

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair; Eneida Martinez, Co-chair;
Ernest Newton, Michelle Lyons (6:13 pm)

OTHER: Council Member(s): Scott Burns & Maria Pereira; James Maye, Associate
City Attorney; Anthony Paoletto, Mayor's Office (6:10 pm)

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Boyd called the meeting at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum present at the time of the roll call.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

- September 24 (Regular Meeting)

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 (REGULAR MEETING).**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- September 27, 2024 (Special Meeting)

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 (SPECIAL HEARING).**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- October 7, 2024 (Public Hearing)

Council member Pereira shared minutes for the public hearing were not on the city website yet.

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2024 (PUBLIC HEARING).**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

40-23 Proposed Resolution concerning the Initiation of a Charter Revision Process for the City of Bridgeport.

Co-chair Boyd shared that they were not ready to move forward on the item.

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 40-23.**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

157-23 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10.12 –Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally, amend Section 10.12.010 B, 1. –Restrictions on Stopping or Parking Generally—Violations—Penalties—Exemption.

Council member Burns shared that both items were approved under the budget process. For this item they are looking to increase the fine to \$40 dollars for parking overtime in a metered location which would be more aligned with standards in the state.

Council member Valle asked how long someone could pay to park.

Council member Burns replied it depends on the area as the meters can run between one to four hours.

Council member Martinez added the meters only take .25¢ or you can pay with a bank card.

Council member Pereira shared there is no parking meter in her district. She suggested they reach out to the community members and DSSD. Along with giving the constituents a timely notification on the change.

Council member Burns replied he can reach out to the DSSD.

Council member Pereira asked when this would be in effect.

Council member Burns replied they need to host a public hearing.

Atty. Maye added it can be commenced whenever after the public hearing. He suggested removing C1 from the ordinance as it shares an amount that is not used anymore.

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO UPDATE SECTION C1 FROM \$20 TO \$40 AND AFTER 14 DAYS THE PENALTY WILL GO UP TO \$60.**

****ANTHONY PAOLETTO JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:10 PM****

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON WITHDREW HIS MOTION.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTION TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY STRIKING SECTION C1 AND REORDERING THE REMAINING.**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER MICHELLE LYONS JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:13 PM****

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM 157-53 ON NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 5:30 PM.**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

158-23 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend Chapter 10.16 – Parking, amend Section 10.16.070 A – Rates and charges; grace period; prompt payment discount; immobilization; exemptions.

Council member Burns shared they are looking to increase the charges on the parking meters to .50¢ for every 20 minutes, making it \$1.50 for one hour.

Council member Pereira asked how much would someone pay if they needed to be stationed for 30 minutes.

Council member Burns replied that it would have to be discussed with parking enforcement.

Council member Martinez suggested they have a discussion with the parking enforcement to update the signage and their software as they were wrongfully ticketing 18 wheelers because the systems were not updated to the correct ticket amount.

Mr. Paoletto shared if they raise the pricing on metered then the chambers will be fill up sooner.

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 158-23.
**COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM 158-53 ON NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.
**COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

****COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AT 6:32 PM.
**COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vianca Rivera
Telesco Secretarial Services.