

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Chair; Carlos Silva, Michelle Lyons,
Council President Thomas McCarthy

OTHERS: Richard Weiner, Benefits Department

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2009

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2009 MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2009 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

22-09 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY FOR GROUP SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Richard Weiner of the Benefits office greeted everyone and explained that this was a contract to provide both short term and long term disability benefits provided in lieu of sick days. This contract went out to bid a few months ago and the Hartford offered a less expensive plan. This is a three year contract and over the span of the contract, the City will save over \$32,000. There are about 75 employees, mostly unaffiliated, who would be enrolled in this office. This is a less costly approach than providing sick days.

Ms. Lyons asked if the other unions had been offered this contract. Mr. Weiner said that the unions turned it down because the employees will not accumulate sick days.

Mr. Silva asked Mr. Weiner when the last time the City went out for bids on the medical insurances. Mr. Weiner said that the City was actually in the middle of the bid process.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 22-09 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT**

**INSURANCE COMPANY FOR GROUP SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM
DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (PAOLETTA, SILVA
AND LYONS) AND ONE ABSTENTION (MCCARTHY).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ABSTAIN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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