

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

24-08 Public Hearing regarding Disposition of City Owned Properties to the United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCPA).

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Approval of City Council Minutes: April 20, 2009

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NAME

SUBJECT

Judith R. Drew
44 Lorraine Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Property Taxes/Services

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

State Labor Board

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearings will be held before the City Council of Bridgeport at regular meeting to be held on Monday evening, May 18, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, relative to Disposition of the following city-owned properties:

#24-08 - Disposition of city owned properties to the United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCPA):

144 Ogden Street
10-16 Railroad Avenue
34-40 Revere Street
115 Madison Avenue
85 White Street
1095 Stratford Avenue
727 Arctic Street

#94-08 - Disposition of Barnum School (529 Noble Avenue) and Garfield School (655 Stillman Street) to Achievement First.

Attest:

Fleeta C. Hudson
City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
CITY of BRIDGEPORT
MAY 18, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, McCarthy, Austin,
Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, Paoletto, Baker, *Holloway
*= arrived after opening of public speaking session

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:37 p.m.

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Ms. Drew thanked the council for allowing her to speak tonight. She stated that she moved here seven years ago and bought a multi-family house that she enjoys. She expressed that the property taxes were outrageous and the street she lives on doesn't get snow plowed anymore, unless she calls the city to do it. She also had an encounter during the summer with a police officer whose behavior was over the top. She explained that she didn't realize there was a caravan going down the street and the police officer stopped her and abruptly told her not to move. She said he was extremely rude and she tried to explain that she was trying to get out of the way.

She also mentioned the problem of having to obtain a license for a business she runs. She said she felt victimized in this city. She repeated the problem of high taxes and she urged the town to stop burdening the property owner. She stressed that services in the city aren't what they should be and she has relayed to other people that living here isn't favorable. She said she hoped the city would address the taxes situation without putting the burden on the homeowner in the future.

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Mr. Young spoke about what's been allowed to go on in Bridgeport. He mentioned the rights of certain city council members that are also employees of the city. He went on to stress that the issues he has with the city, in relation to what's going on with him and his family was unreal. He stated that as a union employee, everyone has rights. He spoke about being denied benefits for three years and he noted the problem of those in authority that can get things done for some people, while others rights are violated. He recalled that he made some serious allegations against certain city officials in the past that he thought should be addressed. He further stressed that his rights have been violated and he once again asked the council to have the allegations investigated, as it pertained to his medical and dental benefits for him and his wife. He said he was tired of being treated like a _ _ _ _ _ (he used the N word). Council President McCarthy called for Mr. Young to maintain order. Mr. Young loudly continued his outburst and he requested that his allegations be investigated. He mentioned that he had a problem with his teeth, but he hasn't been able to seek treatment because his allegations haven't been investigated. He pleaded to the council that something be done!

The public speaking session closed at 6:51 p.m.

Council President McCarthy announced that any persons present to speak about the Disposition of City Owned Properties and the Disposition of Barnum School and Garfield School should sign up to speak.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2009

7:00 p.m.

**City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Colon, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh McCarthy, Austin, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Blunt, dePara, *Silva, *Valle, Martinez, Paoletto, Baker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Crowe, Lyons, Curwen

*=arrived after roll call

Council member McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Prayer - the prayer was offered by Janette.

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Council member Colon.

Roll Call - the city clerk took the roll and announced there was a quorum.

Moments of Silence

Council President McCarthy announced that a friend of the city council passed away. He expressed that she touched the hearts of the council members. And although she lived in Fairfield, she cared a lot about Bridgeport and she was tireless in her dedication to the city. He said they sincerely appreciated all she did for the city.

Council member Paoletto announced that Council member Curwen lost his nephew recently. He extended his condolences on behalf of the city council to him and his family.

Council member McCarthy announced that Council member Lyons had a work obligation and wasn't able to attend the meeting tonight.

24-08 Public Hearing regarding Disposition of City Owned Properties to the United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCPA).

Council member McCarthy requested that everyone please keep their comments to two-minutes. He asked everyone to state their name and affiliation.

Angie Staltaro stated she was present as a representative of the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization Zones and the planning and implementation for the east side and west side. She referred to a letter from Frank Borres that indicated the property located on the west side. She relayed that the committee discussed the project and they were in favor of it.

Maureen Linderfelt stated that the project has been identified as necessary for affordable housing and recommended to be sold to the NRZ. She went on to say that it will be a \$1.7 million project and they worked for two years on it. The project will involve seven (7) independent designed homes. Within approximately 180-days upon receiving the grant, the project will be completed. *She introduced the new director of UCPA.*

Council member Colon asked the number of parcels that were in question. The response was that there were 7 to 10 lots.

Council member Colon asked if one of the lots was located at 116 Railroad Avenue. Dr. Andre Razzino stated that as an organization that was familiar in Bridgeport, they have a facility on East Main Street. They are now looking to do accessible housing units for people with disabilities. He requested support of the project.

Ms. AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the properties will provide a benefit to the tax role, especially where blighted properties are involved. She said she was in support of the project.

Herminio Planas applauded their effort, but he spoke against the disposition of the property. He explained that his family tried to buy the lots for years. He said that initially, he received a letter from the city attorney asking if he wanted to buy the lots, so he went with the money ready to purchase them, but was told they had been sold. He mentioned that the lots are small and not big enough for housing. He further expressed that he would like to be reconsidered for buying the lots. He also commented that he was very involved in the neighborhood. He asked that the promise to sell to interested parties be upheld.

Council member Valle requested the property be removed from the sale at correct time.

Council member Colon concurred that the property should be removed from the list for sale. She expressed that they consider the commitment the family has made to the property.

Council member dePara explained that this was only a public hearing to receive input. He said the matter wouldn't be taken up tonight during the meeting. Another meeting will be held and the matter will be addressed at the next city council meeting in June.

The public hearing closed at 7:28 p.m

94-08 Public Hearing regarding Disposition of Barnum School and Garfield School to Achievement First.

There was strong audience applause from the students of Achievement First when the item was called.

Donald Rainone, the Director of MACH gave some background information about the lease they signed with the city for the space. He recalled that a press conference was held regarding MACH and the Performing Arts, City of Bridgeport

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located at 99 Boston Avenue. He said that subsequently, they were showed Garfield School for the location of Achievement First. He expressed that they want to continue their good relationship with the city.

Angie Staltaro said the NRZ endorsed the project to support the RFP for the disposition of the properties. She noted that Achievement First was a great school; they were active in the community and great citizens in Bridgeport.

AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia spoke as a resident. She stated that they needed to keep the process even and across the board to sell the property and put it back on the tax role. She felt there should be a set process for everyone, so that they have a fair chance to purchase the property.

Ken Paul, Achievement First stated that the situation could be win-win, especially for Achievement First to do good work and for Bridgeport to gain the additional revenue. The project will also be good for the students that do well to achieve at the school. He further noted that the school was rated the best in the nation. They were looking to grow and that's why they need the new parcels. They need permanent facilities and it's a simple proposition that will allow them to continue doing good work that will benefit all areas of Bridgeport. He expressed the values that Achievement First upholds and he said he saw the project as a long term positive relationship. She further stressed that they need the building ASAP to begin school in August. He asked the city council for support.

Mayor Finch showed up and took over the meeting.

Mayor Finch stated that there was a lot of enthusiasm and he asked everyone to give a round of applause for Achievement First.

Florisca Carter said she was responsible for assuring that the school runs smoothly. She expressed that herself being a mother; she shared some of the things that she has experienced at the school. She highlighted that they couldn't continue doing what they do without the space they need. She urged the city council to think about the children in making their decision.

Kayla Smith said she applauded any music arts program that existed. She expressed that Achievement First was crucial in those areas and the kids are considered scholars in the arts. She urged the city council to do all they could to support the project. She explained that it wasn't just a school; it's an overall experience with caring teachers who are there for their education.

Mirelys Santiago expressed that the school cared about education and they let the kids know they are there to help.

Janya Oaverno expressed that it wasn't just a school, but a way of life. They challenge them to do their very best to succeed. She further expressed that the school made her happy and she loved being a part of it.

Paula Breeden stated that she had two kids attending the school and she believed that education started at home. She commented that she wore many hats as a parent and a member of the Parent Advisory Committee. She spoke about the education at Achievement First that is phenomenal and beneficial to the students. She questioned what a school is without a home. She commented that they teach respect, hard work and achieving. She mentioned that if anyone had kids that they felt should attend; you will be assured there will not be any child left behind!

Naomi Dawkins said she was a student at Achievement First. She expressed that the school prepared them for college and the real world. And even though there are student in the 5th and 6th grades; they understand the qualities of real life.

It was noted that the words REACH stood for **Respect, Enthusiasm, Achievement, Citizenship and Hard work**.

Debon Lewis stated that the kids worked hard and that he was there to help them succeed. He expressed that it would be sad if they don't have the space to continue to grow. He mentioned that as far as it being a fair process, they need to look at the scholars and what they provide, to allow the student to be their best everyday. He hoped the city council would support the disposition, for the future leaders that will affect all our lives.

Ayanna Grey said she was an administrator at the school. She pleaded to the city council that they believe in the school and its dream. She stated that many of the students came to Bridgeport, because they believe in the mission and the school. She explained that the students lives have changed, but it won't be the same if They don't get the space to continue. She urged support of the disposition.

Ivy said she was a resident of the area and a mother of a student that attended the school. She stated that she has heard stories of how the school has affected the kids. She expressed that her son has thrived in the school. She asked the council to help the scholars achieve. She pointed out that their actions can determine their future.

Hykeem Peterson stated a bible quote - *that you should train a child the way they should go!* He expressed that children are out future and they shouldn't be left behind. He felt the kids should have the opportunity to achieve better than he did. He further expressed that parent involvement is taken seriously at Achievement First.

Mayor asked that the parents present, stand up to be recognized.

Monica Collazo expressed the knowledge they acquire and that she was grateful for the education she receives. She said the teachers are always there to assist and she was pleased they were able to receive this type of education. She said it was her dream school!

Andrew Boaz, the Chairman and Founder of Achievement First stated that they have run the largest scholarship program for years. They have a high college success rate and the goal is to have 1,700 students come to their schools, primarily for the purpose of becoming college ready. He stated that he was thankful to Dr. Ramos for allowing him to speak.

Council member Martinez stated that he and Council member Valle represented the area. He said he was in support of the model and the success at Achievement First. He commented that great work was done at the school and they should be applauded for that.

The public hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Finch reconvened the regular city council meeting at 8:11 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

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- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED

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Council member Walsh requested to remove item *94-08.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Colon stated that the item was approved unanimously in committee.

Council member Walsh stated that this matter was just another sign of the bad financial crisis the city is in, by borrowing money to pay current expenses. He stated that they are dipping more into the fund balance and there's a chance there won't be any left soon. He stressed that nothing has been done to improve the situation and they're running out of money. He stressed that the issue will cause long term problems.

Mayor Finch stated that they were in the middle of a \$20 million deficit. They found \$15 million and he expects financial help from the Board of Education.

Council member McCarthy explained that a tax anticipation notice was a common thing for the situation they are in. He said that although they are a "poor city" currently, different times of the year money comes in, which is July, so they have to wait for funds. So they borrow to bridge that until the money comes in, he stated that they need to make payroll expenses etc. He pointed out that if the item wasn't supported, they won't be able to pay their expenses.

Mayor Finch stated that if they were able to avoid the tax anticipation notes, it would be good. But short of paying bills, meeting the payroll is necessary because of the cyclical process.

Council member Baker stated that he was concerned this was done in the past. When you look at how the money is being spent and you look at the city's budget as a whole, he hoped the Mayor will sit down with the finance people to develop some short term goals, to avoid borrowing more and more to get out of debt. He stated that they need to establish some balance to spending.

Mayor Finch stated that he would take all the comments into consideration. He updated on the measures that have been taken to improve the situation, such as the enforcement of the boot-finder program and collecting delinquent taxes etc. He stressed that when he was first in office, he was given some documents to sign for \$20 million to \$30 million in tax anticipation notes. He further expressed that the dramatization of unfounded information mentioned was a waste of time.

Council member Colon stated that they needed to support the item, because there wasn't any other choice at the moment. She urged that they work together so this doesn't happen again.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN
** OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH)**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**

Council member Valle asked what part of Cedar Street is to be abandoned. Council member Martinez clarified where the property was located. He said it was on the side of Waterville where it borders the Yellow Mill Pond; he said it wasn't actually part of the street where the houses were.

Council member Valle asked that the item be tabled, so she could take a walk through the area that will allow her to make the right decision.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

110-08 Special Committee report re (Ref. # 19-02) Abandonment of a portion of Nichols Street that was approved on March 3, 2003.

It was noted that the same motion above applied to this item also.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (ITEM # 43-08)
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Baker stated the item passed unanimously in committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION TO**
REFLECT THE MINOR REVISIONS MADE TO THE DOCUMENT REFERRED AS EXHIBIT-A FOR
THE PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE CANS THROUGHOUT THE CITY
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

Council member Martinez asked if there was any discussion about the placement of the garbage cans with business owners, to let them know they should go in front of the place of business. He also asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the garbage cans. Council member Baker explained that the businesses have agreed to adopt-a-can and the business owner will be responsible for the maintenance.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE**
OF REFERRING AN ITEM TO COMMITTEE
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER TWO (2) ITEMS TO THE FEDERAL**
COURT RE: SETTLEMENTS FOR (Mark Simonetti and Daniel Donahue) (ITEM # 117-08 A-B)
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

cc: City Council Members
Mayor Bill Finch
A. Nunn, CAO
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BILL FINCH
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

COMM. # 108-08 Referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee (05/18
09)

TO: Fleeta Hudson – City Clerk

FROM: Mayor Bill Finch

DATE: May 6, 2009

RE: Boards & Commissions

Please place the following name on the May 18, 2009 City Council agenda for referral to the Public Safety Committee for the purpose of appointment to the Fire Commission:

James Meszoros Sr. (D)
354 Gregory Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

This will replace a vacancy and the term will expire on January 1, 2011.

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COMM. # 111-08 Referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee
(05/18/2009)

Date: 5/13/2009

To: Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk

Cc: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney
Richard Weiner, Benefits Manager

From: Geri Evans, Benefits Coordinator

RE: PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION

Revon Murray stipulation amount \$80,000.

Ms. Murray was an in school suspension officer for the City of Bridgeport, Board of Education. She was hired on 10/10/01 and separated her employment with the City of Bridgeport on 9/1/06. On 2/4/04, Ms. Murray filed a claim stating that she had an allergic reaction to dust, rust and fumes from construction being done in her classroom. Below is an analysis of settlement value of her claim.

This case presents a claim for asthma, allergies, and vocal cord symptoms that was adjudicated and found to represent conditions arising out of and in the course of employment. Benefits have been paid for lost time from work through the end of the claimant's employment with the City.

It is now proposed that the case be settled for the sum of \$80,000.00. It should be noted that settlement of workers compensation cases requires estimates of possible future exposure that can vary and be subject to interpretation and negotiation, and that the settlement value of any workers compensation case is really a range of values based on assumptions made and negotiation between the parties.

In this case there are several elements of future exposure that support the value of a settlement.

1) The first element is permanent impairment. The claimant alleges a 50% permanent impairment of her speech. She did have vocal cord surgery and had a rating that says she has lost 50% of her vocal cords, which we argue is different than 50% of speech. A review of the AMA Guidelines for Evaluation of Permanent Impairment suggests that a more proper rating of loss of speech would be 10-25%. A rating of 20% of the speech would entitle the claimant to payments totaling \$11,394.68. Were she to be awarded the full 50% claimed, that would entitle her to \$28,486.70.

The claimant also alleges 50% loss of function of the lungs. She does not have a medical report to support that rating. Again, a review of the AMA Guides suggests that a rating of something on the order of 20% of the lungs would be more appropriate to allow for her diagnosis of asthma and her presentation of symptoms. A 20% rating of the lungs would entitle the claimant to payments totaling \$16,358.00. The 50% ratings would calculate to \$40,895.01.

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PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION

Taking these conflicting claims into account, it is reasonable to assess the settlement value regarding permanency in the range of \$30,000 to 40,000.00.

2) The second element is potential future weekly compensation benefits including those pursuant to C.G.S., Section 31-308a that allows for discretionary payments to the claimant if she is unable to return to her former employment and cannot replace that income, as well as any benefits for possible periods when the claimant's symptoms flare up (fairly typical with asthma) and she is briefly unable to work. If it were clear that the claimant's injuries prevented her from performing her old job, the future estimate of 308a benefits would be between 50% and 100% of the permanency. Additionally, it can be assumed that the claimant may lose a week or two of work once or twice a year with asthma flare-ups. The claimant is 51 years old, and if she were to lose two weeks of work per year for fifteen years (approximate work life), that would be thirty weeks or \$10,485.90. If 308a is then estimated at 25% of the permanency that would be another \$10,000.00 so the total of potential future weekly compensation including Section 308a would be estimated at \$20,000.00 in round numbers.

3) The final element of settlement value is future medical expense. The claimant, as an asthmatic, will probably require regular medical monitoring as well as ongoing medication. The tendency with asthma is for the condition to wax and wane, so that treatment can be minimal for a period and then become intense. Assuming on average the claimant will need to visit the doctor four times per year, using \$100 per visit and twenty years life expectancy (probably low) that would come to \$8,000.00. In addition, the claimant is likely to require lung testing from time to time, so an additional \$2,000.00 would seem reasonable as an estimate. As to medication, the costs can again vary as the usage varies. However, many asthma patients are on inhalers on a virtually constant basis, and it would not be unreasonable to estimate that the claimant could incur prescription medication costs of \$500 to 1,000 per year. Taking the middle figure of \$750.00 over the same twenty years yields a figure of \$15,000.00. Combining these figures gives a future medical estimate of about \$25,000.00.

Taking the three elements together, the estimated settlement value can be seen to be in the range of the proposed sum of \$80,000.00.

Due to the exposure on this case, our defense council, Berkley Administrators, and City Attorney Mark Anastasi feel it is in the City's best interest to settle this case.

Please submit to the City Council and the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters for approval at your earliest convenience. If you should have any questions, or require additional information, please give me a call on ext. 7540. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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COMM. # 112-08 Referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee (05/18/2009)

Date: 5/13/2009
To: Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk
Cc: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney, Richard Weiner, Benefits Manager
From: Geri Evans, Benefits Coordinator
RE: PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION

Marcus Zampedri stipulation amount \$35,000.

Mr. Zampedri was a Custodian III for the City of Bridgeport Board of Education. He was hired on 3/27/97 and resigned from his position in April of 2007. The following is actually the award by stipulation for full and final settlement of all claims made against the City of Bridgeport.

On or about November 18, 1997, June 14, 1999, July 3, 2002, October 17, 2002, July 1, 2004, August 16, 2004, August 26, 2004, January 11, 2005, February 20, 2005, February 25, 2005, July 26, 2005, and August 23, 2005, Marcus Zampedri, hereinafter referred to as the claimant, was employed by the City of Bridgeport, hereinafter referred to as the employer-respondent.

Both parties were subject to the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Connecticut and the employer had fully complied with the terms thereof by self insuring their liability through Berkley Administrators of CT, Inc. TPA, hereinafter referred to as the Insurer-Respondent.

Upon due and regular statutory notice, this case was assigned to the Fourth District Commissioner, where representatives of the parties appeared before said Commissioner and with whose assistance have resolved the issues by a full and final settlement.

It is the claimant's contention that on or about November 18, 1997, June 14, 1999, July 3, 2002, October 17, 2002, July 1, 2004, August 16, 2004, August 26, 2004, January 11, 2005, February 20, 2005, February 25, 2005, July 26, 2005, and August 23, 2005, while at work for the employer-respondent, he injured his right knee, left knee, right thigh, right heel, both feet, head, bilateral hands and wrists, hip, chest and skin; that as a result of these accident he sustained numerous injuries, including but not limited to the following: right knee strain, left knee strain, laceration to the right thigh, pain in the buttock, pain in the right heel, pain in the feet, injury to the head, bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome, pain in the hip, swelling in both hands, chemical burns and contusions in the lower extremity and pain in the chest, instability in both knees, post-traumatic chondromalacia in both knees, need for gastric bypass surgery, need for total knee replacements in both knees, degenerative joint disease in both knees, tear of the medial meniscus in both knees, quadriceps atrophy, plantar fasciitis, left shoulder impingement, lateral facet syndrome; that as a result of said injuries he suffers from a 16%

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permanent partial impairment to the right lower extremity, 20% permanent partial impairment of the left lower extremity, and permanent partial impairment of all other body parts and that the permanent disability may increase in the future; that he has required medical, surgical and hospital treatment and may in the future require further medical, surgical and hospital treatment; that he has attempted to work at his former job, but is unable to do that type of work; that he has been disabled totally and partially and may in the future incur such disability.

Alleging that said injuries arose out of and in the course of his employment, the claimant sought compensation for his disability past, present and future, both total and partial, compensation for permanent injury and specific compensation, and payment of all reasonable medical, surgical, hospital and incidental bills incurred or to be incurred in connection with the treatment of his condition.

The respondents admit the accident of November 18, 1997 only, but contend that no permanent injury resulted, other than that accepted via voluntary agreement, if any, contend that the claimant's present trouble is due to causes other than his employment with the employer-respondent; deny that the claimant is now suffering or will in the future suffer any disability either total or partial; deny that the claimant will in the future require further medical, surgical or hospital care as a result of these injuries and deny that the claimant has suffered any permanent partial disability as a result of these injuries, but if any, deny the extent as alleged by the claimant.

However, in view of the number of technical, legal and medical questions which are involved, and in view of the other doubts in the case as outlined by the claims of the parties hereto, it is hereby agreed and understood by and between the claimant, the employer-respondent and the insurer-respondent, all parties to the controversy, that while their respective claims are made in good faith, the claim is a disputed one and that its results, if fully prosecuted, would be doubtful.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed that the respondents shall pay to the claimant the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) split evenly between the fiscal year of 2009 and the fiscal year of 2010. The same to be in full, final and complete settlement, adjustment, accord and satisfaction of all claims which the aforesaid claimant might otherwise have against the respondents or either of them and to be made and accepted in lieu of all other compensation payments in accordance with the language of our Compensation Act. The claimant agrees to pay and assume responsibility for all medical, surgical, hospital, nursing and incidental expenses, past, present and future.

The payment as stated above shall be made and accepted as a full and final settlement for all compensation including specific for said injury, disfigurement for said injury, scarring for said injury, and for all results upon the claimant, past, present and future, and for all claims for medical, surgical, hospital and incidental expenses and for all compensation which may be due to anyone in case of the death of the claimant; to the end that the payment of such sum shall constitute a complete satisfaction of all claims due or to become due at any time in favor of anybody on account of the claimed injury or on account of any condition in any way resulting out of the said injury or on account of the claim.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the payment of such sum is in full accord and satisfaction of a disputed claim and is not an admission of any liability by the respondents.

The original demand to settle all claims from Steven Howe who represents the claimant was \$85,000. Our defense council on this case is Margaret Crawford of Monstream and May. She was able to negotiate settlement in the amount of \$35,000 to be paid over two fiscal years.

Please submit to the City Council and the Committee on Miscellaneous Matters for approval at your earliest convenience. If you should have any questions, or require additional information, please give me a call on ext. 7540. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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COMM # 113-08 REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE (05/18/2009)

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Date: 5/13/2009
To: Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk
Cc: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney
Richard Weiner, Benefits Manager
From: Geri Evans, Benefits Coordinator
RE: PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION

Mary Higgs stipulation amount \$72,000.

Ms. Higgs was a teacher at Hallen School. She was hired by the City of Bridgeport, Board of Education in 1992 and retired with a disability pension from the State Teacher's Retirement Board.

Ms. Higgins was sitting in her classroom at her desk on the afternoon of 6/6/05 when a stranger physically attacked her. She suffered injuries to her head, face, wrist, back and foot. Following the attack the claimant also sought counseling for anxiety. There is no dispute that this attack happened, and her perpetrator is currently serving a prison sentence for same.

Ms. Higgs did return to work after the attack, but then suffered a series of setbacks. The last setback was in March of 2007, when the principal of her school informed her that a threat had been made against her. At that time she left work, and has not returned. She began treating for post-traumatic stress disorder and has been totally disabled by her physician since. The City of Bridgeport scheduled an independent medical exam with one of our physician's, who has confirmed the diagnosis. However, our physician did indicate that she could work, but not within the Bridgeport School system.

Given the large possible future exposure on this claim, a settlement was explored with the claimant's attorney. He made a demand for over \$500,000, which included nine years of temporary total disability benefits at her full rate, plus reinstatement of sick time, etc. Our defense council was able to get Attorney Hankins to agree to a settlement of \$12,000 annually for six years, which totals \$72,000, which is less than one full year of TTD benefits. This settlement also includes the resolution of any possible 10-236a claims.

Due to the exposure on this case, our defense council, Berkley Administrators, and City Attorney Mark Anastasi all agree this is an excellent settlement figure.

Please submit to the City Council and the Committee on Miscellaneous Matter for approval at your earliest convenience.

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City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Donald C. Eversley
Director

COMM #114-08 ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF RECORD

May 13, 2009

Honorable City Council
Honorable Tom McCarthy, Chair
c/o City Clerk's Office
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

RE: UPDATE from OPED on RFP for WEBSTER SCHOOL, 1375 North Avenue

Honorable Council Members:

In an attempt to communicate with the Council on our progress in moving forward with the disposition of this parcel, I submit the following one-page update outlining the general parameters and schedule for the upcoming RFP. I ask that this report be accepted and made part of the Council record. I will be at your Council meeting of May 18th to answer any questions or to take any comments you may have. Thank you for the consideration.

Truly Yours,

Bill Coleman
Office of Planning & Economic Development

C: Donald Eversley
Ed Lavernoich

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ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD
Update on OPED's Administration of RFP for the Webster School
1375 North Avenue, Block 1007 – Lot 13

Background:

March 23, 2009, pursuant to State of Connecticut Public Act 07-218, a **public hearing** before the full City Council was held relevant to the City's plans to dispose of this parcel; and

May 4, 2009, the City Council approved resolution #57-08, which **authorized the City's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) to act** to dispose of this property, provided that it **bring its final disposition recommendation back** to the City Council for final approval; and

At May 4th Council vote, the sense of the City Council is that it wishes to see this property disposed **of via a competitive RFP (Request for Proposal) process**

ECDC deliberations ask OPED to focus on income producing proposals.

RFP Schedule

To run thru end of May

OPED to generate recommendation in time for June 1 Council receipt

OPED to ask ECDC to convene June 9th to review, vote on OPED recommendation.

OPED to ask City Council to give vote on June 15th

RFP Parameters

Minimum purchase of \$200K

To require cash closing by June 24th

To require full taxation.

Likely Market Response

Housing (probably rental)

Community Organizations

Possible Mixed Use



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City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
**DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL GRANTS AND
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ANDREW J. NUNN
CAO

ALANNA C. KABEL
Deputy CAO of Central Grants
and Community Development

Comm.# 115-08 Ref'd to Public Safety and Transportation Committee on 5/18/2009.

To: City Clerk

Cc: Alanna Kabel
Andy Nunn
Diane Toolan
Chief Joseph Gaudett

Date: May 13, 2009

From: Dawn Twistol

RE: DEMHS FFY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program

Enclosed for your consideration is a resolution and grant summary for submission to Council and referral to Public Safety Committee or another committee deemed more appropriate by the legislative body.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you. You can reach me at 576-3977.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, through the United States Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) is the designated recipient and State Administrative Agency (SAA) of the United States Department of Homeland Security for grants awarded beginning in Fiscal Year 2004, up to present time, and;

WHEREAS, the US Dept. of Emergency Management has allocated grant funds of \$48,575,000 towards continued enhancement of Interoperable Communications systems across the country, and;

WHEREAS, the State of CT received \$545,234 from said grant funds, and:

WHEREAS, the funds must be used for the two priorities of 1) leadership and governance; 2) and common planning and operational protocols, and emergency responder skills and capabilities. and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport has been designated and will serve as the fiduciary for Region 1 under the State DEMHS Planning Regions for purposes of interoperable communications planning, and:

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport submit an application for funding under the FFY 2008 IECGP and serve as fiduciary for awarded funds in the amount allocated by the State for Region 1, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's application with DEMHS for enhancement of leadership and governance and common planning and operational protocols, and emergency responder skills and capabilities, and;
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with DEMHS, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.



GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE : _FFY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program (IECGP)_____

RENEWAL _____ NEW x

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: __Central Grants & Community Development__

CONTACT NAME: _____Dawn M. Twistol_____

PHONE NUMBER: __203-576-3977_____

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION: Funding for each of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Planning Regions for the purpose of interoperable communications planning or governance and training. Bridgeport is the appointed fiduciary for these funds for Region 1 (Fairfield County). Funding will be used to develop governance structure and standard operating procedures for Region 1 in accordance with the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP). The funds must support the region and not an individual municipality.

CONTRACT DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010

PROJECT GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

Funding will be used to hire consultant(s) to develop governance structure and standard operating procedures for Region 1 regarding interoperable communication for all public safety disciplines in accordance with the region's approved TICP.

IF APPLICABLE

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal: 0
State: \$89,854
City: 0
Other: 0

FUNDS REQUESTED

Salaries/Benefits:

Supplies:

Transportation/Travel:

Other (explain): Contracts \$87,237

Subcontracts: Yes X No

If yes, supply listing and dollar amount (please attach) To be determined by Region 1 after grant award executed.



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Comm. #116-08 Ref'd to ECD&E Committee on 5/18/2009
TO: Honorable Members of the City Council
ALANNA C. KABEL
Deputy CAO of Central Grants
and Community Development

FROM: Alanna Cavanagh Kabel, Deputy CAO 
Central Grants & Community Development

RE: Request for Immediate Referral to Committee –
Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Act 2009
(CDBG-R Program)

DATE: May 13, 2009

As stated in the submission of the Program Year 35 Action Plan to the City Council, the City of Bridgeport has been notified by HUD that it will receive an additional \$883,094 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act 2009 funding (CDBG-R). These funds have different requirements than the regular annual appropriation and, as explained on the attached public notice which has been posted on the City's website, are designed to be spent within a much shorter time frame. The process involves the City submitting an amendment to its existing CDBG 34 Annual Action Plan.

The HUD Notice for this funding was just released last week and requires a 7 day public comment period as well as City Council action prior to the June 5th submission deadline to them for final funding consideration. The Notice also states the purpose of CDBG-R is to address critical employment and economic development needs. As such, HUD is recommending that the funds be used for shovel ready activities which maximize job creation and retention and economic benefit and for which contracts can be awarded based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the City. In addition, Section 1604 of the Recovery Act prohibits the use of CDBG-R funds for certain types of projects such as aquariums, casinos, golf courses, swimming pools and zoos in addition to the current prohibitions on the use of formula CDBG funds.

Staff will be available at the City Council meeting and Committee meeting to answer questions and to provide you with additional information.

For your consideration, attached please find a resolution authorizing the approval of the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Program 2009.

cc: Andrew Nunn, CAO
Adam Wood, Chief of Staff

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM YEAR 34 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY ACT PROGRAM
2009

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut has an approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development (2008-2013) which developed a vision statement of guidance, "to develop viable urban neighborhoods through the comprehensive funding of programs that have the largest benefit to the City of Bridgeport and aid in the provision of a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport anticipates an allocation of \$883,094 in CDBG-R funds to be used to address critical employment and economic development needs in identified ways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bridgeport accepts the proposal (as attached) for the Program Year 34 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment for expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Program 2009 funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport has conducted its citizen participation for this Substantial Amendment in accordance with the HUD Notice released on May 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport must approve and submit its Program Year 34 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment for CDBG-R funds to HUD by the June 5, 2009 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport has identified slum and blighted areas to be addressed in the City in accordance with its approved 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan and has identified those neighborhoods most in need of assistance, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport and/or the designated individual is hereby authorized and empowered to sign the required certifications and any necessary documents and/or agreements as required by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to accept and execute the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Program 2009 (CDBG-R).

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC NOTICE
DRAFT OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – R PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Bridgeport has prepared a draft of a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant–R Program (CDBG-R). The City has been notified that it will receive \$883,094 in CDBG-R funds.

The HUD Notice that establishes operating procedures and guidance for this Program was published on May 5, 2009. The purpose of these Recovery Act funds is to address critical employment and economic development needs by:

- A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
- B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession;
- C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
- D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
- E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or
- F) Fostering energy independence.

Section 1604 of the Recovery Act prohibits the use of CDBG-R funds for certain types of projects including aquariums, casinos, golf courses, swimming pools and zoos in addition to the current prohibitions on the use of formula CDBG funds.

HUD requires the City to complete the attached spreadsheet so that participants in the citizen participation process may see the City's preliminary estimated amounts for various CDBG-R activities. The Notice requires the City to give priority to funding projects that can be awarded based on bids within 120 calendar days and, for infrastructure investments, that the City give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated by June 17, 2009. The City will be required to provide additional information in subsequent reporting including eligibility criteria, national objective, the amounts of any additional Recovery funds for projects, complete project budgets and the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction and temporary jobs).

The Economic and Community Development and Environment (ECDE) Committee of the City Council is expected to consider the Proposed Plan for the CDBG-R Program and this Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant-R Program on May 19, 2009 at 6PM at 6PM in City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace. The seven-day comment period for the CDBG-R Program will end on May 19, 2009. A draft of the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant-R Program will be posted at www.cityofbridgeport.gov.

Those desiring to comment on the proposed plan amendment are encouraged to submit their comments in writing to: Alanna C. Kabel, Deputy CAO for Central Grants & Community Development, City of Bridgeport, City Hall Annex, 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604 by 5:30pm on May 19, 2009.

CDBG-R
Activity Data Spreadsheet

Jurisdiction/Grantee Name: City of Bridgeport		CDBG-R Formula Grant Amount: \$883,094		
Activity Name	Activity Description	Eligibility (Regulatory or HCDA Citation)	National Objective Citation	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)
Energy Conservation Corps	Funds to provide Bridgeport area youth with summer employment opportunities that will enable them to educate low/moderate income households about energy conservation.			120,000
CT Free Shakespeare 2009	Funds to provide Bridgeport area low/moderate income youth with scholarship opportunities that will enable them to participate in CT Free Shakespeare 2009's programs. Shovel ready project to complete a family fishing pier at the base of Central Avenue in the City's East End which is located in a low/moderate income census tract.			\$12,464
Family Fishing Pier	Funds to establish a revolving loan pool which will provide deferred and interest bearing loans as well as grants to low and moderate income households particularly the elderly and disabled.			\$97,000
Homeowner Energy Conservation & Rehab Program	Site improvements to Seaside Park such as sidewalk repair along approximately 1200 linear feet to increase access along Long Island Sound.			\$80,000
Seaside Park Infrastructure Improvements	Funds to repair masonry on 1053-1057 East Main Street where there are 13 newly renovated affordable housing units. Exterior facade has been a safety hazard for pedestrians.			\$25,000
Marrakech Masonry Restoration of Exterior	CDBG-R Funds will leverage a loan that will allow for expansion of the Family Center which serves low/moderate income eligible households.			\$35,321
St. John's Family Center Renovations	Planning and administration funds for the Department of Central Grants and Community Development to administer all aspects of this Program.			\$88,309
Planning & Administration				
TOTAL:				\$883,094

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Consent Calendar

Approval of General Obligation Tax Anticipation Notes
- To Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City.

**Report
of
Committee
on**

Budget & Appropriations

Submitted: May 18, 2009

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____



City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **Budget and Appropriations** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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APPROVAL OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES To Pay Current Expenses and Obligations of the City

BE IT RESOLVED, that having received the recommendation of the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport (the "City") with respect to the action authorized herein, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport (the "City Council") hereby approves the appropriation of an amount up to \$95,000,000.00 and the issuance of general obligation tax anticipation notes secured by the City's full faith and credit (the "Notes"), in an aggregate amount up to \$95,000,000.00 (exclusive of Financing Costs, as hereinafter defined) for the purposes of (i) paying current expenses and obligations of the City as are determined by the Mayor, the Finance Director and the Treasurer (collectively, the "Officials") to be in the best interest of the City to pay through the issuance of the Notes; and (ii) financing such additional costs and expenses, in an amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of such authorization, as the Officials shall approve for the funding of necessary and appropriate financing and/or issuance costs including, but not limited to legal, financial advisory, investments fees, net temporary interest or other financing and transactional costs, credit enhancement, trustee, underwriters' discount, printing and administrative expenses, as well as the costs of the establishment and maintenance of any reserve pursuant to Chapter 109, Chapter 112 and other chapters of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "Financing Costs"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Officials are further authorized on behalf of the City to make temporary borrowings as authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to Section 7-405a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and to issue notes of the City in anticipation of the receipt of tax collections and such notes shall be issued and renewed at such time and with such maturities, requirements and limitations as provided by the provisions of this resolution and the Connecticut General Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Officials, if the Officials determine it is in the City's best interest, to acquire, on behalf of the City, bond insurance or other forms of credit enhancement guaranteeing the Notes on such terms as the Officials determine to be appropriate, such terms to include, but not be limited to, those relating to fees, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such credit enhancement, the terms of payment of such expenses and costs and such other undertakings as the issuer of the credit enhancement shall require; and the Officials, if they determine that it is appropriate, are authorized, on the City's behalf, to grant security to the issuer of the credit enhancement to secure the City's obligations arising under the credit enhancement, including the establishment of a reserve from proceeds of the Notes; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Officials to determine the date, maturity (provided all Notes authorized pursuant to this resolution shall mature on or before June 30, 2010), prices, interest rates whether fixed or floating, form, manner of sale (whether by negotiation or public sale) or other terms and conditions of the Notes, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, whether any of the Notes issued will be issued as taxable notes and whether the Notes will be issued in one or more series on the same or one or more separate dates, all in such a manner as the Officials shall determine to be in the best interest of the City, and to take such actions and to execute such documents, or to designate other officials or employees of the City to take such actions and to execute such documents, as deemed to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the City by the Officials in order to issue, sell and deliver the Notes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Officials in connection with the issuance of the Notes to execute and deliver on behalf of the City such reimbursement agreements, remarketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, interest rate swap agreements, and other agreements for the purpose of managing the interest rate fluctuations and risks and any other appropriate agreements the Officials deem necessary, appropriate or desirable to the issuance of the Notes and the Officials are hereby authorized on behalf of the City to secure the payment of such agreements with the full faith and credit of the City, if they deem it necessary, appropriate or desirable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notes shall be signed by the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Finance Director provided that such signatures of any two of such officers of the City affixed to the Notes may be by facsimiles of such signatures printed on the Notes, and each of such Officials and any designee of any of them is authorized to take such actions, and execute such agreements, instruments and documents, on behalf of the City, that they deem necessary, appropriate or desirable to consummate the intendment of this and the foregoing resolutions.

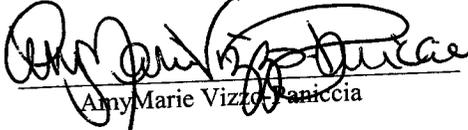


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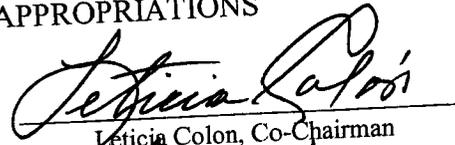
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

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Council Date: 5/18/2009

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(Ref. # 19-02)

Special Committee Report re:
Abandonment of a portion of Cedar Street that was
approved on March 3, 2003.

Report
of
Special Committee
on
Abandonment of a portion of Cedar Street

Submitted: May 18, 2009
Tabled on 5/18/2009

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor

City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Special Committee appointed relative to the discontinuance, of a portion of **Cedar Street** as fully appears by resolution adopted March 3, 2003 to become effective April 8, 2003, respectfully beg leave to report that it has, in compliance with said resolution and Chapter 11 of the Charter, discontinued a portion of **Cedar Street**, in accordance with the particular description, alignment, maps and surveys herewith submitted, presented and made part hereof.

RESOLVED, That the City of Bridgeport ("the City") abandon the following described street:

Portion of Cedar Street

From the intersection of the easterly street line of Waterview Avenue and **Cedar Street** in a direction easterly to the harbor line of the Yellow Mill Pond.

The above description is in accordance with a map on file in the City Engineer's office #6372.

The Special Committee recommends for adoption the following resolution:

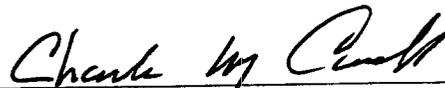
Resolved, that the above and foregoing report be and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of May 2009.

Special Committee



City Engineer



Director, Department of Public Facilities



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Special Committee
on
Abandonment of a portion of Nichols Street

Submitted: May 18, 2009
Tabled on 5/18/2009

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor

City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Special Committee appointed relative to the discontinuance, of a portion of **Nichols Street** as fully appears by resolution adopted March 3, 2003 to become effective April 8, 2003, respectfully beg leave to report that it has, in compliance with said resolution and Chapter 11 of the Charter, discontinued a portion of **Nichols Street**, in accordance with the particular description, alignment, maps and surveys herewith submitted, presented and made part hereof.

RESOLVED, That the City of Bridgeport ("the City") abandon the following described street:

Portion of Nichols Street

From the intersection of the easterly street line of Waterview Avenue and **Nichols Street** in a direction easterly to the harbor line of the Yellow Mill Pond.

The above description is in accordance with a map on file in the City Engineer's office #6372.

The Special Committee recommends for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, that the above and foregoing report be and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of May 2009.

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City Engineer



Director, Department of Public Facilities



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COMM. # 117-08 Referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee (05/18/19 Off the Floor)
(a-b)

May 18, 2009

The Honorable City Council
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

117-08 a **Re: Mark Simonetti v. City of Bridgeport**
117-08 b **Daniel Donahue v. Raymond Long**

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Dear Honorable City Council Members:

I hereby recommend that the following be accepted and approved by you in settlement for the above referenced lawsuits.

WHEREAS, lawsuits in the following names were filed against the City of Bridgeport and/or its employees, and investigation discloses the likelihood on the part of the City for which, in the event of suits and trials, the City might be held liable, and

WHEREAS, negotiations with the Plaintiffs' attorneys have made it possible to settle these suits for the figures set forth below, and the City Attorney, therefore, recommends the following settlements be accepted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller be, and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to draw his order on the City Treasurer payable as follows:

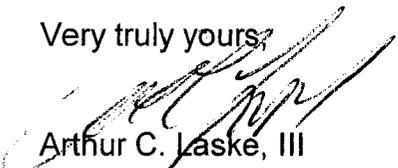
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ATTORNEY</u>	<u>CAUSE/INJURY</u>	<u>SETTLEMENT</u>
Daniel Donahue	Robert Berke, Esq. 640 Clinton Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604	Police Conduct	\$25,000.00

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Mark	Michelle Holmes, Esq.	Police Conduct	\$25,000.00
Simonetti	67 Holmes Avenue Waterbury, CT 06710		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount set forth as above are paid to the Plaintiffs' attorneys in full payment, settlement, release and discharge of all rights and causes of action described in the suits instituted by the above mentioned Plaintiffs against the City and known as docket numbers in the courts set forth; provided, however, that the City's drafts shall not be delivered to the Plaintiffs' attorneys until the City Attorney has been furnished with full releases and discharges in writing in each case, approved by the City Attorney or Deputy City Attorney.

Very truly yours,



Arthur C. Laske, III
Deputy City Attorney

ACL/kl

cc: Mayor Bill Finch
Fleeta C. Hudson, City Clerk

MEETING DATE: may 18

NO. 43-8

COMMITTEE:

REFERRED TO COMM.:

SUBJECT:

MOTION BY: Baker

2ND BY: Paoletto

APPROVED DENIED TABLED REF. TO COMM.

REMARKS: added to agenda - to amend
(McCarthy) Paoletto as by Substitute

50% attached

	YES	NO
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Brian Crowe		
Leticia Colon		
Denese Taylor-Moye		
M. Evette Brantley		
Robert S. Walsh		
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Howard Austin, Sr.		
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Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.16 Street and Sidewalk Use Regulations, amend Section 12.16.250 Miscellaneous acts prohibited to make spelling corrections and add new paragraph: 12.16.250A Exemptions

Report
of
Committee
on
Ordinances

Submitted: May 16, 2009 OFF THE FLOOR

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____



City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **Ordinances** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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BE IT ORDAINED: By the City Council of the City of Bridgeport that the Bridgeport Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 12.16 Street and Sidewalk Use Regulations, Section 12.16.250 Miscellaneous acts prohibited, is hereby amended to make spelling corrections and to add new paragraph: 12.16.250A Exemptions:

12.16.250 Miscellaneous acts prohibited.

The erecting or placing of any building, gate, fence, post, box, cask, wood, brick, stone, **[nonmotor] non-motor** vehicle unattached to any animal, or any other thing upon any sidewalk or street; the placing, hanging or maintaining of any flag, banner, article of merchandise or other thing except awnings and signs over or across any sidewalk or street; the opening or making of any vault or cellar in, upon or under any street; and the kindling of any fire or bonfire in any public street are prohibited without consent of the common council; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prevent or hinder any person, while in the process of building or repairing any building, from placing in any street materials for such purposes under such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed in each particular case in a permit issued **[therefor] therefore** under this section. (Prior code § 27-30)

NEW 12.16.250A Exemptions.

- 1. Nothing in Section 12.16.250, above, shall prohibit the Implementation Committee of any Neighborhood Revitalization Zone whose Implementation Plan has been approved by the City Council from seeking permission from the Director of Public Facilities to provide trash can receptacles for placement within the Public Right of Way, provided the design of the trash can has been pre-approved by the Director or his or her designee; the placement of said cans is done by the staff of the Public Facilities Department following the issuance of a written approval for said placement by said Director, or his or her designee, in accordance with Section 7-148(b)(H) and City Ordinance 8.68 Littering; and conditioned upon the property owner whose property fronts where the trash can shall be located, being notified in writing ten (10) days prior to the placement of the trash can that the acceptance of the trash can at the location requires that the trash can be emptied by the property owner through private methods. The property owners shall also be given a copy of the Municipal Ordinance 8.60 Unlawful Depositing so that they are aware that if the trash can is not maintained in a manner that does not violate that Ordinance, the trash can shall be removed by order of the Director of Public Facilities and civil penalties**



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shall be imposed in accordance with Ordinance 8.60. In addition, nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the City Health Director under the statutory authority granted to all municipal health directors in 19a-206, from issuing orders, requesting the imposition of equitable, civil and/or criminal penalties by requesting such action from the State Housing Court at Bridgeport, if it is found that the failure to maintain the trash can also violated the Public Health Code.

2. Nothing in Section 12.16.250, above, shall prohibit the placement of bus station shelters within the Public Right of Way by the Transit Authority authorized to provide bus service to the citizens of Bridgeport who are entitled to such access pursuant to Section 7-148(6)(C)(ii) and Section 7-148(7)(H)(xii) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that the design and placement of said shelters has been submitted to and reviewed by the Public Safety and Transportation Committee of the City Council and approved by the full Council. The request for such approval shall be submitted to the City Clerk for referral to the City Council by the Director of Public Facilities, provided the plans for the placement and design of said shelters has been pre-filed with said Director a minimum of thirty (30) days before the requested date for submission to the City Council; and plans and designs for said shelters have been reviewed by an engineer assigned to the Office of the City Engineer, with a written recommendation or approval or disapproval provided by said engineer to said Director. Following City Council approval, the placement of the bus shelters shall not proceed without the issuance of an Excavation Permit by the Public Facilities Department in accordance with Section 1-148(6)(C)(iii) and (iv) of the General Statutes of Connecticut and City Ordinance Chapter 12.12 Excavations.

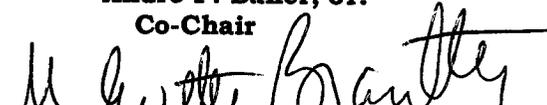
Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES


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Council Date: May 18, 2009 OFF THE FLOOR