

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 12, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Co-chair; Robert Curwen, Michelle Lyons,  
Council President Thomas McCarthy, Martin McCarthy (6:11 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Council Member AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; Council Member Robert  
Walsh; Council Member Susan Brannelly; Council Member Baker  
Valerie Sorrentino, Health and Social Services Deputy Director;  
Dawn Norton, Acting Finance Director; Mr. Cinto, Mark Zabore,  
James Fitzpatrick

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval of Committee Minutes of June 14, 2011**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE  
14, 2011 AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**105-10 Proposed License Agreement with the State of Connecticut for space on the first  
floor of the Department of Health and Social Services building, 752 East Main Street, to be  
used by the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Ms. Valerie Sorrentino, Health Service and Social Services Deputy Director, came forward and  
said that about a year ago, the State had approached the City Veteran's Affair office about  
sharing space. They would supplement what the office currently provides.

Council Member Paoletto said that the State is aware that the Health Department may be moving  
within the next few years. He said that it was a year to year lease. Ms. Sorrentino said that the  
State office will pay their own moving costs and have their own furniture.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 105-10  
PROPOSED LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR  
SPACE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
SERVICES BUILDING, 752 EAST MAIN STREET, TO BE USED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council Member Paoletto requested that this be put on the Consent Calendar.

**98-10 Proposed Employment Agreement with Chief of Police, Joseph Gaudett**

Chairman Paoletto stated that Police Chief Gaudett was not able to be present at the meeting.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 98-10 PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE, JOSEPH GAUDET.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**99-10 Proposed Employment Agreement with Fire Chief, Brian Rooney.**

Chairman Paoletto stated that Fire Chief Rooney was not able to be present at the meeting.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 99-10 PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH FIRE CHIEF, BRIAN ROONEY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**79-10 Proposed Amendment to the current Agreement between the Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport and their respective Water Pollution Control Authorities.**

*Council Member Martin McCarthy joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.*

Mr. Cinto came forward and introduced those involved with this application to the Council Members present. He explained that Mr. Camille had received a call that a family member was in an accident and had to leave.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, who owns the property next door came forward. He said that he owned property around the parcel. If at any time, there will be a need to request permission to tie in one of his parcels, the request would come through the process to the Committee.

*Atty. Mark Anastasia joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.*

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the shopping center was built and that the parcel under discussion was developed for the medical building. He said that in all probability, the architects never asked if the sewer lines belonged to Stratford or Trumbull.

Atty. Anastasi said that he understood that there were two sewer lines in front of the property. The one that is between 800 and 1,000 feet away belongs to Trumbull. The one that is closer to the subject parcel belongs to Stratford. He said that this was a somewhat unique situation.

Council Member Curwen said that he was sorry to have missed the last meetings. He said that he was the author of the additional language in the WPCA proposal. He said that he was not in opposition, but simply protecting Bridgeport residents. He said that when it rains around Route 8 & 25 area, it has proved a logistical nightmare. Debris washes down and clogs the local brooks and other streams. There it is major flooding problem in the area to the point where there have been water heights over above ground swimming pools. Many senior citizens who are on fixed incomes and can't clean out these brooks. He then asked the applicants to build some walls of masonry blocks where the walls are crumbling.

Atty. Anastasi asked Council Member Curwen if he had gotten the approval from the State DEP. He said that he wanted to be careful that the approval hinged on something that couldn't be done. Council Member Curwen said that the Town of Trumbull had brought in \$50,000 to offset the cost of working on the flooding. The Northeast Flood Control Project has been under discussion for the last 16 years.

There was a very brief discussion about where the parcel was located. Atty. Anastasi said that the Council was open about this project was because of the unexpected hardship that resulted from a misunderstanding. However, if the second building that may be constructed on a nearby parcel, the developer and the City are both aware of the situation. Mr. Zarbore said that he appreciated the fact that Atty. Anastasi acknowledged the hardship. He said that his partner was willing to make a donation to a children's charity.

Council Member Walsh asked how much would it cost to hook up to the Stratford line. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he believe that it would cost about \$125,000 plus the cost of paving. Council Member Walsh asked how he knew this. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he was a site developer. Council Member Walsh asked what the total project costs. Mr. Zabore said that it cost about 4 and a half million.

Council Member Walsh asked why Stratford was not present at the meeting. Atty. Anastasi said that the town of Stratford has already approved the plans. Atty. Anastasi reminded everyone that there were two options. One would disrupt the traffic and cost a lot of money to hook up the sewers to the Trumbull line. Hooking up to the Stratford line would be easier but he felt that Bridgeport should receive some consideration.

Council Member Brannelly asked if Bridgeport treatment plants were at full capacity. Atty. Anastasi said that neither Bridgeport nor Trumbull was operating at full capacity. He pointed out that previously, there had been a process where both the storm water and the sewers shared the same pipe. Now the City is about to embark on a project to separate the two types of flow.

Council Member Brannelly pointed out that the Building Department allowed this to go on and on and it needs to be straightened out with the Town of Stratford. Atty. Anastasi said that there have been conversations about creating a inter-municipality WPCA.

Council Member Brannelly asked what Trumbull currently pays the City. Atty. Anastasi explained that there was a formula. Council Member Brannelly asked for clarification. Atty. Anastasi explained while Stratford has its own sanitary treatment plan but Trumbull does not. He then gave an overview of the issue.

### **RECESS**

Council President McCarthy requested a five minute recess at 6:43 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:47 p.m.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 79-10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITIES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telesco Secretarial Service