public housing project to a project-based Section 8 funding platform, which will enable the Harborview Property to leverage unmet capital investment needs, including a needed rehabilitation of the Harborview Property.

D. As part of the RAD conversion, PCC expects to ground lease the fee interest in the Harborview Property for 98 years, and to convey title to the improvements thereon, to a new entity to be controlled by PCC, which will serve as a vehicle to obtain an equity investment utilizing Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC").

E. PCC and the Municipality wish to affirm (i) that the RAD conversion shall not affect the current status of the Harborview Property as exempt from real property assessment and taxation, (ii) that PCC shall continue to pay PILOT's in the same amount as are currently being paid on other Properties, and (iii) that the Municipality shall not levy any real or personal property taxes upon the Harborview Property, including the leasehold and improvements, for the period, and upon the terms, stated in this Agreement.

AGREEMENTS

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do agree as follows, intending to amend and restate the Original Cooperation Agreement in its entirety.

1. Whenever used in this Agreement:

a. The term "Harborview Property" shall mean the development located at 376 East Washington Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, known as Harborview Towers, which includes a fourteen-story building containing approximately 240 one-bedroom apartment units occupied by elderly and disabled tenants.

b. The term "Taxing Body" shall mean the Municipality or any political subdivision or taxing unit thereof in which the Harborview Property is situated, and which would have authority to assess or levy real or personal property taxes or to certify such taxes to a taxing body or public officer to be levied for its use and benefit with respect to the Harborview Property; provided, however, that the imposition of use fees, such as by a water pollution control agency or similar authority, shall not be considered such an imposition and PCC is responsible for the payment of such use fees.

c. The term "Shelter Rent" shall mean the total of rental charges paid by all tenants of the Harborview Property for dwelling rents and non-dwelling rents (excluding all other income of the Harborview Property), less the cost to PCC or the Owner (as defined below) of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities at the Harborview Property.

d. The term "Owner" shall mean an entity to be formed, anticipated to be either a limited partnership or limited liability company, in which PCC shall have an interest. The Owner shall be the ground lessee of the Harborview Property and owner of the improvements (for the duration of the ground lease) thereupon. Accordingly, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Owner and Funders (defined below) as third-party beneficiaries hereof, and their respective successors and/or assigns.

2. PCC shall endeavor, on behalf of the Owner, to obtain a LIHTC award, obtain equity contributions from a LIHTC investor, obtain loans or grants from other funders (such as, without limitation, the Connecticut Department of Housing and the Connecticut Housing Financing Authority, and/or enter into contracts with the Secretary of Housing and Labor Development for loans and annual contributions (all of the foregoing funding parties being referred to in this Agreement as "Funders") to finance the contemplated rehabilitation and other capital needs of the Harborview Property.

3. a. So long as either (i) the Harborview Property is owned by PCC, (ii) the Harborview Property is ground leased to Owner, (iii) the Harborview Property is used for low income housing, (iv) any contract between PCC with a Funder or Funders for a loan or loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with the Harborview Property remains in force and effect, or (v) any bonds issued in connection with the Harborview Property or any monies due to the Funders or in connection with the Harborview Property remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality agrees that it shall not levy or impose any real or personal property taxes upon the Harborview Property or upon PCC or the Owner. During such period, PCC shall make an annual payment called a "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" ("PILOT") in lieu of such taxes as provided below and in payment for the Public Services furnished from time to time without other

cost or charge for or with respect to the Harborview Property, except as hereinafter provided in Paragraph 5.

b. Each such annual PILOT shall be made within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the end of the fiscal year end established for the Harborview Property, which ends on September 30. The annual PILOT shall be ten percent (10%) of the Shelter Rent actually collected. At the time that the annual PILOT is made, PCC shall submit a report to the Municipality in form and content reasonably satisfactory to the Municipality delineating the data on which the PILOT was determined, including the total rental charges paid by all tenants of the Harborview Property for dwelling rents and non-dwelling rents (excluding all other income of the Harborview Property), and the detailed costs to PCC or the Owner of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities at the Harborview Property.

c. No PILOT payment for any year shall be made to the Municipality in excess of the amount of the real Harborview Property taxes which would otherwise have been levied or imposed by the Municipality for such year if the Harborview Property were not exempt from taxation pursuant to this Agreement and Connecticut statute.

4. During the period commencing with the date of the RAD conversion and continuing so long as either (i) the Harborview Property is owned by PCC or Owner, (ii) the Harborview Property is ground leased to Owner, (iii) the Harborview Property is used for low-income housing, (iv) any contract between PCC and a Funder or Funders for a loan or loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with the Harborview Property remains in force and effect, or (v) any bonds issued in connection with the Harborview Property or any monies due to the Funders or in connection with the Harborview Property remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality, without cost or charge to PCC, and/or the Owner, as the case may be, or the tenants of the Harborview Property shall:

a. Furnish or cause to be furnished to PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, and the tenants of the Harborview Property, the Public Services.

b. Cooperate with PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, by such other lawful action or ways as the Municipality and PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, may find necessary in connection with the administration and operation of the Harborview Property.

c. PCC shall be responsible to pay all building and inspection fees, including permit fees, as might be payable during the rehabilitation of the Harborview Property and operation and capital improvement of the Harborview Property thereafter.

5. If by reason of the Municipality's failure or refusal to furnish or cause to be furnished any Public Services which it has agreed hereunder to furnish or to cause to be furnished to PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, or to the tenants of the Harborview Property or PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, incurs any expense to obtain such Public Services, then the applicable foregoing parties may deduct the amount of such expense from any PILOT payment due or to become due to the Municipality in respect to the Harborview Property.

6. No member of the governing body of the Municipality or any other public official of the Municipality who exercises any responsibilities or functions with respect to the Harborview Property during his/her tenure or for one (1) year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in the Harborview Property or any property included or planned to be included in the Harborview Property, or any contracts in connection with the Harborview Property. If any such

governing body member or such other public official of the Municipality involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of his/her tenure any such interest, then he/she shall immediately disclose such interest to PCC and the Municipality for further evaluation and action.

7. So long as any contract between PCC and/or the Owner, and any Funder in connection with the Harborview Property remains in force and effect, or so long as any bonds issued in connection with the Harborview Property or any monies due to Funders in connection with the Harborview Property remain unpaid, this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed, or modified without the prior written consent of any of the Funders. The privileges and obligations of the Municipality hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Harborview Property so long as the title (in fee and/or leasehold) to the Harborview Property is held by PCC and/or the Owner, and PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, is authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of low-income housing projects. If at any time such title to, or possession of, the Harborview Property, or any ground lease thereof, is held by any other public body or governmental agency, or any of the Funders, then the provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of, and may be enforced by, such other public body or governmental agency, or such Funder(s).

8. This Agreement shall continue in effect throughout its term, and in the event of any sale or other disposition of the Harborview Property, and/or any other improvements to same by PCC and/or the Owner (or any subsequent owners) so long as the requirements and other provisions of this Agreement are met. This Agreement shall also continue in effect in the event of any transfer of any limited partnership or limited liability company interest in the Owner or any successor or assign thereto so long as the requirements and other provisions of this Agreement are met.

9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the rights of the Municipality regarding the Harborview Property against PCC and/or the Owner, as the case may be, shall be satisfied solely and exclusively out of the assets of the Harborview Property and any income or proceeds from the operation or sale of the Harborview Property, shall constitute a lien against the Harborview Property, and shall enjoy the priority of real estate tax liens pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes.

10. This Agreement constitutes the entire contract between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no oral statements or promises and no understanding not embodied in this Agreement shall be valid or binding. Any modification of this Agreement shall be in writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement. This paragraph may not be waived or modified orally.

11. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of Connecticut, and if any clause or provision herein contained would operate to invalidate this Agreement in whole or in part, then such clause or provision only shall be of no effect, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect.

12. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

13. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. However, this Agreement shall not be binding on, or constitute evidence of, a contract between the parties until such time as a counterpart of this Agreement has been executed by each of the

parties and a copy thereof is delivered to each party hereunder by either regular mail, electronic mail (including .pdf) or facsimile. Additionally, facsimile or electronic mail copies of signature pages shall constitute acceptance of and consent to this Agreement.

14. Notices. All notices required or desired to be given to the other party hereunder shall be given by hand, by recognized overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, and deposited in a repository of the United States Postal Service to the parties as follows:

If to the Municipality:

Director,
Office of Planning and Economic Development
City of Bridgeport
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

With a copy to:

City Attorney
City of Bridgeport
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

If to PCC:

Executive Director
Park City Communities
150 Highland Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

With a copy to:

Attorney David Hoopes
Hoopes Morganthaler Rausch & Scaramozza LLC
185 Asylum Street
CityPlace II | 15th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

15. Dispute Resolution. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Connecticut without reference to the principles thereof respecting conflicts of laws. The parties agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in Fairfield County, Connecticut for the resolution of all disputes that may arise hereunder.

16. Recording Needed to Become Effective. This Agreement shall only become effective against the Municipality and enforceable by PCC if the same has been recorded in the Bridgeport Land Records.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Municipality and PCC have respectively signed this Agreement and caused their seals to be affixed and attested as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

By: _____

Attest:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

At: Bridgeport

On _____, 202__, before me personally appeared _____, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that s/he is the duly authorized _____ of the City of Bridgeport, and that s/he executed this instrument as her/his free act and deed in such capacity.

Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public
My Commission expires:

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
BRIDGPORT D/B/A PARK CITY COMMUNITIES**

By: _____
Jillian Baldwin

Attest:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

At:

On _____, 202__, before me personally appeared Jillian Baldwin, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that s/he is the duly authorized _____ of The Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport d/b/a Park City Communities, and that s/he executed this instrument as her/his free act and deed in such capacity.

Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public
My Commission expires:

Cooperation Agreement Approved December 2001

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into this _____ day of _____, 1994, by and between the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT (herein called "Housing") and the CITY OF BRIDGEPORT (herein called the "Municipality"), witnesseth;

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

1. Whenever used in this Agreement:

(a) The term "Complex" shall mean any low-rent housing developed or acquired by Housing with financial assistance of the United States of America acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (herein called the "Government"); excluding, however, any low-rent housing complex covered by any contract for loans and annual contributions entered into between Housing and the Government or its predecessor agencies, prior to the date of this Agreement.

(b) The term "Taxing Body" shall mean the State of Connecticut or any political subdivision or taxing unit thereof in which a Complex is situated and which would have authority to assess or levy real or personal property taxes or to certify such taxes to a taxing body or public officer to be levied for its use and benefit with respect to a Complex if it were not exempt from taxation.

(c) The term "Shelter Rent" shall mean the total of all charges to all residents of a Complex for dwelling rents and nondwelling rents (excluding all other income for such Complex), less the cost to Housing of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities.

2. Housing shall endeavor (a) to secure a contract or contracts with the Government for loans and annual contributions covering one or more Complexes comprising approximately 658 units of low-rent housing and (b) to develop or acquire and administer such Complex or Complexes, which shall be located within the corporate limits of the Municipality. The obligations of the parties hereto shall apply to each such complex, presently known as Trumbull Gardens and Pequonnock Apartment

3. (a) Under Section 8-58 of the U.G.S., all complexes are exempt from all real personal property taxes and special assessments levied or imposed by any Taxing Body. With respect to any Complex, so long as either (i) such Complex is owned by a public body or governmental agency and is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (ii) any contract between Housing and the Government for loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with such Complex remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Complex or any monies due to the Government in connection with such Complex remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality agrees that it will not levy or impose any real or personal property taxes or special assessments upon such Complex or upon Housing with respect thereto. During such period, Housing shall make annual payments (herein called "Payments in Lieu of Taxes") in lieu of such taxes and special assessments and in payment for the Public Services and facilities furnished from time to time without other cost or charge for or with respect to such residential Complexes.

(b) Each such annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes shall be made after the end of the fiscal year established for such Complex, and shall be in an amount equal to either (i) ten percent (10%) of the Shelter Rent actually collected but in no event to exceed ten percent (10%) of the Shelter Rent charged by Housing in respect to such Complex during such fiscal year or (ii) the amount permitted to be paid by applicable State law in effect on the date such payment is made, whichever amount is the lower.

(c) No payment for any year shall be made to the Municipality in excess of the amount of the real property taxes which would have been paid to the Municipality for such year if the Complex were not exempt from taxation.

(d) Upon failure of Housing to make any Payment in Lieu of Taxes authorized pursuant to paragraph 3 above, no lien against any Complex or asset of Housing shall attach, nor shall any interest or penalty accrue or attach on account thereof.

4. During the period commencing with the date of the acquisition of any part of the site or sites or any Complex and continuing so long as either (i) such Complex is owned by a public body or governmental agency and is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (ii) any contract between Housing and the Government for loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with such Complex remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Complex or any monies due to the Government in connection with such Complex remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality without cost or charge to Housing or the residents of such Complex (other than the Payments in Lieu of Taxes) shall:

(a) Furnish or cause to be furnished to Housing and the residents of such Complex public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the Municipality;

(b) Vacate such streets, roads and alleys within the area of such Complex as may be necessary in the development thereof, and convey without charge to Housing such interest as the Municipality may have in such vacated areas; and so far as it is lawfully able to do so without cost or expense to Housing or to the Municipality, cause to be removed from such vacated areas, is so far as it may be necessary, all public or private utility lines and equipment;

(c) In so far as the Municipality may lawfully do so, (i) grant such deviations from the building code of the Municipality as are reasonable and necessary to promote economy and efficiency in the development and administration of such Complex, and at the same time safeguard health and safety, and (iii) make such changes in any zoning of the site and surrounding territory of such Complex as are reasonable and necessary for the development and protection of such Complex and the surrounding territory;

(d) Accept grants of easements necessary for the development of such Complex and

(e) Cooperate with Housing by such other lawful action or ways as the Municipality and Housing may find necessary in connection with the development and administration of such Complex.

5. In respect to any Complex, the Municipality further agrees that within a reasonable time after receipt of a written request therefor from Housing:

(a) It will accept the dedication of all interior streets, roads, alleys, and adjacent sidewalks within the area of such Complex, together with all storm and sanitary sewer mains in such dedicated areas, after Housing, or its agent, has completed the grading, improvements, paving and installation thereof in accordance with specifications acceptable to the Municipality;

(b) It will accept necessary dedications of land for, and will grade, improve, pave, and provide sidewalks for, all streets bounding such Complex or necessary to provide adequate access thereto (in consideration whereof Housing shall pay to the Municipality such amount as would be assessed against the Complex site for such work if such site were privately owned), and

(c) It will provide, or cause to be provided, water mains, and storm and sanitary sewer mains, leading to such Complex and serving the bounding streets thereof (in consideration whereof Housing shall pay to the Municipality such amount as would be assessed against the Complex site for such work if such site were privately owned).

6. If by reason of the Municipality's failure or refusal to furnish or cause to be furnished any public services or facilities which it has agreed hereunder to furnish or to cause to be furnished to Housing or to the residents of any Complex, Housing incurs any expense to obtain such services or facilities then Housing may deduct the amount of such expense from any Payments in Lieu of Taxes due or to become due to the Municipality in respect to any Complex or any other low-rent housing complexes owned or operated by Housing.

7. No Cooperation Agreement heretofore entered into between the Municipality and Housing shall be construed to apply to any Complexes covered by this Agreement.

8. No member of the governing body of the Municipality or any other public official of the Municipality who exercises any responsibilities or functions with respect to any Complex, during his tenure or for two years thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any Complex or any property included or planned to be included in any Complex, or any contracts in connection with such Complexes or property. If any such governing body member or such other public official of the Municipality involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of his tenure any such interest, he shall immediately disclose such interest to Housing.

9. So long as any contract between Housing and the Government for loans, (including preliminary loans) or annual contributions, or both, in connection with any Complex remains in force and effect, or so long as any bonds issued in connection with any Complex or any monies due to the Government in connection with any Complex remain unpaid, this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed, or modified without the consent of the Government. The privileges and obligations of the Municipality hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each Complex so long as the beneficial title to such Complex is held by Housing or by any other public body or governmental agency, including the Government, authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of low-rent housing complexes. If at any time the beneficial title to, or possession of, any Complex is held by such other public body or governmental agency, including the Government, the provisions hereon shall inure to the benefit of and may be enforced by, such other public body or governmental agency, including the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Municipality and Housing have respectfully signed this Agreement and caused their seals to be affixed and attested as of the day and year above written.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

By _____
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor

ATTEST:

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF BRIDGEPORT

By _____