

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 24, 2011**

PRESENT: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chair; Manual Ayala; Denise Taylor-Moye; Robert Walsh (arrived @ 6:07pm); Susan Brannelly (arrived @ 6:15pm)

ABSENT: William Blunt, Co-Chair; C. Silva

OTHER: Kelly McDermott, Sr. Manager Central Grants and Community Development; Mark Anastasi, City Attorney (arrived @ 6:22pm)

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (SPECIAL MEETING)

- ** MR. AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia asked if there were any Committee members who objected to addressing agenda items out of order as neither the City Attorney nor the Council President were present to discuss certain items.

Mr. Walsh arrived at 6:07 p.m.

21-10 REQUEST TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE 2010-2012 CITIZEN'S UNION TO FILL VACANCIES

Ms. McDermott explained that as part of the annual allocation process for CDBG grants the City would receive from HUD, City Charter required there to be an appointed Citizen's Union who would submit applications to the Council for review, consideration and vote. She said the Citizen's Union is an appointed body of 20 members and there were two vacancies, one in District 134 and the other in District 135. Members serve a two-year term in the Union and Bridgeport was in its second year of the term. No requests had been received from current members who wanted to step down, and thus the two vacancies needed to be filled to bring total membership to 20. The Application was being submitted to the Committee so that an appointment could be made to fill the vacancies. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she would submit someone for her District by the end of the week.

- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE 2010-2012 CITIZEN'S UNION TO FILL VACANCIES.**
- ** MR. AYALA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

19-10 APPOINTMENT OF CARL THEODORE HORTON, JR. (D) TO THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she was just notified that Mr. Horton was not available to attend the meeting and was asked to have the item tabled.

- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 19-10 APPOINTMENT OF CARL THEODORE HORTON, JR. (D) TO THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD**
- ** MR. AYALA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Mr. Walsh said he noticed that paperwork recently reviewed indicated the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport had performed a background check, and wondered if a national background check was required. Co-Chair said that a national check was never required; they can only be performed by the FBI. Mr. Walsh said it seemed as though long-time residents of the City came under greater scrutiny than those living in the City for a shorter period of time. Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she understood and would ask the Administration and advise the findings at the next Committee meeting. She said that all taxes are current.

- ** MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Brannelly arrived at 6:15 p.m.

130-09 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION FULL AND FINAL STIPULATION WITH MICHAEL BAUCO

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said the City Attorney was handling this issue directly, and had been notified to address this for the past three months. Since he was not present tonight to discuss the item, she asked for a motion to table.

- ** MS. BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE 130-09 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION FULL AND FINAL STIPULATION WITH MICHAEL BAUCO.**
- ** MR. AYALA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

17-10 RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES – RULE XIII REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE SUBJECT INDICATING ANY DIRECT OR IN-KIND EXPENDITURES OF CITY FUNDS

Co-Chair Vizzo-Paniccia said she requested that the City Attorney, Mr. Thomas Sherwood, and all department heads be present for discussion, or at least have representation available, but to no avail. In addition, Council President McCarthy had requested earlier that the item be tabled because he himself did not have an opportunity to review wording of the Resolution with the appropriate individuals.

- ** MS. BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE 17-10 RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES – RULE XIII REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE SUBJECT INDICATING ANY DIRECT OR IN-KIND EXPENDITURES OF CITY FUNDS.**
- ** MR. AYALA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

City Attorney Anastasi arrived at 6:22 p.m.

Attorney Anastasi said that timing is an issue because at present, all focus is on getting last year's audit and this year's budget resolved. It was his opinion that the Council's intentions were proper, and the issue was important enough that it should be given total focus so that a workable long-standing solution rather than a quick review could be arrived at. Mr. Walsh felt that the Committee should make a decision to approve and move forward.

- ** MR. WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE 17-10 RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES – RULE XIII REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE SUBJECT INDICATING ANY DIRECT OR IN-KIND EXPENDITURES OF CITY FUNDS.**

Ms. Brannelly said she initially thought this was not a major issue, but now wondered if there was "more than met the eye." Attorney Anastasi said there were some problems with the proposal and it required further work. He suggested that to table the item now would be the best approach.

Council President McCarthy joined the meeting momentarily to say that he wanted the executive summary to be completed at the same time as the proposed Resolution. He requested again that the Committee have the item tabled to allow him additional time to prepare appropriate language.

After additional discussion, Mr. Walsh agreed to withdraw his motion to approve.

- ** MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Attorney Anastasi said that item 130-09 should remain tabled as further review of it was required.

- ** MS. BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Graham for
Telesco Secretarial Services