

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Eneida Martinez, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair,
Ernest Newton.

OTHER: Council Member(s): Aidee Nieves, Council President; Dasha Spell,
Jorge Cruz, Richard Ortiz & Jazmarie Melendez

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Boyd called the public hearing to order at 5:50 p.m.

Council Member Boyd asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak about Agenda Item 145-23 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 3.36 - Municipal Special Services District.

Four individuals signed up to speak at the public hearing for item 145-23.

Laura Coakley-Vincent
380 Hilltop Road
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Ms. Coakley-Vincent greeted everyone and introduced herself as the President and CEO of DSSD since 2018. She is in favor of the amendment to diversify the board by adding 4 chair members and allowing tenants and leaseholders to be considered and sit on the board. They are only looking for meaningful change to be more inclusive of the whole community.

Gemeem Davis
33 Cottage Place
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Ms. Davis greeted everyone and shared she currently serves on the commission's subcommittee. She advocates for the changes to chapter 3.36 to allow for more diversity.

Callie Hellman
89 Grover Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Ms. Hellman greeted everyone and thanked the committee for passing the item unanimously and hoped the full council would allow it to pass as well.

Philip Kuchma
3200 Park Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Mr. Kuchma shared he was born in the city and the purpose of the commission is to enhance services in the area but the original commissioners have different needs compared to lease holders in the area so they need to diversify the board to hear and advocate everyone's needs.

ADJOURNMENT

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AT 5:58 PM.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vianca Rivera,
Telesco Secretarial Services.