

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Robert Curwen, Co-Chair; Angel dePara, Co-chair; Lydia Martinez, Susan Brannelly, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia

STAFF: Thomas Sherwood, OPM; Dawn Norton, Interim Financial Director

OTHERS: Council President Thomas McCarthy, Council Member Martin McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curwen called to order at 9:25 p.m.

43-10 Proposed Five Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2012-2016

Mr. Sherwood then distributed copies of documents titled Exhibit A and Exhibit B. He then reviewed the request changes in the Capital Budget.

Mr. Sherwood then pointed out that in order for the BOE to move forward with the application the City must authorize the full amount for the schools. However, this does not mean that all the school projects on the list will be funded. The borrowing amounts still need to be determined.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that there needed to be a discussion about the items on the Capital Budget. Discussion followed about the proposed allocation of the various projects and the past authorization of some school projects. Mr. Sherwood said that the new schools have been opened for two years and the State had not been down to do the audit.

Council Member Martinez asked for clarification on the items. Mr. Sherwood reviewed the details with her. Council Member McCarthy asked how to tell which projects were bonded. Mr. Sherwood said that the Account Codes would indicate that the bonding had been done.

Council Member Martinez said that she was uncomfortable with approve projects without the details. Mr. Sherwood said that these were final numbers. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that she wanted to see where the 1.5 million for Bassick roof came from. Mr. Sherwood said that the City could not go out for bid without authorized funds. Mr. Sherwood said that the State wants the application by June 30th. If the application is not submitted, then the project will not be reimbursed at the 80/20 rate.

Mr. Sherwood said that this was just a plan for the year and should be treated as so. Council Member McCarthy has several questions about various projects.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that the City owns numerous buildings and felt that perhaps one of these could be converted to a Senior Center.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that before going after the sidewalks that the residents are responsible for maintaining, the City had to go out and repair the ones it is responsible first. She added that the City should be cleaning up the trees that were up and needed to be either taken down or trimmed.

Council Member Martinez said that it would be good to put a reminder in the Tax bill about repairing the sidewalks.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PLAN TO REFLECT THE BAC AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 43-10 PROPOSED FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012-2016 AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Curwen requested the item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

46-10 Approval of General Obligation Bonds - To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER BAC EXHIBIT A FOR ITEMS 46-10**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 46-10 AS AMENDED AS A WHOLE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Curwen requested the item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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