

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 4, 2011
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Lyons; Co-chair, Brannelly; Co-chair, M. Ayala,
Brantley, Bonney, *A. Ayala, *Taylor-Moye

*= *left early*

NON-COMMITTEE: Council member: Baker

STAFF: A. McGoldrick, Grant Writer
S. Tyliczszak, Economic Development Associate

Co-chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

She introduced the committee members.

Co-chair announced that due to there being sufficient committee members to make a quorum, Council members: A. Ayala and Taylor-Moye left the meeting to attend a community event at 6:19 pm.

Approval of Committee Minutes: December 7, 2010

** **COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE
MINUTES**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER M. AYALA SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

07-10 Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Justice 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this was a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$304,215.00. The grant will go towards a modular shoot-house and fire range for the Bridgeport Police Department. There is no city match. A portion of \$3,000.00 will be for the fire range system. And \$36,250.00 will go towards the delivery, assembly and installation for the firing range. The purpose for the project is to be used for target practice to provide training for the police officers. She noted that currently they are utilizing the range in Monroe, CT.

Council member Brannelly asked what the impact will be on the neighborhood the shoot-house will be located in.

Police Chief Gaudet stated that they haven't identified a site yet, but ideally, it will be a city location. He stated that this was a performance grant for two years and they hoped to find a site quickly, noting they will continue the pursuit for an appropriate spot.

Council member Brannelly asked if the site was located outside the city, would they still be eligible for the grant. Police Chief Gaudet said yes. He noted there will be more opportunities to use the equipment.

Council member Brannelly asked if the site chosen will be adequate for the training and the needs of the officers. Police Chief Gaudet said if they secure the right spot, as far as yardage; it should be sufficient.

Council member Brannelly asked if they were currently paying to use another firing range. Police Chief Gaudet said no.

Council member Brantley asked if they would have to reapply for the grant or is it a one-time proposal. Ms. McGoldrick said it was a one-time grant.

Council member Brantley asked where the funds were coming from to keep it running. Police Chief Gaudet said the funds were come out of the police department budget.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

09-10 Request for approving Central Avenue Signage to include the Ceremonial Name of Bishop Moales Way.

Council member Brantley requested to have her name added to the amended resolution – *per Council member Baker's submission*. Co-chair Lyons stated that Council members Bonney, Brantley, Brannelly and herself also were added to the amended resolution.

Tyrone McClain of the Mayor's Office read a brief statement from Mayor Finch regarding the item as follows:

As you know, the sudden loss of Bishop Kenneth H. Moales Sr. this past summer sent shock waves throughout the entire state, the country and across the religious and gospel music world. He was a friend and a confidante, and his leadership in the community was unparalleled. He was a great man, whose deep religious faith led him on a wonderful journey during his life.

Bishop Moales was such a powerfully anointed man of God that I believe his legacy will continue to resonate throughout the City of Bridgeport and beyond. Because of his great influence, and more importantly, the impact he had in the East End, I believe we should agree to this honorary renaming of Central Avenue near the Prayer Tabernacle Church of Love and The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit as Bishop Moales Way.

Bishop Kenneth Moales Sr. had such a positive influence in Bridgeport's East End, the state and throughout the country. Bishop Moales is deserving of the highest praise and thanks for all of his outstanding efforts in the Church and in the Community. I believe this is a great way to honor a man of his stature. I hope you will support me with this request.

Sincerely,

**Bill Finch
Mayor**

There was applause from the numerous audience members that attended.

Co-chair Lyons stated that the resolution would be amended per Council member Baker's discussion with Bishop Moales wife. It was requested that the ceremonial sign be posted between Barnum Avenue and Stratford Avenue.

Co-chair Lyons expressed that it was an honor to have the sign dedicated to Bishop Moales based on his outreach and ministry and for being a community advocate. She recalled that she attended a few services at his church in the past and she expressed that she considered it a privilege to have heard him speak.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION
RE: THE CEREMONIAL SIGNAGE NAMED BISHOP MOALES WAY BE
POSTED ON THE STREET BETWEEN BARNUM AVENUE and STRATFORD
AVENUE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION
AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee members and the audience members stood to acknowledge the approval and signage naming.

Co-chair Lyons also acknowledged the honor to Bishop Moales wife Peggy Moales who was present in the audience - *to applause.*

15-10 Authorizing the Acceptance of Grants from Federal Transit Administration and the State DOT for the Construction of the Bridgeport Intermodal Transportation Center, Project ID No. CT-04-0024-00.

Mr. Tyliszczak stated that the resolution was to request approval of several grants. He updated that since 1998 there was a proposal for the project. Funds have been allocated for the Intermodal Transportation Center and \$1.3 million of city money will leverage the funds. He added that \$3.8 million was previously approved that can be used as a match component. He noted there was one resolution to reference two grants.

He went on to review Account #1P-742 in the amount of \$2 million broken out as follows for different phases of the project, such as city beautification and signage: OP-742 \$800k; OP-645 \$454k; OP-634 \$113k; OP-647; \$488k. He noted that there was \$3.8 million in five accounts and they will determine which account the funds will be taken out of.

Co-chair Lyons requested that a copy of the designated accounts and amounts be e-mailed to the committee members and council members for their information. Mr. Tyliszczak noted that he will e-mail a copy of the amounts that were reviewed.

Council member Bonney asked if the items listed had already been allocated in the budget. Mr. Tyliszczak said yes.

Council member Brannelly commented that she had a concern about the budget and the plan to do a fabulous street scape. She stressed that if the funds weren't spent and not in the line item for beautification, why were the funds not dedicated to other improvements in the city; such as spending it on sidewalk safety. Mr. Tyliszczak responded that he agreed. He noted that there will be other sources of existing money coming through that could be used for the beautification program. He further noted the sidewalks downtown are the gateway to the area and they need signs put up that will allow people to find different locations in the downtown area easily. They will also make the city more inviting. He added that they also needed better illumination.

Council member Brannelly asked what's been going on since 1998. Mr. Tyliszczak said the Intermodal program began implementation. Through the years, they had earmarks for certain improvements, such as the bus terminal and between the train station and commuter garage. This was done with match money from the State of Connecticut. The last phase is tying in all the components from the bus terminal, the train station and the arena to make it safe for people.

Council member Brannelly emphasized that the train station conditions were very bad and unsafe.

Council member Bonney asked if the grant was time sensitive. Mr. Tyliszczak said they would like to get started and going with the project.

Council member Bonney asked if they had a design of the project to show what will be done. Mr. Tyliszczak presented an initial design from 1998. He noted that back in

August, there was an RFQ for the design services; the design was started but there was no funding to begin and there isn't anything solvent at this time. He said that once they have funding, they will come up with a final design.

Council member Bonney replied that in the end, if there isn't a design, they won't know how much the project will cost. Mr. Tyliczszak said when they did the initial designs during 2003 they had a budget of \$6.3 million. He said it's been common in the past to establish a budget before the actual project begins and the \$6.3 million is consistent with the number they always had.

Council member Bonney said so if they went to a design consultant and told him they had \$6.3 million, the project could be done within that cost range. Mr. Tyliczszak said yes, noting that he didn't expect they would exceed that amount.

Council member Lyons suggested that they table the matter until the committee and council members submit their questions about the project to Mr. Tyliczszak's office. They will then return to the item for February meeting and address the matter with him and the department heads who should be present.

Council member Baker suggested that the committee members and council members e-mail their questions to one person. Co-chair Lyons said they could e-mail their questions to her and Co-chair Brannelly.

Council member Brannelly stated that there was an opportunity to have a say in where they spend the discretionary money. She lightly suggested that they request to wait another year to begin the project. Mr. Tyliczszak replied that they can't wait another year, because the funds will expire according to the government guidelines by Congress and then the funds need to be appropriated. Until they provide the 20% match, the funds aren't available.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO TABLE**
**** COUINCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services