

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE  
RESCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013  
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia; Co-chair Ayala; Council members: Banta,  
Council President McCarthy (sat in to make a quorum)

NON-COMMITTEE: Council members: dePara, Stafstrom

OTHER(s): Brian Bidolli; Executive Director GBRC

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2013.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**131-12** Appointment of Jeannie Bogan (D) to the Stratfield Historic District.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that due to personal reasons, the appointee requested to withdraw the appointment.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO WITHDRAW THE APPOINTMENT**  
**\*\* CO-CHAIR AYALA SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**143-12** Proposed Resolution of Endorsement regarding the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (GBRC) to become a Council of Governments.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director stated that GBRC is affiliated as a federal design transportation organization. He relayed that two years ago, they came around to various town councils elected officials and they chose one from each municipality. The state decided that they want to standardize with the (COG) Council of Government format.

Council member Banta asked if the towns of Fairfield and Stratford were in the same district. Mr. Bidolli said yes. He explained that four of the six towns approved it and Bridgeport will be the fifth town.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked Mr. Bidolli to explain how this matter came about regarding the Council of Government. Mr. Bidolli responded that it's a state designation that represents six (6) elected officials of the region. The state has mandated that they maintain the (COG). Council President McCarthy added that it always existed and the state requires that it be approved by a legislative body. He further commented that it will help obtain grants and funding in the area of transportation. Mr. Bidolli commented that the state passed something to mandate that they want all the groups in Connecticut the same.

Council President McCarthy questioned what would happen if they say no. Mr. Bidolli stated that nothing will change; it will still be the same structure.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked if this meant that all the boards will now be working together. Mr. Bidolli said yes.

Council member Stafstrom mentioned that GBRC has been actively working on the Black Rock train station/Fairfield Metro. They are working on easier access from the train into the business district and they coordinated the effort between the two towns of Bridgeport and Fairfield. Overall, they're considered a regional partner of the city.

Mr. Bidolli commented that having the Mayor sit at the table will help bring in more funding.

Council President McCarthy commented that it would have been nice if Bridgeport had been in the top 60% as it related to the (COB). However, he relayed that he was in support of the item.

Council member dePara asked about transitioning to the new form of governing and whether or not they will give up any current power in the legislative body. Mr. Bidolli responded that it's only a semantic change; otherwise nothing changes. He clarified that the only change is the wording *Council of Governments*. Council member dePara questioned if this was an effort to have across the board uniformity and continuity in the regional split. Mr. Bidolli said that was correct.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

**145-12** Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Pamela Williams.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE ITEM WITH ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY BETSY EDWARDS**

**\*\* CO-CHAIR AYALA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee entered into executive session at 6:50 pm.

The committee came out of executive session at 7:05 pm.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND THE AMOUNT OF THE SETTLEMENT FROM \$70,000.00 TO \$59,500.00 RE: ITEM 145-12 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Pamela Williams**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 145-12 AS AMENDED**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

**ADJOURNED**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
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