

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Milta Feliciano, Co-Chair; Richard Paoletto, Council President Thomas McCarthy, Jack O. Banta

OTHERS: Jay Habansky, OPED

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2014.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2014 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09-14 Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) (#4T001) for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Ash Creek estuary.

Mr. Jay Habansky of OPED came forward and explained that currently the pedestrian accessibility walkways at the Fairfield Train Station were dangerous and having a pedestrian bridge over Ash Creek would be advisable. There is \$600,000 set aside for this project and once the designs are completed, the construction could start in the Spring of 2016.

Council Member Paoletto asked about the accessibility figures. Mr. Habansky then indicated where this would be on a small map.

Council Member Banta asked about the joint project. Mr. Habansky said that Fairfield has approved the project and it is roughly 150 feet from start to finish. Two of the pylons will penetrate a remediation shield that is 16 feet below the surface on the Fairfield side, but this has been discussed and there will be patches made. Council Member Banta said that he was a Metro North employee.

Discussion followed about the details of the proposed design drawing.

Council Member Feliciano asked what Fairfield was bringing to the project. Mr. Habansky explained that Fairfield built the train station and Bridgeport was submitting for the actual construction of the bridge. The City will be paying for the design of the bridge from the West End Capital Plan.

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Brannelly had contacted him to say that she was strongly in favor of the project.

Council President McCarthy asked about the parking situations on the surrounding streets, which are very narrow. Mr. Habansky said that there would be no parking in the area. The police will have to monitor the situation. Mr. Habansky said that potentially parking stickers will be issued to the residents.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 09-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOTICIP) (#4T001) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE ASH CREEK ESTUARY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

05-14 Request that a Streetlight be Installed on Utility Pole #4335 Located in the front of 39 Belmont Avenue.

Council Member Lyons explained that Mr. Cottell had said that the amount of traffic does not warrant a street light. However this has been requested by the residents due to safety concerns.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 05-14 REQUEST THAT A STREETLIGHT BE INSTALLED ON UTILITY POLE #4335 LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF 39 BELMONT AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

150-13 Proposed Resolution requesting that further designation of honorary streets be delayed until guidelines are adopted.

Council President McCarthy said that CCM has done research on this and Stamford has an ordinance. Other cities are considering Stamford's ordinance. He suggested that the Council Members read the Stamford ordinances over and also think about Council Member Banta's suggestion having the honorary street signs a different color or perhaps have a time limit.

Council Member Paoletto pointed out that it would also be important to keep track of how much these signs cost and how many signs are involved for the longer streets like Stratford Avenue. Council President McCarthy asked if City Attorneys had been asked if this has to be an ordinance. Council Member Paoletto said that he thought it would have to be an ordinance because it would be related to street numbering.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 150-13 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT FURTHER DESIGNATION OF HONORARY STREETS BE DELAYED UNTIL GUIDELINES ARE ADOPTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S.L. Soltes
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