

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Tom McCarthy; Manuel Ayala; Denise Taylor-Moye; Susan Brannelly; Richard Bonney (6:30).

OTHERS: Councilmember Martin McCarthy; Thomas Lyons; Scott Appleby, Emergency Management & Homeland Security; Alexandra McGoldrick, Central Grants.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Co-Chair Lyons.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2010

- ** COUNCILMEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED APPROVAL.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

78-09

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS A. LYONS (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION

Mr. Lyons said he will meet all requirements, including in the search for a police chief. He said he has asked to be on this commission.

Councilmember Brannelly asked Mr. Lyons to address his ability to work with the Co-Chair of this committee. Mr. Lyons said he sought this committee. He is an independent thinker; he wants everything handled fairly, and pressure would not alter his decisions.

Councilmember Brannelly said that she fully supports the nomination of Mr. Lyons, as did Councilmembers Ayala and Taylor-Moye. Councilmember Taylor-Moye said that Mr. Lyons is a remarkable person. He will help the commissioners a lot.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS A. LYONS TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

91-09

GRANT SUBMISSION RE FY 2008 FEMA PORT SECURITY GRANT

Ms. McGoldrick said this is for a fire detection vessel. Mr. Appleby said they need to be able to patrol vessels. Another need was the motors to rotate them in and out and more Seeborn detection equipment on the boats. The Coast Guard hired a consultant company to make these plans and it took them this long.

Councilmember Brannelly asked if there was any commitment required from the City. Ms. McGoldrick said they have submitted a match waiver request to FEMA, which is still pending, but she has been told it looks good. Councilmember Brannelly asked the total amount of the grant and Mr. Appleby said it is \$1,199,216. He said they will get the video links, but not the vessel.

Co-Chair Lyons asked that Ms. McGoldrick and Mr. Appleby provide all of the paperwork on the night of the City Council meeting.

Councilmember Brannelly asked, if they don't get the match waiver and this committee approves this now, would they be bound to go forward? Mr. Appleby said they would, in that case, use some of the 09-10 money if necessary.

Councilmember Taylor-Moye asked if they would be able to get it all, even with moving the money around. Mr. Appleby said they have a great partnership with the Coast Guard, etc., and they will be in good shape.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION RE THE FY 2008 FEMA PORT SECURITY GRANT.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

89-09

GRANT SUBMISSION RE FY 2009 FEMA PORT SECURITY GRANT

Ms. McGoldrick said this also included the fire boat and surveillance cameras for the port area.

Mr. Appleby spoke about the importance of the surveillance cameras. They will upgrade the existing cameras and should see a significant cost savings and be able to cover the entire coastline. The marine domain awareness vessel will be larger to handle the first responders that will be needed on a large-scale incident. The amount of the grant is \$3,589,527.

Councilmember Bonney arrived at 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Ayala left the meeting.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION RE THE FY 2009 FEMA PORT SECURITY GRANT.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

90-09

GRANT SUBMISSION RE FY 2010 FEMA PORT SECURITY GRANT

Ms. McGoldrick said this was for stability and maintenance purposes.

Councilmember Taylor-Moye asked who would perform the maintenance and Ms. McGoldrick said it would be done by the manufacturer of the equipment. The equipment would be for the harbor master and the harbor patrol.

Going back to the previous item (surveillance cameras), Councilmember Taylor-Moye asked what they would do with the cameras they pull out, and Mr. Appleby said he was not sure. They will have to look at what can be used and if anything can be used for scrap. Councilmember Taylor-Moye pointed out that there are places, like the YMCA, that need security equipment. Mr. Appleby noted that these are proprietary, which may make a difference, but he will look into it.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION RE THE FY 2010 FEMA PORT SECURITY GRANT.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Bonney said, although he was not present for the first item on the agenda, he wholeheartedly supports the appointment of Mr. Lyons to the Police Commission. He is a person of high integrity.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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