

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Chair; Robert Curwen, MartinMcCarthy, Carlos Silva

OTHERS: Council Member Andre Baker, William Minor, Land Use & Construction Director, Atty. Lisa Grasso Egan of Durant, Nichols, Houston, Hodgson & Cortese-Costa, P.C.; Council Member Robert Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVAL THE MINUTES

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

166-09 Proposed State Lobbying Service Agreement

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 166-09 PROPOSED STATE LOBBYING SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

Council Member Curwen said that see that there was a motion to table on the floor, but he was going to make a motion to deny. Council Member Curwen said that the lobbying service was not working for the best interest of Bridgeport and reminded everyone that they had almost lost the Port Authority because of it. Council Member Curwen said that he would like the firm to come before the Committee to address that issue.

Council Member Silva agreed and said that the Lobbyists had been notified of the meeting and did not come before the Committee to speak to them and answer questions. He added that he was also of the mind to deny the motion.

Council Member Paoletto said that usually the Chair does not vote, but that he would like to support his collegiate sentiments and that felt that this firm was lucky to have the item tabled rather than denied.

Council Member Baker asked who had requested the tabling of the item. Mr. Paoletto said that Council President McCarthy had requested this because the firm was not able to be in attendance tonight.

**** THE MOTION MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 166-09 PROPOSED STATE LOBBYING SERVICE AGREEMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

04-10 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Land Services, LLC for consultations

Mr. Minor, the Director of Land use and Construction, came forward and gave a brief overview of Environmental Land Services, LLC. He said that this company has worked with the City for the last ten years or more, but that the contracts have only been in effect for the last eight years. It is a two year renewal. Their fees are more than reasonable and the contract is set not to exceed \$25,000. Mr. Minor said that he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. McCarthy asked if the \$25,000 funds were recouped through the fees from the applicant. Mr. Minor said that the fees did not cover the entire cost of the consultations.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 04-10 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAND SERVICES, LLC FOR CONSULTATIONS**

**** COUNCIL MEMBE SILVA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Paoletto requested this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

06-10 Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Bridgeport Board of Education and Bridgeport Council of Administrators and Supervisors for the period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014.

Atty. Egan came forward and said that an associate would be arriving with a summary of the contract changes. Atty. Egan said that her firm had represented the Board of Education. She gave a brief overview o the contract changes and said that there were 84 members of the union. The first year of the contract, there is no increase or step movements. The second year has 1% increase and no step movement. The third year will have both an increase and step movement. This is the lowest increase in the State according to CAGE. Insurance and plan design have been worked on in areas of co-pays. Atty. Egan then reviewed the specific amounts of changes. Cost

shares have been the highest for the group at 19% for 1st year, 20% 2nd year and 23% the third year. An HSA is being offered to the members.

Atty. Egan then passed around her copy of the contract summary while waiting for the additional copies to arrive.

Council Member Paoletto said that usually when the Committee receives a contract, usually the union representatives were present along with the City Attorney. A copy was submitted as an Exhibit.

Council Member Curwen asked about the co-payments. Atty. Egan reviewed where the figures were indicated. Council Member Curwen asked when the contract would be effective. Atty. Egan said that it would go into effect 7/1/11.

Atty. Egan then reviewed the State increments increases, and indicated that the union increases were lower.

Council Member Curwen said that he could not move forward with this because city workers were being laid off and furloughs. He said that this union had not come forward when the City was in an 8 million dollar deficit and he felt that the administrators should step forward. He added that this was not a reflection on Atty. Egan's firm since they did a stellar job in drafting the contract.

Atty. Egan said that there had been many proposals and that they had come within one day of arbitration. Once arbitration had been entered that there was no way to know whether the Board would win or lose.

Council Member Walsh jointed the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Council Member Curwen said that he could not support the fact that there were administrator that were making more than \$100,000 when the first people to be cut were classroom teachers.

Council Member Baker asked why this was before the Committee. Council Member Paoletto said that he thought it was a contract with a bargaining unit, which is what every other bargaining unit does. Council Member Baker said that he would have to agree with Council Member Curwen.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO DENY AGENDA ITEM 06-10 PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BRIDGEPORT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO DENY AGENDA ITEM AGENDA ITEM 06-10 PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BRIDGEPORT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBE SILVA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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