

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013
5:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Co-chair Lyons; Council members: Olson, Stafstrom, Baker
*Council President McCarthy

**=sat in to make a quorum prior to the arrival of Council member Baker at 5:50 pm.*

Co-chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. She introduced the committee members.

Approval of Committee Minutes: August 5, 2013 (Rescheduled Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of Committee Minutes: September 4, 2013 (Regular Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

69-12 Proposed Request for the Discontinuance of a Portion of School Street as a part of the Black Rock Elementary School Expansion Project.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**It was noted that this item will be revisited during the next city council session.*

133-12 Proposed Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #2231 located in front of 72 Orland Street.

Council member Stafstrom stated that he and Council member Brannelly were the co-makers of this request. He explained that Orland Street runs off of Fairfield Avenue and since Wendy's Restaurant was constructed; traffic has increased by pedestrians and vehicles. The residents made a request to install a traffic light.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL STAFSTROM SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

137-12 Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program.

Patrick Carleton, Central Grants Office stated that this grant was from State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program in the amount of \$1.6 million for the installation of an on site bicycle route. He explained that the bicycle lanes will meet at the Pequonnock River trail through downtown and later it will connect citywide. The \$400k match was approved in the 5-year capital plan.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO ACCEPT THE COPY OF THE
CAPITAL PLAN APPROVED DURING 2012 AS EXHIBIT 1-137-12-10-21-13
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Carleton reviewed the bicycle routes that will be located on the east side of Bridgeport.

Ted Graybarz stated that the grant is an extension of the Pequonnock River bike trail. He relayed that the project was delayed due to issues with the Department of Environmental Protection and the contractor. The project will also involve a bike share program.

Co-chair Lyons questioned why there weren't any projects of this type planned for the north end of Bridgeport. Mr. Graybarz said they looked at trying to find areas wide enough in the city streets without impeding the right of way. He relayed that there will be a future phase to include the north end. Co-chair Lyons requested Mr. Graybarz to keep the committee updated on the progress.

Council member Stafstrom asked if Black Rock was included in the bike path program. Mr. Graybarz said they weren't included at this time, because they haven't researched it yet. However, Black Rock may be considered in the future.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

138-12 Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management: Youth Services Prevention Grant Program.

Mr. Carleton stated that his grant was through State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management: Youth Services Prevention Grant Program in the amount of \$67,113.99 and there is no match. The program is to implement gang resistance and education training program. It will be implemented in five schools throughout the city with the hope of expanding it to other schools – *the (5) schools are:*

- Marin School
- Dunbar School
- Roosevelt School
- Curiale School
- Wilbur Cross School

He went on to say that there will also be a middle school component that will reach (800) students. The program will operate in conjunction with the police department, the school superintendent and a family component will take place to distribute information on gang resistance. He further explained that the idea is to reach students at an early age, which is why the program is being implemented in the middle schools.

Council member Baker asked how the grant money will be broken out by each school. Mr. Carleton said the grant money will go towards police overtime, supplies and materials. It was noted that the program will be conducted primarily during the day.

Council member Baker asked if the program would work in conjunction with the school police. It was stated that some school police involved with the D.A.R.E. program will assist.

Council member Baker asked what target population they were going for. It was stated that they were looking to promote gang resistance and they will also incorporate D.A.R.E and anti-bullying, noting it's a 12-week program. Council member Baker asked if they foresee extending the 12-weeks. It was stated that there is also a summer component and there's an expectation that funding will be continued to extend the program.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
***Consent calendar**

ADDENDUM

It was stated that this agenda would be taken out of order.

162-12 Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #1029 located near 55 Hillcrest Road.

Co-chair Lyons gave an update for this item and relayed that the request was submitted by Council member Blunt – *she read the memo from Charles Carroll that indicated the project was recommended and approved by the city engineer and other departments.*

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

163-12 Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #6363 located near 1257 Kossuth Street.

Co-chair Lyons gave an update for this item and she stated that this request was approved by the appropriate departments as it was outlined in the memo submitted.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

176-12 Grant Submission: United States Department of Justice - FY 2013 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant Program.

Mr. Carleton stated that he didn't have any written details for this item. However, he relayed the information that he was aware of noting that the program would involve ten (10) resource school officers. The grant is in the amount of \$2.4 million and there is no match. He explained that the city received a cost share waiver, which means that a match was required, but it was waived by request. He went on to say that police officers will be assigned to designated schools for three years as their primary duty. The grant covers ten (10) police officers up to three years and it will cover their salaries.

Council President McCarthy mentioned that the city averages twelve police officers per year who retire.

City Attorney Anastasi asked if the timing information was available of when the 3-year period begins, to avoid taking police officers off the street before they're needed at the schools.

Council member Baker asked how the school officers will work inside the schools. Mr. Carleton explained that they will be stationed outside the school on school grounds to help prevent violence.

Council member Stafstrom asked the timetable for the grant. Mr. Carleton said it's generally 45 to 60 days for the grant to become active.

Council member Baker stated that he thought a representative from the police department should be present to address the long term plan after the grant money runs out.

Council President McCarthy clarified that if the item didn't pass tonight, it would delay putting officers in the schools.

City Attorney Anastasi suggested that the committee approve the item out of committee and then request that a representative be present at the next full city council meeting to address the questions.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE SUBJECT TO THE ITEM NOT BEING ADDED TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

177-12 Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) re: Right Response CT Network Program.

Mr. Carleton stated that this grant was from State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) re: Right Response CT Network Program in the amount of \$30k and no match. The program is for a school police community collaboration to address school safety that is based on a model developed by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. The model is inclusive of a memo of understanding that was developed and outlines how agencies should work together. He explained that the Board of Education, police department and a community agency to be identified will be trained by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee to strategize ways to reduce student misconduct and misbehaviors in schools and the grant could also be used for training, planning and police overtime.

Council member Baker emphasized that he would like to hear from a representative to specifically find out what the grant will be used for.

Co-chair Lyons made a request that a representative should be available to address this item at the next city council meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

178-12 Grant Submission: United States Department of Justice FY 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Mr. Carleton stated that this grant was in the amount of \$180,470 and no match. He explained that the grant will be used for the purchase of equipment for a ventilation system for the police firing range that will be constructed.

Council member Olson questioned in view of the recent concerns regarding the firing range, he stated that they may not need indoor ventilation if the range is outside. It was stated that at this time, there is ever intention to have the firing range inside.

Council member Stafstrom stated that accepting the grant money is fine, but it should be made clear that the committee is not endorsing where the firing range should or shouldn't be located.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN
OPPOSITION**

161-12 Proposed Request for the Discontinuance of the following City Streets: Morris Street (east of Bostwick Ave.) California Street, Pierpont Street, Maiden Lane, Pembroke Avenue, (South of Stratford Avenue between Ann Street.), East Main Street (South of Stratford Ave.) and Hough Avenue.

Keith Rodgerson submitted a copy of the language revisions.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO ENTER EXHIBIT-1-161-12-10-21-13 INTO THE RECORD**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION 161-12 WITH EXHIBIT-1-161012-10-21-13**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

David Kooris, OPED stated that this item pertained to the vast majority of streets at Steel Pointe and one street on the west end as they were outlined above. He explained that some of the streets will be permanently discontinued, such as Hough Avenue and California Street and East Main Street south of Stratford Avenue will be replaced by district owned streets. He further explained that Morris Street is not on Steel Pointe and is located in the west end. He stated that there is industrial ownership on all sides and east of Bostwick Avenue has a driveway that will no longer be maintained by the city, but will become an attachment of it.

Co-chair Lyons asked if the request required traffic engineer and police department approvals.

City Attorney Anastasi asked if the non Steel Pointe streets involved abutting property owners. Mr. Kooris said yes. Attorney Anastasi said the 8-24 referral review should follow that has been done on both and other routine referrals to the city engineer, traffic engineer, public facilities, WPCA, police department, fire department and the city attorney's office. He stated that these referrals with the exception of WPCA are less

significant for Steel Pointe, because any new layout of the streets will be addressed through Planning & Zoning site plan approval.

Mr. Kooris said the discontinuances were already addressed through Planning & Zoning. He added that the general development plan has gone through Planning & Zoning and the city council for the street closures and it specifically identifies the streets not identified as city streets.

Co-chair Lyons asked about Morris Street. Mr. Kooris said Morris Street has an abutting owner, but he didn't have the information available to speak about the details. Council member Baker questioned if Morris Street was all dirt. Mr. Kooris said the street is paved, but not fenced in. He clarified that they aren't purchasing the property; however, it will become taxable land.

Co-chair Lyons stated that before the matter goes to the full city council, she wanted all the information submitted by the department for the Steel Pointe streets and Morris Street.

Council President McCarthy commented that if they didn't hold a special committee meeting to address the matter, the item will die in committee.

Attorney Anastasi suggested that since approvals and reports exist, they can report out of committee that they already voted on the item. Council President McCarthy recommended scheduling a special meeting prior to the city council meeting on November 4.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDED RESOLUTION 161-12 AS FOLLOWS:**

1st paragraph of the resolution amended to read:

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport ("City") desires to discontinue California Street, Pierpont Street, Maiden Lane, Pembroke Avenue (South of Stratford Avenue and between Stratford Avenue and Ann Street,) East Main Street (South of Stratford Avenue) and Hough Avenue for the purpose of development, tax revenue, and abdication of liability and maintenance; and

5th paragraph of the resolution amended to read:

RESOLVED, that the Bridgeport City Council hereby approves the street abandonment of the portions of California Street, Pierpont Street, Maiden Lane, Pembroke Avenue (South of Stratford Avenue and between Stratford Avenue and Ann Street), East Main Street (South of Stratford Avenue) and Hough Avenue as described above and that the Mayor or his designee is further authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to comply with the intent of this resolution.

last paragraph of the resolution should read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bridgeport City Council refers this item to the Board of Appraisal, Benefits and Damages for final disposition of the assets as appropriate.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
** COUNCIL MEMBER STAFSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED
** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services