

**AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE**

**BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT 06604**

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

City Council Citation: In Recognition of AnnMarie Strang, helping in Building a Vibrant Bridgeport Business Community for 35 years as AnnMarie's Hair on Madison.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

Approval of City Council Minutes: December 4, 2023

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

- 31-23** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Urban Act Grant Program – Total Mortgage Arena Renovations (#24321), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 32-23** Communication from Housing and Community Development re: Proposed Resolution regarding the approval of the 2024-2025 Citizens Union Committee, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 33-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Jennifer Rocha (D) to the Commission for People with Disabilities, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 34-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Linda Lubin (D) to the Commission for People with Disabilities, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 35-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Ali Akbar (U) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 36-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Ada Gloria Hernandez (D) to the Fair Rent Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 37-23** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of John Stevens (U) to the Harbor Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 38-23** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Lease Agreement/Eminent Domain regarding the Parking Lot located at 405-435 Congress Street for the Police Department, referred to Contracts Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES CONTINUED:**

- 39-23** Communication from Mayor re: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.16 – Property Taxes, amend Article II – Real Property Tax Relief for Senior Citizens, Section(s) 3.16.110 – Real Property Tax Relief and Maximum & 3.16.120 – Application for Real Property Tax Relief, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**

- 40-23** Resolution presented by Council President Nieves and Co-sponsor(s): Burns & Newton re: Proposed Resolution concerning the Initiation of a Charter Revision Process for the City of Bridgeport, referred to Ordinance Committee.

**ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

- 41-23** Resolution presented by Council President Nieves and Co-sponsor(s): Newton, Vizzo-Paniccia, Herron, Smith, Cruz & Ortiz re: Proposed Resolution to Censure Councilwoman Maria H. Pereira, **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**
- 42-23** Resolution presented by Council Member Pereira re: Proposed Resolution to Censure Councilman Ernest Newton, **FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.**

**APPOINTMENT OF:**

City Council Standing Committees.  
City Council Liaisons to various City agencies, boards, and commissions.

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

- \*29-23** Contracts Committee Report re: Agreement with The Connecticut Laborers' District Council for the Bridgeport Public Employees Union Local 665 (LIUNA) regarding their Bargaining Unit Contract from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.
- \*30-23** Contracts Committee Report re: Professional Services Agreement with Griffin & Strong P.C. regarding the creation of a New Disparity Study for the City.
- \*09-23** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of Lonnie Blackwell – Docket No. 3:21-cv-778-(KAD).

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
1.) John Marshall Lee 30 Beacon Street Bridgeport, CT 06605	Municipal Governance, Participation, Voting and Civics.
2.) Julian Shafer 49 Sidney Street Bridgeport, CT 06606	Ceasefire Resolution.
3.) Dario Sulzman 118 Ellsworth Street #2 Bridgeport, CT 06605	Ceasefire Resolution.
4.) Hamza al Hameedi 1360 Noble Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06608	Ceasefire Resolution.
5.) Helen O. Losak 304 Bradley Street Bridgeport, CT 06610	Great Police Service – Thanking Bridgeport Police & Chief Porter for removing falling apart boat from Hickory Street.
6.) Jason Coombs 107 Grey Rock Road Bridgeport, CT 06606	Bridgeport Cease Fire Resolution.
7.) Dr. Khaled Elleithy, President Bridgeport Islamic Community Center 703 State Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Ceasefire Resolution.
8.) Pastor Anthony Bennett Mount Aery Baptist Church 45 East Eaton Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Ceasefire Resolution.
9.) Sarah Ibrahim 88 Harbor Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605	Ceasefire Resolution.
10.) Maher Abokhzam 1300 Fairfield Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605	Ceasefire Resolution.