

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 2, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:** Rolanda Smith, Co-chair; Jorge Cruz, Sr.;  
Jazmarie Melendez; Eneida Martinez;  
AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; Maria Valle (6:07).

**OTHERS:** Aidee Nieves, Council President (6:05);  
Andy Toledo, Director of Community Relations;  
Mark Anastasi, Esquire;  
John Weldon, Nominee to Police Commission;  
James Meszoros, Nominee to Fire Commission.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. There was a quorum present at the time of the roll call.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- **June 4, 2024 (Regular Meeting)**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2024 (REGULAR MEETING)**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\*THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\*COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AIDEE NIEVES JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:05 PM\*\***

**82-23** Proposed Resolution regarding approval of sewer extension for 520 Success Avenue in accordance with Municipal Code of Ordinances, Section 13.04.620.

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER, MARIA VALLE JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:05 PM\*\***

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 82-23.**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\*THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Cruz asked if the chair could clarify what the motion meant as there were many residents of Success Village in attendance to hear the discussion.

Attorney Anastasi explained since the item was tabled which means the issue will not be discussed or acted upon at this meeting but will be revisited at the next meeting.

**95-23** Appointment of John Weldon (R) to the Police Commission.

Mr. Weldon shared he is interested in being appointed to the Commission as he has an experience being on the board of education for over 5 years and has worked in the public transportation industry. He has knowledge of labor relations and collective bargaining that he believes would translate well into the position.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia shared she has known Mr. Weldon for a long time with his work with the city of Bridgeport.

Council member Melendez added she is very passionate about the Police Commission and believes they should be allowing new people into those positions who are not biased and have no experience with the city of Bridgeport at all. She stated a resident of Bridgeport reached out to the city council in regard to an incident with Mr. Weldon and she has a duty to advocate for her constituents, in which she would be opposed to the appointment.

Council member Cruz shared he is resilient enough to have bias or issues among his peers but there should always be respect between one another. He shared that he respects Mr. Weldon's experience, knowledge, and commitment. He will be voting in favor of the appointment.

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 95-23.**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\*THE MOTION CARRIED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR ( CRUZ, MARTINEZ, VALLE, AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (MELENDEZ).**

**96-23** Appointment of James Meszoros (D) to the Fire Commission.

Mr. Meszoros shared he has been Board of Education School Security for over 29 years and resident of the Southend of Bridgeport. He was first appointed onto the board over 14 years ago and has been helping the firefighters since then.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia shared she has known Mr. Meszoros for many years, and has seen his continuous dedication to the city at different capacities and positions he's held.

Council member Cruz added he's known Mr. Meszoros for many years, he is very involved with the youth and has collaborated with Mr. Meszoros a few times.

Mr. Meszoros shared there was an issue within their district of needing a stop sign at Atlantic and Gregory as there were many collisions occurring and shortly after he reached out to Council member Cruz, the city added a stop sign at the intersection.

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 96-23.**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\*THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\*THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vianca Rivera,  
Telesco Secretarial Service