

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Denese Taylor-Moye, Co-chair; Thomas McCarthy, Council President; Eneida Martinez; Jack Banta; Melanie Jackson; Richard Salter (6:10); AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia (6:23)

OTHER: Autumn Hurst, Central Grants; Police Chief Joseph Gaudett; Robert Russo III; Erin McDonough, Mayor's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Taylor-Moye called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES: JUNE 2, 2015

The minutes of June 2, 2015 were not discussed.

99-14

GRANT SUBMISSION: RE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' (OJP) BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM (#16321)

Ms. Hurst was present to discuss Agenda Item 99-14. She provided a quick overview of the proposed item for the committee and how it will be utilized to purchase body cameras as well as the storage associated with them. It was asked how many cameras and storage could be purchased with the funds to which it was answered that there would be about 150 cameras purchased. Police Chief Gaudett arrived to provide further answers.

Council Member Salter arrived at 6:10 P.M.

Further questions regarding the purpose, use, and distribution of the cameras were asked and answered to the satisfaction of the Committee members.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia arrived at 6:23 P.M.

The Police Chief stated that, pending future legislation, there may be funds to provide enough cameras for everyone on the police force.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 99-14 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

127-14
ADDITIONAL ITEM
APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT RUSSO III (R) TO THE FIRE COMMISSION

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO ADD THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT RUSSO III TO THE FIRE COMMISSION TO THE AGENDA.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Robert Russo III came forward to discuss his appointment. There were no areas of concern. Council President McCarthy spoke in favor of Mr. Russo. Ms. Jackson asked Mr. Russo as to why he wanted to be on the Commission to which Mr. Russo answered to her satisfaction.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT RUSSO III TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted;

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