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Monday, March 16, 2009

7:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, duly warned, was held on March 16, 2009 in the Bart Guida Aldermanic Chambers of the Biagio DiLieto Government Center, 165 Church Street.

Acting City Clerk Alderwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The members present were Alderpersons Calder, James-Evans, Jackson-Brooks, Perez, Colon, Clark, Smart, Lemar, Brison, Antunes, Rhodeen, Sturgis-Pascale, J. Rodriguez, Castro, Paolillo, DePino, Edwards, Jones, Morehead, McCormack, Silverman, Lehtonen, Sandman, Goldfield and Edmonds-Sepulveda - 25.

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Divine Guidance was invoked by Alderwoman McCormack: "Colleagues, if we can just take a moment of silence for the far too many victims of violence in New Haven over the last couple of months. Amen. Thank you."

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED.

Amen. Thank you."

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of the Regular Meeting held on March 2, 2009 was approved.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following were read for the first time and unanimous consent for immediate action thereon having been granted, it was voted, viva voce, on motion of Alderwoman Jones, duly seconded, that they be accepted and the matter to which they refer be approved with the exception of the refund to Albertus Magnus College, which was separated out and given leave to withdraw, and it was so declared by the Chair:

From the Tax Collector, Order de Tax Refunds (March 16, 2009).
(ORDER PASSED)

ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the tax refund applications

specified hereinafter by taxpayer's name, account number, and refund amount be and hereby are approved pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes and the certification of the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector shall draw orders upon the City Treasurer for each payee specified and, pursuant to Section 2-37 of the City Ordinances, the Controller or his designee shall surrender each payment to the payee named thereon after obtaining satisfaction of any and all debts owed to the City of New Haven by the Payee.

NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
ASTAPCHENIA,SVIATLANA	612591 \$460.41	CAPSTONE REALTY 4979 \$984.04
CAPSTONE REALTY	8032 \$15,187.16	CHASE FHOME FINANCE 6484 \$3,764.30
CITICORP VENDOR FINANCE, INC	611891 \$1,485.80	CONNECTICUT LAW GROUP LLC 27566 \$2,476.04
CONSIGLIO, FLOR	10754 \$400.57	COUNTRYWIDE TAX SERVICES CORP 22499 \$590.94
CUSTER, DONALD	693172 \$211.47	DCFS TRUST 657678 \$1,243.94
FV ORANGE, LLC	11727 \$801.32	FV WILLOW LLC 11969 \$1,063.68
GARLEY, SAMPSON	695499 \$53.75	HOME LOAN SERVICES 16230 \$955.75
HONDA LEASE TRUST 8 ACCTS	\$1,967.09	JOHNSON, JOHN JR 4011 \$1,323.71
MICHELS CORPORATION	653663 \$68,610.56	MORO, OSBALDO 585426 \$1,394.94
NEWALLIANCE BANK	8075 \$1,211.72	NISSAN INFINITI LT 7ACCTS \$3,380.86
OZALP,BULENT	701665 \$136.34	PALLAS, JASON 701742 \$397.77
RIVERA, CARMEN	477566 \$49.81	RIVERA,DANIEL 719541 \$30.39
ROLON, JAIME J	736779 \$572.00	SANTOS, GLENDA M 720534 \$6.13
TAYLOR,MATTHEW C	669956 \$41.63	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP 3 ACCTS \$824.24
VOLVO CAR FINANCE N A	554147 \$54.71	VOLVO CAR FINANCE N A 670956 \$183.45
WASHINGTON MUTUAL	12646 \$2,000.00	WASHINGTON MUTUAL 14025 \$6,360.81
WELLS FARGO HOME MTG	1757 \$2,603.39	WELLS FARGO HOME MTG 17585 \$2,273.35
WEINSTEIN. IVAN G	706652 \$185.86	YOUNGREN, KENNETH D 707308 \$125.99
		TOTALS \$123,413.92

ORDER TO GIVE LEAVE TO WITHDRAW TO THE ORDER DE TAX REFUND FROM ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE (MARCH 16, 2009).

BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the tax refund application specified hereinafter by taxpayer's name, account number, and refund amount, as follows, be and it is hereby given leave to withdraw.

NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	14313	\$6,281.36

The following were read for the first time, ordered printed in the Journal, and referred to the Committee as indicated for public hearing and report:

ALDERMANIC AFFAIRS:

From the Mayor submitting the appointment of Adetokunbo Anifalaje of 24 Batter Terrace to the Greater New Haven Transit District.

February 20, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church Street

New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Section #7-273(c), Chapter #103(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section #30-1/2-5 of the Code of General Ordinances, I wish to hereby submit the name of Ms. Adetokunbo Anifalaje of 24 Batter Terrace, New Haven, CT 06511 to the Greater New Haven Transit District. This appointment would become effective upon your Honorable Board's approval and will expire on March 31, 2013.

I am most confident given Ms. Anifalaje's credentials and commitment to our city that she will be as asset to this vital Board.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this appointment and ask for your prompt consideration of same.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.
Mayor

CITY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY:

From the City Engineer submitting a resolution approving easements in favor of the Greater New Haven WPCA for a relocated sewer line in Bay View Park as a result of the Howard Avenue Bridge reconstruction.
(REFERRED CONCURRENTLY TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION, PUBLIC WORKS, AND TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING)

March 16, 2009

The Honorable Carl Goldfield, President
New Haven Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Easements in Favor of the GNHWPCA in Bay View Park

Dear President Goldfield:

The State of Connecticut is in the process of reconstructing the Howard Avenue Bridge over I-95. The result of this work affected the existing alignment of the sewer line servicing the area going towards the Boulevard Pump Station located adjacent to Bay View Park. GNHWPCA have met with the Parks Commission and received approval to move forward with the easements. Attached is a plan of the realignment together with the specific maps of three easements necessary for the work.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Miller, PE, LS
City Engineer

FINANCE:

From Alderpersons Lee, Jackson-Brooks, Perez and Brison submitting an ordinance amendment amending Section 2-302 of the Code of Ordinances requiring waivers of pensions by retirees accepting compensation from the City of New Haven for performing the duties of any full time or part time non-elected municipal position or as a consultant performing a function substantially similar to any full time or part time non-elected municipal position.

March 16, 2009

Hon. Carl Goldfield
President, New Haven Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510-2010

Dear Ald. Goldfield:

Please find attached an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to require that any person entitled to a pension from the city or from any of its pension funds or as a benefit from service in one of the city's bargaining units must decline to accept any part of such pension by a waiver signed and filed with the mayor or his/her designee as a condition of receiving compensation for performing the duties of any full time for part time non-elected municipal position or as a consultant performing a function substantially similar to any full time for part time non-elected municipal position.

It is our hope that this simple amendment will serve to alleviate any appearance of impropriety in circumstances where retirees return to serve the City of New Haven.

Yours truly.

Robert Lee
Ward 11, Alderman

Andrea Jackson-Brooks
Ward 4, Alderwoman

Jorge L. Perez
Ward 5, Alderman

Allan P. Brison
Ward 10, Alderman

LEGISLATION:

From Robert Wechsler of the New Haven Democracy Fund submitting a report of the Democracy Fund Board for the year 2008, as required by Section 2-245 of the Democracy Fund Ordinance and Section 2 of the Democracy Fund Board Bylaws.

February 25, 2009

Dear Mayor DeStefano and Aldermen President Goldfield:

Enclosed is the Report of the New Haven Democracy Fund Board to the Mayor

and the New Haven Board of Aldermen for the year 2008, as required by Section 2-245 of the Democracy Fund Ordinance and Section 2 of the Democracy Fund Board Bylaws

Yours sincerely,

Robert Wechsler, Administrator, New Haven Democracy Fund

PUBLIC SAFETY:

From Alderpersons S. Rodriguez, Clark and Edmonds-Sepulveda submitting an order requesting that the Chief of Police provide reports on the New Haven Gun Project and/or any successor programs to combat the deadly epidemic of youth gun violence.

March 16, 2009

Honorable Carl Goldfield
President, New Haven Board of Aldermen

Dear President Goldfield:

We would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Aldermen as a communication, the attached entitled an Order that the City of New Haven Police Chief Provide Reports on the New Haven Gun Project and/or any successor programs to combat this deadly epidemic of Youth Gun Violence.

There is an epidemic of youth gun violence with what seems to be a focus on young people in New Haven, and the recent wave of gun related tragedies have shaken the community.

As elected representatives we must monitor this serious problem and maintain to resolve to keep firearms off the streets and out of the hands of our youth. We believe it is imperative that the City of New Haven and New Haven Police Chief provide updated reports on the New Haven Gun Project and any successor programs including: 1) the flow of guns into New Haven, particularly into the hands of our youth; 2) where these guns are coming from; 3) how many guns have been seized in New Haven since the "guns buy back" program was initiated; 4) how many guns have been reported stolen in New Haven in the same period; and 5) developing a plan that outlines how New Haven plans to remove guns off the streets.

We therefore ask that the Board please consider the attached Order and that it is assigned to the appropriate aldermanic committee for action.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergio Rodriguez
Sepulveda
President Pro Tempore
Ward

Frances Clark
Alderwoman, 7th Ward

Michelle Edmonds
Alderwoman, 30th

Alderman, 26th Ward

TAX ABATEMENT:

From Alderman Blango submitting an order requiring the Tax Collector to notify the respective alderman from the affected ward of homeowners in their ward on the verge of losing their homes prior to the initiation of foreclosure action.

March 16, 2009

Honorable Carl Goldfield
President, New Haven Board of Aldermen

Dear President Goldfield:

I submit the attached order to the Board of Aldermen for unanimous consent requiring the Tax Collector to notify the respective alderman from the affected ward of homeowners in their ward on the verge of losing their homes prior to the initiation of city foreclosure action so that vulnerable homeowners can be advised of all available assistance.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Blango
Alderman, 20th Ward
From Eugene Johnson, petition for abatement (deferral of collection) of taxes due on his residence known as 193 Bassett Street, Grand Lists of 2006 and 2007.
(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

March 12, 2009

To: Board of Aldermen
From: Donald Hayden, Tax Abatement Committee Staff

Eugene Johnson has submitted a petition to the Board of Aldermen for abatement (deferral of collection) of taxes due on his residence known as 193 Bassett Street, Grand Lists of 2006 and 2007.

READ, PRINT, AND FILE

The following were read for the first time, ordered printed in the Journal and filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

From the City Assessor submitting a report representing all known major tax agreements as of October 1, 2008.

March 1, 2009

The Honorable Carl Goldfield

Board of Aldermen
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

The attached report represents all major tax agreements known to the Assessor as of October 1, 2008. Included are exemptions initiated by the City of New Haven, which are not eligible for State of Connecticut PILOT, and State of Connecticut exemption programs, which are eligible for PILOT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill O'Brien,
City Assessor

LIVABLE CITY INITIATIVE

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted viva voce that said order be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

From the Executive Director, LCI, submitting an order approving the land disposition agreement for the following property: 168 Chapel Street to 178 Chapel Street Associates, LLC.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted viva voce that said order be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

February 27, 2009

The Honorable Carl Goldfield, President
Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Dispositions: 168 Chapel Street

Dear Alderman Goldfield:

In accordance with the Board of Aldermen's Land Disposition Guidelines revision dated September 5th, 2006, as well as the Board of Aldermen's May 20th, 1996 order establishing the Livable City Initiative and requiring that said Initiative submit a list of land disposition matters, I am writing to respectfully request that the Honorable Board approve the City's disposition of the properties more fully described on the attached list. In addition, I have attached the City Plan Commission Advisory Reports for these properties as required by the same order referred to above.

By disposing of the listed properties, if so approved by the Honorable Board, the City, acting through the Livable City Initiative, will be able to continue to strive toward the mission of combating blight and fostering a better New Haven in which to live and thrive. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Andrew J. Rizzo Jr.
Executive Director/Building Official

**LIST OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR DISPOSITION
March 16, 2009**

ADDRESS	SQ.FT	Price	Owner	USE	WARD
168 Chapel Street land to 178 Chapel Street Associates, to create parking for their adjacent business at 178 Chapel Street.	7,650	\$25,000.00	City		The City wishes to sell this surplus
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BE IT ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the list of properties, as printed in the Board of Aldermen Journal, submitted on February 27, 2009 by the Livable City Initiative in accordance with the procedure established by the Board of Aldermen on May 20, 1996 and the land disposition agreement guidelines as revised on September 5, 2006, is approved subject to conditions of the City Plan Commission reports submitted with said list.

This order will expire and be of no further force and effect twelve months from the date of passage of this order unless extended (a) by the Board of Aldermen or (b) by the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development for a period not to exceed a further twelve months and with written notice to the Board of Aldermen.

FIRST READINGS

Finance. Favorable. ORDER From the Mayor APPROVING TRANSFER #0962 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,000 WITHIN THE FY2008-09 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN SUPPORT OF THE TWEEN NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY. (PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN)

WHEREAS: the Tweed New Haven Airport Authority (Authority) was established by Public Act 97-271, effective July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS: the Authority's financial condition is deteriorating due to reductions in state and local government subsidies; reduced air service; federally-mandated safety improvements and litigation with the Town of East Haven; and

WHEREAS: the Authority is making efforts to improve its financial condition and remain solvent through a combination of revenue enhancements and budget reductions; and

WHEREAS: in the event the Authority declares bankruptcy, dissolves, or otherwise fails to meet its obligations due to a shortfall of funding, then the City will retake possession of the Airport and become solely responsible for its operation and financial obligations; and

WHEREAS: the Board of Aldermen approved the City of New Haven Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and provided a development subsidy of \$550,000 to the

Tweed New Haven Airport Authority for the operations of Tweed New Haven Regional Airport, subject to Policy Amendment #3, which was satisfied by communication to the Board of Aldermen on August 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS: the Authority subsequently came before the Finance Committee on September 10, 2008 and reported on its financial condition as well as the various measures being taken to stabilize its budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven that Transfer #0962 is hereby approved, which transfers \$160,000 from Contract Reserve (402-1010) to Development Subsidy for Tweed New Haven Airport Authority (701-56000).

Finance. Favorable. ORDER FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF AN EXISTING LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF BERSHTEIN, VOLPE & MCKEON, P.C. TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM \$99,999 TO \$180,000 THROUGH FY 2008-09 with funds from THE FY2008-09 GENERAL FUND BUDGET NO. 18058530-56694.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the New Haven Board of Aldermen, acting pursuant to Section 60 of the Charter of the City of New Haven, approves Amendment No. 3 of an existing legal service agreement with the law firm Bershtein, Volpe & McKeon, P.C. to increase the maximum compensation thereunder from \$99,999.00 to \$180,000.00 through FY 2008-09 with funds from FY 2008-09 GF Budget 18058530-56694.

SECOND READINGS

Aldermanic Affairs. Favorable.

Order approving the appointment of Ann M. Cavaliere to the Aging Commission.

Order approving the appointment of Su-Lin Carbonelli to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Order approving the reappointment of Chris Getlein to the Commission on Disabilities.

Order approving the reappointment of Elaine Quinn to the Commission on Disabilities.

The favorable reports of the Aldermanic Affairs Committee recommending passage of the proposed orders, as printed on page 764 of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 2, 2009, were read for the second time and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted, viva voce, that said reports be accepted and proposed orders be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

Alderwoman McCormack: "The committee met with Miss Cavaliere and Miss Carbonelli on February 23, 2009 and found them to be energetic, gracious and willing to give their time to the city. The committee also voted to favorably recommend the reappointees on the basis of their attendance records. So I urge

your support. Thank you.”

ALDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. Order approving the reappointment of Joelle Fishman to the New Haven Peace Commission.

The favorable report of the Aldermanic Affairs Committee recommending passage of the proposed order, as printed on page 764 of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 2, 2009, was read for the second time and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted, viva voce, that said report be accepted and proposed order be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

Alderwoman McCormack: “The committee voted in favor of the reappointment of Joelle Fishman with one negative vote. I would urge my colleagues to support her reappointment. Thank you.”

City Services and Environmental Policy. Favorable.

Resolution from Transportation, Traffic and Parking authorizing a second supplemental agreement to the original agreement dated January 23, 1998 and the first supplemental agreement dated July 6, 1999 between the State of Connecticut and the City of New Haven that will provide additional surface transportation funds for the development of contract plans, specifications and estimates for a computerized traffic signal system and hardware upgrades at 84 intersections within the city.

Order from Alderpersons Plattus, Calder, Lemar, Sturgis-Pascale, Brison, James, Jackson-Brooks, Perez, Colon, Clark, Smart, Lee, Antunes, Rhodeen, J. Rodriguez, Castro, Paolillo, DePino, Edwards, Blango, Jones, Morehead, Shah, McCormack, Silverman. S. Rodriguez, Lehtonen, Sandman, Goldfield and Edmonds-Sepulveda adopting a policy concerning the city's transition to usage of healthful cleaning products and practices.

Order granting permission to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for a sign on the corner of Lawrence Street and Whitney Avenue indicating the location of the Church at 100 Lawrence Street.

The favorable reports of the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee recommending passage of the proposed resolution and orders, as printed on pages 764-767 of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 2, 2009, were read for the second time and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted, viva voce, that said reports be accepted and proposed resolution be adopted and orders be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

Alderwoman Sturgis-Pascale: Item one is an agreement which will allow the city to receive \$95,000.00 in additional funding for the ongoing traffic signal computerization project. One major benefit of the program is installation of fiber optic communications which will monitor signals 24 hours a day and immediately report problems to the management center so that problems may be fixed promptly. City Plan recommends approval and I ask for your support.

Item two is an order that is the result of collaboration among several colleagues as well as health and environmental professionals and cleaning experts and various other members of the community. It's been wonderful to see a number of community groups really come forward on this issue. It's been wonderful to collaborate with them.

Health problems and environmental damage associated with industrial cleaning products compel the city to implement a 'green' cleaning policy. The order requires city departments to include in new contracts 'green' cleaning products or cleaning services and to use, whenever practicable, cleaning products having properties that minimize potential negative impacts to human health and the environment. The city already has a green cleaning policy in effect at City Hall, but this order will make it mandatory

Though this order would not determine cleaning modalities for the Education Department, we are working closely with department staff to continue trials of green cleaners and implementation of safer practices wherever possible. The Purchasing Agent will obtain green seal products for city departments whenever possible. The order will apply to city maintenance contractors. We will try to set an example and work with owners of properties leased by the city and their contractors as well. So I ask your support on this really important piece of legislation.

Lastly, Item three. This Church was established in the city 45 years ago. It sponsors the longest running Martin Luther King Love March in the state and one of the oldest in the country. About 150 people attend each Sunday service, but occasions like the March can draw many more. The sponsors want the public to have directions to the Church from Whitney Avenue, the closest major artery. The required public liability insurance is in place. Church representatives are working with the Transportation Department on the sign and City Plan recommends approval with the usual conditions. I ask your support."

Joint Community Development/Human Services. Favorable. Order from the Mayor approving the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for FY 2009-2010 including proposed activities to be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) community programs.

The favorable report of the Joint Community Development/Human Services Committee recommending passage of the proposed order, as printed on pages 767-793 of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on March 2, 2009, was read for the second time and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted, viva voce, that said report be accepted and proposed order be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

Alderwoman Edmonds-Sepulveda: "First, I would like to thank my co-chair of the Joint Community Development/Human Services Committee and both of the vice chairs. I'd also like to thank the committee members and other colleagues for their help and hard work on this project.

The coming fiscal year marks the 35th anniversary of the Community

Development Block Grant/Consolidated Plan program. We all know that the pot of money has been shrinking in recent years. It's gone down by about 30 percent since the year 2000. Let's hope that the trend reverses itself with a new administration in Washington.

I urge you to vote in favor of the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan budget. And I urge you to keep reminding your Congresswoman and Senators and that funding needs to be restored to the CDBG program.

Thank you."

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Alderman James-Evans: "I want to let my colleagues know that there will be an African American Gospel Experience, a benefit concert, sponsored by the Greater New Haven Community Chorus and New Haven Public School 8th Grade Talented and Gifted (TAG) Programs at Woolsey Hall on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Admission is \$10.00. Children under 12 are free. I have tickets and some colleagues have committed to purchasing tickets. So I encourage everybody to go. If you have children bring them. I think this would be a wonderful experience for them. Thank you."

Alderman J. Rodriguez: "I also would like to invite my colleagues to an event. FLECHAS INC., which celebrates the 'Puerto Rican Expression of Three Cultures', will be hosting their annual commemoration of the Abolition of Slavery in Puerto Rico - which the island of Puerto Rico also happens to celebrate as a national government holiday - on Friday, March 20, 2009, at noon at Gateway Community College. So for those who might have time during their lunch break on Friday, please come. Refreshments will be served. It's normally a nice event. We have young men and women that perform traditional Puerto Rican dance and so forth. So I invite my colleagues. Thank you."

Alderman Rhodeen: "I'd like to thank in particular my colleague from the 4th Ward for welcoming me so warmly back to the Board. I apologize for my absences from recent meetings. I've been working on a business deal in Mexico, actually, and have been there twice now in the past few weeks, which has been great, and I'm grateful for being employed in these difficult times. But I once again thank my colleague from the 4th Ward for the warm welcome."

President Goldfield: "I know that we all want to offer condolences to our colleague from the 4th Ward on the passing of her nephew."

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED.

ADJOURNED 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST: RON SMITH
 City Clerk