CITY OF BRIDGEPORT JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND CONTRACTS SPECIAL MEETING JULY 18, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Jeanette Herron, Co-chair; Maria Valle, Co-chair;

Ernest Newton; Jorge Cruz, Sr.; Dasha Spell;

Maria Pereira; Scott Burns; Michelle Lyons (6:16);

Jazmarie Melendez (6:13); Eneida Martinez

OTHERS: Council Member(s): Fredrick Hodges (6:16) & Alfredo Castillo (6:31);

Bill Coleman, OPED; Max Perez, OPED; Obiora Nkwo, OPED; Ashley Aguilera, Director, Legislative Services; Dan Donovan, NuPower; Scott Guilmartin, NuPower; Abraham Gottesman, Developer; David Esfhani,

Developer; Sally Tayeb, Developer.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Herron called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

APPROVAL OF JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

- May 16, 2024 (Special Meeting)
- **COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2024 (SPECIAL MEETING)
- **COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER MELENDEZ JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:13 P.M.**
- 114-23 Proposed Resolution Making Findings Per Connecticut City and Town Development Act (Precursor to Consideration of Tax Incentive Development Agreement for 600 Iranistan Avenue.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 114-23.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ RESCINDED HIS MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 114-23.

**COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

**THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

115-23 Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the NuPower Fuel Cell Installation located at 600 Iranistan Avenue.

Mr. Coleman explained items #114-23 and #115-23 would be presented together as #114-23 is a resolution for the findings and #115-23 is to consider a tax incentive to the NuPower fuel cell installation. There are state statutes in place that require findings to occur before approving the deal. They are looking to find the hardships residents in the area suffer, blight and deterioration to remediate, and private enterprises not meeting current needs.

Council member Pereira asked why would a tower get a tax break and support the residents of Bridgeport. She asked if the location is owned by the Denardos.

Mr. Coleman replied the resolution has to do with findings to consider item #115-23 which is the tax incentive agreement. The location would be leased by NuPower from the Denardos.

Council member Pereira stated the location is very odd. She asked if the NRZ had weighed in on this.

Mr. Donovan replied they have been developing this project for over 10 years and the NRZ has been in support along with presenting in favor of the project to delegation and they have been reaching out to the residents of the area in regards to the project. He explained the location is difficult to cite anything but the 21 fuel cells that will be made in Connecticut fit perfectly in the .5 acres lot and there will be no emissions gasses released.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:16 P.M.**

 COUNCIL MEMBER HODGES JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:16 P.M.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FOR ITEM 114-23 TO STRIKE THE ADDRESS 855 MAIN STREET DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR AND REPLACED WITH 600 IRANISTAN AVENUE.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council member Newton asked how this project connects to Bassick High School; he has heard concerns from the school side.

Mr. Donovan replied he is not aware of any concerns but they will have a connection to the school for the thermal loop. They will be delivering energy into the school through a contract with United Illuminating. They will be taking heat from the fuel cell and adding it into the thermal loop to supply heat to boilers. Their current customer database would be University of Bridgeport, Bassick High School, and ASW with room to add additional locations. This would be similar to Great Oaks school on Cherry Street where they supply the hot water and heating. The goal is to make the boilers more efficient and reduce natural gas waste.

Council member Newton replied he heard a misunderstanding from the school system and they are under the impression of something else. He suggested reaching out to clarify the project.

Mr. Donovan replied he is willing to discuss with them the plans again. He shared the 21 fuel cells will be stacked on a raised structure to protect them from any environmental dangers and operating individually. The Cherry street location has been operating for 5 years now located in the courtyard.

Council member Pereira asked how the structures help the property value of the area.

Mr. Donovan replied there will be landscaping along the perimeter to the site. He noted the location is on the other side of the highway along an industrial zone not residential area.

Council member Martinez asked would the tax incentive be for the land or the structure.

Mr. Coleman replied it is related to the fuel cells, structure and land will go through regular taxation.

Mr. Perez added the structure will be taxed as personal property. It is in the enterprise zone which qualifies for a state abatement, it would be an 80% reduction on their tax bill, the state will reimburse 40% at the end of the year to the city and the owners will pay 20%. This would be a five year term abatement.

Council member Spell asked how they protect the structure from the weather.

Mr. Donovan replied they will be raised above 10 foot floodplain, which is required under the Connecticut citing council.

Council member Cruz said a few years ago they took a tour of the projected area and current running project at the Cherry lofts and has been very impressed. He asked if the new Southwest Building would be connected.

Mr. Donovan replied there is potential for future development. He clarified the differences between the heat pumps and thermal loop.

COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:31 P.M.

Council member Burns stated there are many benefits as they are made in Connecticut, a quiet operation that produces clean energy at a great location.

Council member Newton asked if these plans can be used in other locations.

Mr. Donovan replied not exactly, for the fuel cells they need to be in the area of United Illuminating substations. As far as the thermal loop they are surveying locations in the area and will review any opportunities.

Council member Lyons asked if the community was involved.

Council member Cruz replied initially Denese Taylor-Moye was in favor when they first heard of the project but he cannot speak for her in the present tense. He is in favor of the project.

Council member Lyons added Bridgeport does have a problem with pollution and the project would help clean up with air. She believes it is in an appropriate area since it would be in an industrial area.

Council President Nieves asked if this project would collaborate with the Workplace training program for employment.

Mr. Guilmartin replied they made a commitment to host two job fairs in the city to engage with the community. They will encourage the general contractor to hire businesses based in Bridgeport. They have been involved with the NRZ and other organizations in the city since 2016.

Co-chair Herron said she likes the idea of the job fair but her issue is the general contractor hiring city residents on a temporary basis then replacing them. She believes this issue must be stopped.

Council member Hodges stated his concerns for hiring would be if they are union jobs as those members are usually first pick. They need guaranteed employment for the residents of Bridgeport. From his background work he sees people getting trained but not receiving employment.

Mr. Guilmartin replied this is not under a project labor agreement, all wages will meet the David's bacon act. They would like their general contractor to hire local tradesmen.

Mr. Coleman added there are two provisions in the city ordinance that require a certain number of Bridgeport residents to be employed and 20% of the agreements must be African American owned businesses.

Council member Spell said this project is supposed to create jobs for the residents of the city. She would like to know of the longevity to the employment, will it be just for this project or long term positions.

Council member Martinez shared in 2016 when the MIRA program began many companies were supporting reentry jobs, many applications were submitted, few were selected to work then shortly let go. She clarified the ordinance means all faces of minorities; Caucasian woman, Latino, African American, females, and those recently incarcerated.

Mr. Guilmartin shared they will be supplying heat to the ASW building, they will help their operation be cost efficient and that program supports reentry so in essence they will be helping provide more jobs for them. In regards to the development of the fuel cells, the applicants must fit a criteria.

Council member Newton clarified the ordinance percentage is 20% for local contractors and 5% for reentry. His issue with general contractors is they do not pay subcontractors well. If people are requesting tax abatements, they should respect their tradesman and pay them reasonably.

Co-chair Herron added the minority business office must be held accountable. The ordinance must be followed and the city council must make the employees accountable.

Council member Pereira said the table of savings shows amounts that have not been done in a 300 unit building. They have savings of over one million dollars in the first year, and will not be providing any housing. She added Bridgeport residents do not get a fixed tax payment for 20 years.

Mr. Coleman replied that under state law fuel cells are class 1 renewables which are not taxable. The developers are agreeing to make payments in case the state law changes. The property has been vacant for 20 years and would be a productive way of receiving taxes.

Co-chair Valle asked if they will be receiving any money from the city.

Mr. Coleman replied no, they will be paying taxes at a fixed rate.

Co-chair Valle added grants and funds appear for developers but for the homeowners that want to repair their homes or residents looking to purchase their first home in the city there are no funds.

Council member Lyons said at every meeting they discuss the same subjects: contractors, minority businesses, union and non-union laborers, community involvement, tax abatement, and tax incentives. They spend a lot of meeting hours discussing the subject. She proposed the subject matters to be in order before the resolution gets brought to the council.

Council member Martinez said OP-ED should communicate with council members and involve them in projects within their district to better share information with the rest.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEMS 114-23 AND 115-23.
- **COUNCIL MEMBERS NEWTON AND CRUZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHT (8) IN FAVOR (VALLE, NEWTON, CRUZ, SPELL, BURNS, LYONS, MELENDEZ, AND MARTINEZ) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).
- 111-23 Proposed Resolution Making Findings Per Connecticut City and Town Development Act (Precursor to Consideration of Tax Incentive Development Agreement 855 Main Street).
- 112-23 Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for a Redevelopment Project located at 855 Main Street.

Mr. Coleman explained the following items would be presented together as #111-23 is the resolution to make findings and #112-23 is the authorization for the tax incentive. He went on to share that there are three development projects in downtown creating approximately 260 units located at 855 Main Street, the AT&T building, and 455 Fairfield Avenue. The first location would be market based price and the last two locations would be mixed between market and affordable.

Mr. Coleman said those properties are part of a large application but he will be speaking on 855 Main Street, which is an 11-story office building that will be converted into residential. It will have the same tax rate as the Fairfield apartments of \$2,500 dollars per unit. It would be a 10 year deal with no grace period for construction and will commence payments in January.

Council member Hodges asked if there would be 120 or 112 units.

Mr. Coleman replied the developer could possibly have space for more units or just keep it at the minimum set. If it becomes 120 units then the taxes will rise.

Council member Melendez asked who can afford a rent of \$2,500 and asked what the affordable housing component to this project would be.

Mr. Coleman replied the \$2,500 cost would be on the taxes per unit which amounts to \$280,00 per year in the first year.

Council member Melendez replied what the rent cost would be.

Mr. Coleman replied they would be market value, as the project is privately funded it does not require an affordable housing component.

Council member Castillo said he will not vote on the matter due to Mr. Gottesman being his landlord. He shared that Mr. Gottesman has cleaned up the building of his residency and called it the Taj Mahal. He has conversations with him saying this isn't like New York and suggests he at least accept workforce housing to help residents afford the units. He is asking for a tax incentive to help settle into the area as a long term investor.

Council member Cruz said when he last spoke with Mr. Gottesman last year, he discussed making affordable housing available in the property as it is a need within the city. His concerns with the new developments are they are not affordable to the current residents of the city and increase gentrification. He believes asking for a tax incentive with no consideration to residents is disturbing. Developers should reach out to the council or district representative as they have the power.

Council member Herron shared the council is here for the betterment of the constituents. She asked how many properties does Mr. Gottesman own as she knows she has two in her district that are not a pleasant environment.

Council member Burns asked if the rent would be market rent.

Mr. Coleman replied yes.

Council member Burns asked what the bill payment escalator percentage would be.

Mr. Coleman replied 3%.

Council member Melendez said he is not asking for money but is asking for a tax incentive. She cannot support the proposal if he is asking for something but cannot include affordable housing.

Council President Nieves said from looking at attachment B regarding the comparisons she notices he doesn't have even half of the unit being comparable and he is asking for the same amount of tax incentive.

Mr. Coleman replied that the distributive tonight does not have that attachment.

Council President Nieves said she will hold her question until the copies are distributed.

Council member Martinez shared this developer has many properties in the city, and is a slumlord. She shared he cannot purchase a bunch of properties for cheap, ask for tax incentives, not maintain the units and rip off his tenants. This is not how business is done in Bridgeport and is a slap in the face to the representatives of the constituents.

Council member Pereira shared she lives in one of Mr. Gottesman buildings and was informed who her landlord was by council member Castillo. She shares personally he is cordial to her but has gotten complaints of the property conditions. His office does not answer any communication and can only reach out to him via his personal cell phone line. She shared that the tarp on the roof is still there after 8 months which has allowed water and mold to grow. She doesn't understand why someone providing market rate rents would get a tax break and tax reduction. Lastly, she shared the confusion between 112 and 120 units.

Mr. Coleman replied the first whereas states approximately 112 units because when they request the last permit, they can possibly add more units depending on the sizing available.

Council member Pereira states she is opposed to the tax break and the affordable housing definition of 30% AMI.

Council President Nieves said in regards to the comparisons it is not equitable for the city. 300 units is not the same as 120 units. She noted the construction is to begin in two years but it has actually already begun. There is no workforce housing, downtown needs a mixed community.

Co-chair Herron replied the building was purchased a while ago and his prior purchases have not been updated or maintained at all.

Council member Newton shared many people have bought multiple properties to raise the rent but do not have courtesy to the tenants or community. Landlords should not take advantage of tenants and be responsible owners. He said improvements should be made.

Mr. Gottesman replied he has no issue with the comments made and appreciates the feedback. He shared he is in the city from before 7am until after 7pm. He shared that during a time of crisis where there was no heat in one of his buildings, he sent someone up to the border of Canada to

pick up a hot water heater. He is not afraid of the Health Department to be called. He shared 100% of his employees and contractors are residents of the city. He agreed he is not perfect and is looking for a training company for his office staff.

Council member Newton replied no one is asking you to be perfect but be more responsible because calls are being made to district representatives and those are not made up.

Mr. Coleman asked for the matter to be tabled to formulate a list of properties owned and add in affordable housing into the location.

Co-chair Herron added he was doing a good job at the beginning but believes he might have spread himself too thin.

Council member Lyons suggested this should be tabled to her point made earlier. Due to the tax incentives, in the month of May during budget season they are making decisions to lower or raise the taxes. They need to understand what they are doing to help the city taxpayers.

Council member Castillo shared there is an issue with the City's Building Department as it is short staffed and the city takes forever to approve permits. Mr. Gottesman reached out to Castillo in regards to needing a permit to repair a roof and said he is just going to proceed without the permit. Castillo endorsed the repair and said as long as it is completely secured.

Council member Pereira added Mr. Gottesman is not an arrogant man, he is very polite. She added since mayor Bill Finch tax incentives have increased in the city and no other city or towns do the same. She shared that section 8 is threatening not to pay rent for the 3rd floor due to the mold and people don't make reports due to eviction.

Council member Cruz shared that the developers should reach out to district representatives to learn of the project and help support it, or at least know of the plans. He thanked Mr. Gottesman for reconsidering the plans.

Mr. Gottesman replied that if there are issues within his buildings, they should contact the Health Department. He added everyone needs a second chance, and he has provided work for people who were given a chance due to incarceration.

Council member Burns asked for a breakdown of the forbearance of taxation included in the additional information.

Council member Martinez said there are no violations because it is hard for people to find apartments, there are no options available. She added the city has an issue with permits and

favoritism. She said that's why developers should reach out to council members to advocate for them.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEMS 111-23 AND 112-23 TO ALLOW MORE INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED AT PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION WAS PASSED.
- **CO-CHAIR HERRON CALLED FOR A 5 MINUTE RECESS AT 8:24 PM**
- **CO-CHAIR HERRON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:29PM.**
- 116-23 Proposed Resolution Making Findings Per Connecticut City and Town Development Act (Precursor to Consideration of Tax Incentive Development Agreement for 430 John Street.
- 117-23 Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Mixed Income Conversion of the former AT&T Building located at 430 John Street.

Council President Nieves stated on page 2 of the proposal, they have the wrong address listed.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO AMEND THE ITEM 116-23 PAGE
- 2 AND REPLACE THE ADDRESS 855 MAIN STREET TO 430 JOHN STREET.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER SPELL SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Coleman said that item #116-23 are the findings and #117-23 is the resolution to authorize the tax incentive. They will convert the building to approximately 77 mixed income units. There will be 10 affordable housing units at 60% AMI and deed restricted for 10-15 years. The tax rate they are proposing is \$2,000 per unit. The developers will be bringing 30% of private funding and bank financing. They are looking to add a roof top restaurant, and artistic space to the location.

Council member Castillo asked Mr. Nkwo what his department does.

Mr. Nkwo said he is under OPED and creates affordable housing for the city with government dollars.

Council member Castillo asked if the funds they would be using for this proposal are home fund dollars.

Mr. Coleman replied yes.

Council member Castillo said the home fund is supposed to be for property owners and home ownerships. They are taking these funds for developers, rental projects, and affordable housing. He expressed he is pro Bridgeport jobs and homeownership. He believes they are causing more gentrification.

Mr. Coleman replied it is a HUD program used by both.

Mr. Nkwo replied he has advocated for homeownership on James Street.

Mr. Coleman added there are deadlines from HUD to use the money.

Council member Castillo asked for funds and hasn't got it. People come here for opportunity and the program is to reduce costs. He believes the funds should be for residents in Bridgeport.

Council Member Melendez added the information is not clear and there are not enough affordable units available.

Mr. Coleman replied using an example of a family of four, they must make at least \$80,000 dollars.

Council member Melendez asked if 67 units would be market price and 11 affordable.

Mr. Coleman replied 10 will be affordable.

Council member Melendez said the proposal stated 11.

Co-chair Herron asked if there is something in place for veterans and disabled people.

Mr. Coleman replied the developer will be happy to include that.

Council member Spell asked if they would be willing to add additional affordable housing units. There are many buildings in downtown that are expensive, they enjoy newcomers but need to think of the long term residents.

Mr. Esfhani replied the project setup is similar to their work in the south Bronx where they focus on education and vocational skills. If they add only affordable housing units then the area will never progress. They have a property on the east end where they host an after school program.

Council member Pereira said the federal definition of affordable housing is 30% gross including utilities. One major accident will trap people into becoming renters their whole life. She cannot support this as it has no consideration for seniors or disabled.

Mr. Coleman replied they are willing to include. In order to qualify they must be 60% AMI and rent must be 30% at AMI.

Mr. Esfhani shared that all the buildings are ADA compliant with elevators and will have ADA targeted units.

Council member Pereira replied if they were open to adding more ADA units along with affordable housing and how many it would be.

Mr. Esfhani replied seven ADA compliant and 10 affordable.

Council member Newton said what they have done for the property on the east end is incredible and now fits back into the community.

Mr. Esfhani said he takes pride in what he does, they want to be a part of the community and people don't need housing.

Council member Newton suggested he join the NRZ and participate to be more involved with the community.

Council member Martinez said they did a job well done at 800 Union Ave but in regard to the tax incentive she is against it as the program has bad advertising. She went on to say the city does not share any grant programs available to the residents and those funds go untouched. She believes those funds should go to the people who want to stay in the city and continue to build their families here.

Council member Cruz is familiar with the location of the AT&T building as he would go there to pay bills with his mom. He is familiar with the project and appreciates the affording housing component.

Council member Valle shared the money is being used for developers when residents of Bridgeport should be using the money. She had suggested the program to her neighbors for window repairs and they said the application process was very confusing. The departments

should make the funding programs aware to the constituents or reach out to the council members to let them share the information about them.

Mr. Coleman replied the home program differs from CBDG program. The home fund is for real estate developments but he will communicate with CBDG.

Council member Valle asked how many applications are there for local residents, she doesn't see anyone from the office reaching out to the community.

Mr. Coleman said the funding is not for individual homeowners, just developers.

Council President Nieves said she supports the swag program but parents do pay for their children to attend the program. She said the council has to consider maintaining taxes. Considering the other project, they are requesting a lot of funding. She believes the number of affordable housing units should be increased if they are looking for that amount of funding.

Mr. Coleman replied that the tax incentive program allows them to start with a lower tax rate that increases yearly. The home dollars will fill the gap to the private and bank funding.

Council President Nieves believes the project is great with many profits for the city but considering the additional projects they are requesting a lot of incentives. She added other developers try to do things in the city and their plans are never brought forth to the council.

Mr. Coleman said the council has the power, he just brings the proposals to the table. He noted HUD does have time limits for funds, the locations they are interested in are vacant brownfield locations, and they have invested \$50,000 dollars to clean up.

Council member Castillo added he is frustrated with people cutting the line and started their projects.

Mr. Coleman said their frustration matters but they don't know how long the line is. Bigger entities tend to have more detailed plans that allow them to advance.

Council member Pereira said the AMI is totaled from Bridgeport, Greenwich, Westport, Norwalk, and Easton.

Mr. Coleman replied they do not use all of Fairfield county, the Great Bridgeport uses other towns. He added that HUD defines the qualification and terminology.

Council member Pereira asked what is the Connecticut general statute for tax incentives.

Mr. Coleman replied the one for 430 John Street would be the CT city and town developments act. For the location of 455 Fairfield Avenue is 8-215 which is the affordable housing of the state. He stated it is listed in the proposal.

Co-chair Herron replied they have the same conversations many times. She believes after vetting and working on the proposals the departments should reach out to the district representative to make them aware of what is going on. She is not against good development and affordable housing but the council needs more time with the information.

Mr. Coleman replied city attorneys say to keep some distance as the council are the ones voting but there is a middle ground that can be found.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEMS 116-23 AND 117-23 FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED AND PRESENTED.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS VALLE AND PEREIRA SECONDED THE MOTION.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Coleman said the deadline is August 20th for the state home expenditures.

Council member Pereira said they will need to hold a special meeting as the next regular council meeting is on August 5th.

118-23 Proposed Resolution Authorizing an Affordable Housing Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the property located at 455 Fairfield Avenue.

Mr. Coleman explained it is a 60 unit property that is 100% affordable housing. It is a 15 year term and each unit will be taxed at \$1,500 per unit.

Council member Burns said there was a lot of funding from housing sources, \$1 million dollars from Brownfield funds, and \$2 million dollars from private funding that is commendable. He questioned the last whereas in the resolution and asked is that amount from the brownfield funds considered too much.

Mr. Coleman replied in order to qualify for brownfield dollars they need to show the clean-up project in three phases and that was the amount they got from the analysis. In regards to the last whereas, the location is 5 blocks away from the downtown transit station.

Council member Pereira asked what is the definition of affordable housing.

Mr. Coleman replied it is all deed restricted that have different tiers for AMI.

Council member Pereira asked how many will be 60% AMI.

Mr. Esfhani replied they don't have the breakdown yet.

Council member Pereira asked if they could provide that information for the next meeting including the rent cost.

Council President Nieves asked a question regarding the bonding.

Mr. Coleman said it does not require PLA because it is under \$1 million dollars.

- **COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 118-23 FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED AND PRESENTED.
- **COUNCIL MEMBERS VALLE SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

- **COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AT 9:38 PM.
- **COUNCIL MEMBER SPELL SECONDED THE MOTION.
- **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vianca Rivera,

Telesco Secretarial Services.