

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Chair; Manuel Ayala, Susan Brannelly, Robert Walsh; Denise Taylor Moye (6:16 p.m.)

STAFF: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Elaine Carvalho, Tax Assessor; Adam Heller

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2010.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED THE MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2010.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

88-09 Resolution concerning the Private Sale of City Owned Property Below Market Value.

Council Member Walsh said that he had concerns about the sale of properties that were deemed to have little or no value. He then referred to a recent sale where the parcel was actually part of a city street.

Council Member Taylor-Moye joined the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Ms. Carvalho said that she was not involved in the sale of property and that if she had seen the property, she would have known it was wrong because it did not match up with the aerial photographs. The error apparently dates back to when the Fire House was built more than 20 years ago.

Council Member Walsh said that his concern was that if this type of mistake could be made, what other errors were in the information. He then asked if it would be worth having each parcel have an appraisal or having the Tax Assessor review the parcels before it goes before the Committee for approval.

Attorney Anastasi said that Mr. Perez had discussed this issue with Council President McCarthy. Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia said that her request was that the Tax Assessor, the Tax Collector, OPED and Atty. Liskov all meet over potential parcels for sale. Atty.

Anastasi then reviewed the current process. He said that there have been clerical errors between Engineering and the Assessor's Office in the past. He then suggested that perhaps having Ms. Carvalho review the list would prevent this from happening. Having either the assessed value or an appraisal has been asked for in the past. Council Member Brannelly said that her sense of the discussion was that Council Member Walsh was asking for a formalized rule. Council Member Walsh said that having Ms. Carvalho reviewing the parcels would be a good idea. Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia said that this would probably be a policy procedure rather than a formal resolution. Council Member dePara said that he was in agreement with Atty. Anastasi's suggestion also.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 88-10 - RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRIVATE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY BELOW MARKET VALUE PENDING LANGUAGE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

103-09 Resolution request that the City Department and Staff Directory be made available in document form.

Mr. Heller said that he was in the process of determining what the exact gap was. The information is available on line. Any Council member with a Blackberry could access the list.

Council Member Walsh said that Council Member Baker had concerns about being able to distribute to constituents. Mr. Heller said that the material was continually being updated online, but this is not necessarily the case with paper. He added that there were other questions such as how often to print it and how it would be organized.

Council Member dePara suggested that perhaps there could be a database that the Council Members could access and printed out. Atty. Anastasi said that there used to be a problem when the staff phone directory was printed because of inaccuracies. Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said that it could be left as a "per request".

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO TABLE UNTIL COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER COULD BE PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

113-09 Refund of Excess Payments.

114-09 Refund of Excess Payments.

Chairman Vizzo-Paniccia said that Ms. Kelly-Lenz was not able to attend the meeting and therefore had requested that these two items be tabled.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEMS 113-09 AND 114-09.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

97- 09 Proposed Workers' Compensation Stipulation with Charles Fereira.

104-09 Proposed Settlement Agreement with International Association of Firefighters, Local 843.

115-09 Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Ohio Indemnity.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDS.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission, Council Member dePara and Attorney Anastasi entered executive session at 6:39 p.m. The Commission returned to public session at 7:50 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE A CLAIM FOR THE SUM OF \$35,000 REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 97-09 PROPOSED WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH CHARLES FERREIRA.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 104-09 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 843.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Vizzo-Paniccia requested that this be placed on the consent calendar.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 115-10 PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH OHIO INDEMNITY FOR \$28,852.49.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR IN FAVOR (VIZZO-PANICCIA, BRANNELLY, AYALA, AND TAYLOR MOYE) AND ONE ABSTENTION (WALSH).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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