

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Chair; Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Leticia Colon; Angel DePara.

STAFF: John Cottell, Utilities Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION RE: STREET LIGHTING BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CITY STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS ON
THE LENGTH OF AMERIDGE DRIVE**

The Chair said that Councilwoman Vizzo-Paniccia wanted this resolution heard by this committee, which is why it is on the agenda. The Chair said she does not see this being passed and put on the consent calendar because many things have to be put in place before this resolution is accepted or denied.

Ms. Lyons said she is the co-signer of this resolution. They were waiting for a process to be put in place for any resolution regarding lights. Changes were made at the last committee meeting for street lights where it would then go to the Ordinance Committee. Since they have not heard back from the Ordinance Committee, and it is not on the Council agenda, she does not know where it stands now.

Mr. Cottell said Ms. Lyons was correct as to the process. U.I. will do their portion and give their input, he would give input as to funding and the Parks Commission will say if any trees have to be cut. The lighting on Ameridge Drive belongs to the condo association. U.I. would install utility poles, run overhead wires and the light would be put on the pole. He understands there are gas lines under that area which the condo association would have to remove or mark.

The Chair asked if the city had surveyed this area. Mr. Cottell said people have driven by. There is concern that the city does not have a record of gas and electric lines.

Mr. DePara asked if this was pre-emptive, considering that they do not have an ordinance in place yet. Mr. Cottell responded affirmatively.

Ms. Lyons asked if U.I. had been out there already; Mr. Cottell said he did not know. Ms. Lyons said, if this cannot be done for financial reasons because it will cost the condo association a lot of money, if there is another suggestion for lighting for the condos. Mr. Cottell said the best and most economical way for the city would be for U.I. to install utility poles with overhead wiring and a street light by cobra overhead lights. Ms. Lyons

said that would require the condo association to mark the spot and the ordinance would have to be in place; Mr. Cottell agreed.

Ms. Colon asked how long it would take for the processing. Her concern is that Ms. Lyons and Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia have something in writing to give to the condo association. Putting it in place carries a lot of weight and is less aggressive for them. She recommended that everything be put into writing.

Ms. Lyons said after the ordinance passes the City Council, her question would be if they would be able to know how long it will take to get the lighting done. Mr. Cottell said a normal light would probably take approximately 21 days for a report, followed by his report on the budget status and then it is a scheduling issue for U.I. U.I. does try to work quickly.

Ms. Lyons asked Mr. Cottell if his office would be willing to put something in writing for their constituents; Mr. Cottell responded affirmatively. He projects a shortage in the electric account right now but he is always looking for ways to do better. However, U.I. has requesting a rate increase as of January 1st, which almost assures that there will be a shortage.

The Chair said that Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia had sent her an e-mail on November 26th addressing this resolution and asking that her statements be put into the record. “She is unable to attend the November 27 or 28th Ordinance Committee meeting and was confused about the dates for today’s meeting. She would like for her resolution to be heard. If this is a problem, I will ask that it be tabled until next month. She put this resolution forth a few months ago. Back in the 1970’s, the Council went through the process to approve Ameridge Drive as a legal City street but never finished the project. We need to replace this with U.I. approved poles so that our taxpayers are taken care of. This is a request to place legal poles on this legal city street. I have requested that this be taken care of as soon as possible. At the request of U.I., I have sent pole numbers and account numbers. I have been told that they would get back to me and Public Facilities. To date, I have not received any confirmations that they transferred the account numbers from Ameridge to a city account. This is for poles to be installed to replace old, defective poles. I am afraid someone will get hurt or worse. The cost to our families and the taxpayers is worse than the cost of the poles. Thank you in advance for this consideration and apologies for not being there in person.”

The Chair said there is a process that they are working on putting in place. The problem is Ameridge Drive has been there and they are working as fast as they can. Ordinance did hear the resolution last week and it was approved with some changes. There also has to be a public hearing.

Ms. Lyons said until that process goes through, they will not know if they can do this work.

- ** MS. LYONS MOVED TO TABLE UNTIL THEY FIND OUT IF THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE. FOR THEIR CONSTITUENTS, THEY WOULD LIKE A LETTER FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES STATING THE PROCESS THAT HAS TO GO THROUGH FOR AMERIDGE DRIVE.**
- ** MS. COLON SECONDED.**

Mr. Cottell said he would contact U.I. to preemptively discuss their process. It was noted that they have to work with the condo management firm, not the owners.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MS. COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. LYONS SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Leticia Colon, Angel dePara

OTHERS:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Valle cancelled the meeting due to lack of quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, Colon, dePara, Lyons, Bonney

OTHERS: Council members: McCarthy, Silva

REPRESENTATIVES: A. McGoldrick, Central Grants; S. T. Appleby, Director, EOC
J. Gaudet, Acting Police Chief

ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY: Melanie Howlett

Co-chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of November 13, 2008 (Special Meeting)

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

Approval of Committee Minutes of December 2, 2008

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

37-08 Grant Submission re: State of Connecticut DEMHS for receipt of a Statewide Tactical On-Scene Communications System (STOCS) Box

Ms. McGoldrick stated that the STOCS Box was a device piece provided by Homeland Security. It combines all frequencies into one unit, so people can talk to each. They will provide all the maintenance costs and they will be trained on it. She further noted that the device is being implemented to be used for any potential emergencies.

** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

43-08 Proposed Amendments to Chapter 12.16.250 Miscellaneous Acts Prohibited for spelling Corrections and to add new paragraph 12.16.250A Exemptions

Attorney Howlett stated that this item was in regard to access to the public right of way. There were two relevant matters that applied: 1. There is NRZ grant money. They have trash cans that will be placed on the public right of way. 2. The other is the issue about the bus shelters to be placed at new locations.

Council member Colon asked about item 58-08 and if this item also pertained to item 43-08. Attorney Howlett explained that item 58-08 was for approval of the concept, design and new location. Item 43-08 was to address the language only.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was noted that this item will go before the full city council for final approval.

53-08 Grant Submission re: State of Connecticut DEMHS Operation Stonegarden Grant

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this was a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to increase border surveillance along the coastline. The purpose is to monitor commercial cargo and small boats. The grant also covers additional personnel. There is no city match and it's a three-year grant in the amount of \$1,406,857.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

58-08 Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (GBTA) for approval of Bus Shelter locations and design

Mr. Doug Holcomb, of the Greater Bridgeport Transit stated that they restructured routes and built new buildings. He updated that ridership was growing and they were looking to replace signage to include routes that serve each stop. He said they were unhappy with the number of shelters there currently are and many of them are in disrepair. He went on to say there are twenty-four (24) shelters managed by outdoor advertising, so they were looking to replace all the advertising shelters with new ones and the non-advertising shelters will be replaced. There are (27) advertising shelters that they will replace with new

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advertising shelters. There are (15) non-advertising shelters they will replace with advertising shelters and there are (5) shelters that will be rehabilitated.

They requested \$1.4 million from the stimulus package and if they receive the funds, they will implement the project with new advertising shelters. He further noted that they do a good job maintaining the downtown terminal and he hoped to do the same with the new shelters. He explained that in order to issue the RFP, they need to give the contractors an idea of the number of shelters that will be installed. This will be based on design, and the general criterion is to provide wind and rain protection. They will need lighting and benches. He said the original shelters had trash receptacles, but they are not part of this program, they will be provided by the city. They will also adhere to state guidelines for the design.

Council member Valle mentioned the RFP information. She questioned the removal of six (6) bus shelters. Mr. Holcomb said the intent was to convince the contractor to do all the installments, but that won't be done, so the shelters will be implemented through the Transit Department guidelines.

Council member Valle asked if the shelter design was shown to the police chief to address the matter of safety. Mr. Holcomb said the design hadn't been shown to the police chief yet, but he said that they don't want smoked glass, because people should be able to see inside.

Council member Valle asked who would be responsible for the bus stop signs. Mr. Holcomb said they were unable to maintain all the bus signs because there are too many, but if they receive any additional revenue, they should be able to improve on maintenance. He said the signs should be in place by mid-May. He added that the GBTA would also be looking into removal of snow and ice at the shelters in the future.

Council member Colon asked about the design of the shelters. Mr. Holcomb said they were proposing that one side of the shelter have a 4x3 panel.

Council member Colon asked the cost of a shelter. Mr. Holcomb said the sizes would vary depending on location and the average cost is \$13k.

Council member Colon asked if there would be an additional cost to the bus riders. Mr. Holcomb replied no, he explained that the transit company goes out to bid and they also requested stimulus monies, so there is that possibility, but if so, the GBTA will take over the maintenance, but it won't affect the cost to the riders. He noted that it was arranged in the RFP that the five to ten shelters will be non-advertising shelters and they will still be maintained. He mentioned that if any council member had an issue with a location of a bus shelter, the matter could be addressed.

Council member Colon asked about the listing and the No. 2 location on State Street and why a shelter wasn't planned for that location. Mr. Holcomb said he wasn't sure why that location wasn't on the list, but he said he would be corrected in included.

Council member Colon stressed that she didn't want to see any shelter covered up that would distract the police from any suspicious activity. Mr. Holcomb clarified that only one sign had an advertising panel, he said he would provide a picture of the design.

Attorney Howlett said if there wasn't any objection to the approving the item, it could be conditioned on the final list for the locations and design that should be final approved by the committee. Mr. Holcomb said he would agree to that condition. He noted that he will follow up with the final list of shelters.

Council member Valle asked if they would consider putting shelter between East Main Street and Boston Avenue, she emphasized that it was a very busy spot. Mr. Holcomb agreed and said he would add it to the list.

Council member Bonney mentioned his concern about graffiti. He asked how graffiti proof the shelters were. Mr. Holcomb said the contract included liquidated damages in the RFP. The glass used is more resistant to scratches and graffiti. Overall, the advertising vendor that was chosen will be responsible for maintenance on the shelters. He further stressed that this must be demonstrated in the RFP.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO AMEND RE:**

- 1. KEEP BUS STATION LISTED AS TO BE REMOVED ON LINE 2 OF EXHIBIT A, SHELTER INVENTORY**
- 2. AMENDED LIST OF LOCATIONS AND DESIGN OF BUS SHELTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THIS COMMITTEE AND THE CITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION**
- 3. SUBMIT DETAILS OF MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR BUS STOP AREAS AND BUS SHELTERS TO THIS COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE NEW SHELTERS ARE PURCHASED AND INSTALLED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

64-08 Resolution requesting discussion and update from the Police Chief or designee on quality of life matters being addressed by the Strategic Enforcement Team at each monthly committee meeting and other initiatives

Council member Lyons updated on the items that were part of the resolution. She said the purpose was to work with other city officials and address the issues. She reviewed a flip chart that highlighted the areas to be addressed, such as, which laws apply, health code, ordinances, state statutes, housing code and zoning and whether or not police action should be taken on any matter. And the types of infractions imposed.

1. Barber shops/hair salons
2. Social clubs
3. Misuse of motor vehicle license plates

Council member Lyons mentioned that there were other council members not present tonight that were also interested in these issues.

Acting Police Chief Gaudett stated that he was glad to provide the updated information at any time to this committee or any other committee. Council member Lyons expressed that Acting Police Chief Gaudett has been very helpful and forthcoming with any information requested.

Acting Police Chief Gaudett updated that the Strategic Enforcement Team has been very helpful within the last few months. They have been crucial in addressing many issues affecting the city. He went on to say that they met with the health department and they have a list of establishments that are fully licensed and in compliance, so now the task is to find those establishments that are operating without licenses. He noted that any assistance with addresses and locations would be helpful.

Council member Silva said that the public has spoken out to most of the council members that had issues with unlicensed establishments and the hours of operation. He expressed that it was nice to hear that the public was aware of the issue.

There was further open discussion regarding barbershops and the affect unlicensed shops have on legitimate barbershops. One of the issues mentioned was the cost of hair cuts that the unlicensed shops charge.

Acting Police Chief Gaudett continued to update that the department will continue to reach out to the public and take complaints anonymously. He stressed that it would help to get more information to make those establishments easier to track.

Council member Silva stated that they were aware that other departments needed to work in conjunction to address the problem.

Council member Colon thanked Acting Police Chief Gaudett and members of the public that were in attendance. He said that they also would need a health department representative to answer the committee's questions, regarding establishment hours, the amount of a haircut and why one business

opens legitimately and why another one doesn't. He added that they would definitely need the health department to work with the police department.

Council member Bonney asked who actually enforced the codes. Attorney Howlett responded that any health matters falls under the public health code and any order issued can be appealed to the state. The matter of a public license falls under the health department, but the police department can assist in enforcement if necessary to address closing down an establishment.

There was further open discussion among the public attendees in regard to a license for a barber/beauty shop after it is inspected by the Department of Health. It was stated that an establishment has to have a barber or cosmetology license.

Acting Police Chief Gaudett continued to discuss social clubs. He said the Liquor Control Commission was visiting establishment that have licenses and those that don't.

Acting Police Chief Gaudett said the motor vehicle issue hasn't been fully addressed yet. They need the proper device equipment to track the information, but funds aren't available yet.

Council member Lyons thanked Acting Police Chief Gaudett for the updated information regarding quality of life matters. She noted that the issues required further legal opinion input.

** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER VALLE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 7, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: McCarthy, Baker, Austin, dePara

REPRESENTATIVES: J. Urquidi, City Engineer Supervisor, M. Nidoh, OPED, A. Kabel,
S. Tyliszczak, OPED, J. Gaudet, Police Chief

ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY: Melanie Howlett

Approval of Committee Minutes of March 3, 2009.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

64-08 Resolution requesting discussion and update from the Police Chief or designee on quality of life matters being addressed by the Strategic Enforcement Team at each monthly committee meeting and other initiatives.

Attorney Howlett stated this item was requested to be tabled. No discussion followed.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

73-08 Petition request to relocate existing security gate and existing fencing located Ref.# 260-87)within City of Bridgeport street right-of-way located on Seaview Avenue, East of the intersection of Seaview Avenue & Central Avenue.

Associate Attorney Howlett stated there was a request to table this item.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

89-08 Request for Permanent Approval of Closure of Seaview and Relocation of Security Fence - Vacating of Resolution dated August 10, 1988 (Ref.# 260-87).

Attorney Howlett stated there was a request by the city to put up a fence in 1988. Mr. Carroll will issue a temporary order allowing for the fence to be relocated; this is pending approval by Homeland Security and the DEP. The fence will be protected from the waterway access.

Council member McCarthy asked why the city was involved in this matter. Attorney Howlett explained that the city was involved because there were in effect denying the use to the public. So the fence will be moved closer, because currently it prevents the public from any access. It will now be relocated east of its current location.

Attorney Howlett referred to exhibit-B, the last paragraph, 5th line, where it read, west of the location. She clarified that it should read **east of the location**. It was noted that Attorney Howlett will submit the amended resolution to the city clerk's office on Wednesday.

*It was also noted that this item will be on the city council agenda the first Monday in May.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE TO READ "EAST OF THE LOCATION"**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Other business:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM RE: GRANT SUBMISSION FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FORMULA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Alex McGoldrick explained this was a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice. She said the grant has been received annually in the amount of \$300k to be used for police equipment and bullet proof vests. This year the amount was inflated to \$1.6 million to be used for police equipment only, not infrastructure purposes. She referred to list that was created for:

- o (30) patrol vehicles
- o A scuba equipped van
- o Police motorcycles with police equipment
- o Power engine for a police boat
- o SWAT vehicle
- o CAD radio equipment

Council member Bonney asked who actually devised the list of needs. Ms. McGoldrick said they met with the police chief, the staff financial person and Mr. Sherwood for their input on the items needed.

Police Chief Gaudet said the biggest cost will be for the police vehicles, noting that with this approval, they won't have to bond for them. He further explained that sixteen (16) vehicles were purchased in pristine shape and they helped increase accountability dramatically. He expressed that he was thrilled with the program and he asked that the committee continue to support it.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 2, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Baker, Valle, Colon, *Bonney, *Lyons
*= arrived at 6:15 p.m.

OTHERS: Council President: McCarthy

ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY: Melanie Howlett

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of April 7, 2009

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Co-chair Valle stated that the agenda would be taken out of order, for the purpose of taking up the following item:

108-08 Appointment of James Meszoros, Sr. to the Fire Commission.

Council member Valle asked if the committee members had any questions for the appointee. Background information was distributed for review.

Council member McCarthy asked if they received all the documents from the Ethics Commission. Council member Valle said yes.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

Co-chair Valle left the meeting at 6:16 p.m. to attend another meeting.

Co-chair Lyons took over the meeting.

155-07 Resolution re: Street lighting be installed in accordance with city standards and specifications on the length of Ameridge Drive.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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Attorney Howlett updated that they completed the extensive research, regarding the strategic enforcement team. She said the committee needed to discuss what they had in mind. She mentioned that the chief of police requested a legal opinion regarding quality of life matters. When all the research is reviewed by all parties; the matter will then be tied up and the legal opinion will be presented.

Council member Bonney asked if the committee will see the research that will be submitted to the chief of police. Attorney Howlett said she thought it would be included in the information for the committee to review, she said she would recommend that is done.

Council member McCarthy reminded the committee that the purpose of this item was to have the chief of police update them on a regular basis, to discuss where they are at and what's going on. Attorney Howlett reiterated that the research was requested. Council member McCarthy stated that he just wanted to assure that they maintain open dialogue.

Council member Baker asked if the chief of police could still attend the meetings and update them, despite the issue of violating the open meeting policy. Attorney Howlett said after the research is presented, it would be a matter of violating the open meeting policy.

Council member McCarthy asked if they could add the matter to the agenda as a discussion item; that could read (***Regular chief update***). Attorney said it was a matter of FOI.

Council member McCarthy asked if they could create a new business agenda item to address the chief of police updates. Attorney Howlett said it would be easier if the resolution disappeared, and then they could just deal with regular updates.

Council member McCarthy suggested that they table the item for now. And then the co-chairs could discuss the matter with Attorney Howlett, City Attorney Anastasi and the city clerk's office.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE

** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**It was noted that the co-chairs would meet to discuss the matter above.*

73-08 Petition request to relocate existing security gate and existing fencing located
(Ref.# 260-87) within City of Bridgeport street right-of-way located on Seaview Avenue, East of the intersection of Seaview Avenue & Central Avenue.

Attorney Howlett stated this item should be denied for improper filing, the item was improperly accepted by the city clerk.

Council member McCarthy stated the matter was already taken care of. Attorney Howlett repeated that the item should be denied, because it was improperly filed.

Council member Baker asked why it was improperly filed. Attorney Howlett said it was because no one contacted her office prior. She said it was important to note that the representing attorney, Attorney Quatrella agreed.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO DENY, DUE TO IMPROPER FILING THAT RESULTED FROM A PROCEDURAL ERROR

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

115-08 Grant Submission: DEMHS FFY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program.

It was stated that this item pertained to a grant program. Bridgeport acts as the fiduciary for Region-1 Homeland Security. The amount of the grant is \$89,854 that will be used to form government structure and operational procedures. This is an allocation only and no grant match, it's federal money that went to the state. The purpose for the grant is to hire a consultant to handle interoperable communication projects, the money won't be used for equipment. It was noted that **Region-1** consists of fourteen (14) cities and towns.

Council member Bonney asked if the police department will hire the consultants or if the administration will. It was stated that the city acts as the fiduciary and they will manage the funds. But Region-1 makes the decision on hiring. Chief of Police Gaudet added that the matter will be subject to Bridgeport's policy, as far as selecting a consultant.

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

- ❖ Tom White returned to item 64-08. He stated that the item was submitted the way it was, because he advised to have it on the agenda as a procedural item. The city clerk recommended it added to the agenda to assure it went through committee and the full city council.

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JULY 7, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, Baker, Colon, Bonney, Lyons

OTHERS: Council President: McCarthy
Police Chief Gaudet
A. McGoldrick, Grants Writer

CITY ATTORNEY: Mark Anastasi

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of June 2, 2009

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

64-08 Resolution requesting discussion and update from the Police Chief or designee on quality of life matters being addressed by the Strategic Enforcement Team at each monthly committee meeting and other initiatives.

Council member Lyons referred to the resolution regarding the police chief update. She said she understood there were some minor challenges during the last meeting, regarding quality of life issues and other P&Z issues that were brought up, based on questions about barber shops. She noted the areas that the police chief wasn't authorized to address, but she said there were times that they needed the police chief or a designed to update them on quality of life matters. In the case of the barber shops, they needed to know what the enforcement officers were doing to address certain problems, such as the Sacred Heart University matter and other issues that affect her

district per constituents concerns. She stated that from what she read, some of the issues were addressed, but she wasn't in favor of killing the resolution.

Council member McCarthy stated that at the last meeting, there was a request from the committee to research a solution to the matter, so he met with City Attorney Anastasi, Associate Attorney Howlett and the Assistant City Clerk, Ann Murray. They determined that the easiest solution was that the committee has the power to have a department head attend a meeting and talk to the committee. He explained that this is done by adding a line to the agenda, to read, "Regular Update from the police chief". Although the police chief can't discuss matters of a confidential nature, item numbered issues will be voted on when called and discussed. He suggested that they table the matter, but he emphasized that they already had the power for it to be on the agenda.

Council member dePara commented that they could approach the matter as a regular housekeeping item.

Council member McCarthy continued and said they could add the language "update" again. He suggested again that the matter be tabled.

Council member Baker agreed with Council member McCarthy. He stated they will miss the point of receiving dialogue through the police chief and often, the police chief isn't the person or contact they need to talk to. He felt they should leave it open for the appropriate person to address a specific item, this way, they're not locked in by just having one agenda item for the police chief to address. He suggested that the maker of the resolution eliminate the item#.

Council member Valle said she didn't see why the item was a stumbling block, regardless of who speaks and addresses the committee.

Mr. White stated that the matter was discussed with the assistant city clerk about the appropriate way to do. He was advised that there should be a resolution number for ongoing discussion purposes and he thought that was the right way to do it.

Council member Lyons agreed there may be times they don't need to discuss quality of life issues, but there are other matters that require updates for the sake of their constituents. They want to know what's happening in certain districts with forthcoming information from different departments.

Council member Bonney asked to hear from the police chief to determine if he found the agenda item burdensome, or if there was another way to address the matter. He commented that the Police Chief Gaudett has been very cooperative in the past.

Police Chief Gaudett stated that if there was a request for him to attend a meeting and address the committee, he didn't have an issue with that.

City Attorney Anastasi stated that what the police chief said was important. He pointed out that in the budget aspect of the charter, the city council has the authority to direct officers to produce reports, etc., but it becomes more ambiguous in charter whether they have the authority to request more. He asked that they table the matter so it can be defined further. Also, there is the matter of the substance of what he can address. Thirdly, he mentioned that it wasn't appropriate to revisit individual pieces of property and discuss citations...Council member dePara interjected to ask Attorney Anastasi to stick to the matter at hand. City Attorney Anastasi recalled that there have been past committee discussions about topics that weren't relevant to committee discussion. He reiterated that he would like time to define the language further as it relates to the charter.

Council member Valle stated that different sections of the city were having serious problems, so bringing in a police department designee was the purpose of addressing those problems. She commented that she respected and admired Police Chief Gaudett highly and he always shows up when called upon. She mentioned that someone found fault with the resolution, but she wants upfront dialogue and she doesn't want to have the resolution thrown away.

Attorney Anastasi clarified the charge of the committee, which doesn't include certain topics. He said the discussions have to be general in scope, because they don't handle the day-to-day issues of a specific department. He asked what the ultimate goal was for the resolution.

Council member McCarthy said he differed with the matter regarding non-budgetary functions. He thought the committee did have the power to have a department head present at meetings, but he thought there was an easier way to approach the matter and still have a department head show up. He said it just needed to be added to the agenda as a regular action item to receive updates on general issues only that affect the city. They had the absolute right to talk to the police chief about public safety in the city.

Attorney Anastasi said the issue was if they have clear authority to mandate a department head to show up at a meeting. He clarified that the police chief reports to the Police Board of Commission. As far as the substance of what is discussed, it should be general in nature and obviously individual cases shouldn't be discussed. The same

would apply to the Anti-Blight Department. He repeated that it's not the committee's charge to run day-to-day operations of the city.

Council member dePara stated that if there was a substantive problem with the resolution, then he suggested that language should be crafted to encompass all public safety concerns regarding different departments.

Council member Colon spoke about tabling the item. She thought the language could be corrected to best fit the situation. She commended the police chief for his loyalty and for the great response from his staff with the monthly reports. She questioned if they should amend the resolution or table the item. She recommended that they move forward.

Council member Lyons clarified that the resolution wasn't meant to probe into confidential police chief matters. They were only looking to obtain general information in any given area , regarding safety issues etc. she also agreed that they should move forward.

Mr. White said the resolution was only a mechanism to get it to the full city council from the committee. And to have the police chief address general concerns. It was based on a pattern of addressing certain problems affecting the city so everyone could be educated.

Council member Valle clarified that the police chief's presence would be requested at times, but it may not be necessary at every meeting.

Police Chief Gaudet stated that it was his pleasure to address the committee at any time. He said if his attendance was requested on a regular basis, he didn't have a problem with that. And if he has the answer to a problem, he will offer it. He further expressed that he thought this was the appropriate forum to discuss certain matters.

Attorney Anastasi added that if there are matters of a security nature, then they should enter into executive session.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

*It was noted that the item will go before the full city council. And once the item is passed, the process will begin.

Mr. White stated that what was voted on, was contrary to what the assistant city clerk advised.

Police Chief Gaudet relayed that all the committee members were invited to contact him at anytime.

120-08 Resolution to request weekly update of Anti-Blight actions.

Council member Valle updated about the purpose for anti-blight actions updates. She stated that on her side of town, the east side, east end and hollow have the greatest anti-blight problems. She said that one concern was that information will be reported to one area and then to a second or third, but she wants answers to all the problems in each respective community;so that was the reason the resolution came about.

Council member Lyons asked how they will go about receiving updates.

Council member Colon said she thought there should be monthly updates.

Attorney Anastasi stated they should find out what reports are available in what time cycles.

Tom Coble stated that there were clearly a lot of problems that they need information for to account to their constituents. He explained that they update documents daily or weekly, depending on what actions occurred. The files is located on the K:drive and it can be queried by zip code for a particular district. Council member dePara explained that the K:drive could only be accessed if the IT Department adds it for council members to access. They will then be able to determine the areas of concern.

Council member Valle stated that the 137th District had a lot of blight issues. She stressed that if there was anything preventing Mr. Coble from doing his job, then the committee needed to act to enable him to address blight matters more efficiently.

Mr. Coble suggested that a draft copy of the anti-blight process be submitted for review. The committee members agreed that was a good idea.

Council member Valle asked if they could ask the housing judge to address the committee. She explained the reason for the request was to make her aware of the big problems that go on in the respective communities.

Attorney Anastasi recommended that the city attorney's office contact the housing prosecutor to request that they meet with the co-chairs and a city attorney to discuss in general, how important blight is in the city.

Mr. Coble commented that the previous housing prosecutor did a great job, but the new prosecutor is located in Bridgeport and she was the person that addressed the Kossuth Street issue. He noted that she's a lot more aggressive in looking at concerns. However, there is a process to follow.

Council member Bonney asked when the properties are identified and a list is made, are the projects prioritized based on the condition of the building. Mr. Coble responded that if the process was working right, all the buildings should receive equal status, but currently, his office has had to make immediate recommendations, because a building was in such deplorable conditions. He said this is directed by a city ordinance that is in place.

Attorney Anastasi referred to Mr. Coble's statement about the housing prosecutor being aggressive in addressing matters.

Council member Valle said the co-chairs would still like to meet with her and possibly do a guided tour of the east side to see the blight conditions. Attorney Anastasi said he could make the suggestion and then find out what the prosecutor is willing to do.

Attorney Anastasi said that he and Mr. Coble would make the contact to find out the housing prosecutor's availability and make the requests known to her.

Council member dePara asked if Mr. Coble could provide a description of the process and include a copy of the ordinance and language to get a better idea of the process. Mr. Coble said he would submit the information at the next meeting, he noted it will be a copy of a rough process, because it's still being tweaked.

Council member Colon asked the time frame before a matter gets to the judge. Mr. Coble said it takes 33 to 37 days to get to the legal department, who then contacts the property owner.

Council member Colon asked how long it takes the legal department to follow up on a matter. She recalled that there have been areas concerning blight that weren't immediately addressed. Mr. Coble said the legal aspect is starting to function better than it has in the past. Attorney Anastasi agreed that the process has improved, although it's not perfect. He added that Attorney Liskov has taken over the responsibility and Attorney Howlett reports to him. He said city staff has become involved also, but there is a lot of catching up to do entering data. Mr. Coble agreed, but he said the enforcement side still needed work.

Mr. White said there was never an intent to have Mr. Coble attend meetings, but only to generate reports and submit them to the committee.

The resolution was amended as follows to read:

Whereas, Chapter 8.76 of the Bridgeport Code of Ordinances details the mission and general guidelines of the City of Bridgeport Anti-Blight Program.

Whereas, the existence of poorly maintained, vacant and blighted properties is recognized to contribute to the decline of neighborhoods and adversely affects the economic well-being of the City of Bridgeport.

Whereas, the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization is assigned the task of organizing and tracking the necessary anti-blight initiatives, including reporting and enforcement.

Be it resolved, that the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization provide access to current tracking reports of all properties to the City Council Members, displaying the status of anti-blight action, including the violation and record of reporting, inspection, enforcement and other pertinent information.

Be it resolved that the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization be assisted by the Office of Legislative Services and all appropriate local municipal enforcement departments in implementing a clearly defined process and set of operational procedures addressing the reporting, tracking and enforcement functions of the City's Anti-Blight Initiative.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO AMEND**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

128-08 Grant Submission: re: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 2009 to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that they applied for funding for the Region-I group that consists of Bridgeport, Stratford and up to Greenwich, for a radio system to link all districts. They were funded for \$2.9 million and no match is required. She explained that they will install the equipment on existing towers to link first responders and mobile units to allow them to communicate.

Council member Baker asked if the system will be used within the city. Ms. McGoldrick said it would be used in the city and throughout the region to create access to communicate with other towns in case of an emergency.

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

***Consent calendar**

134-08 Grant Submission: State of CT OPM Recovery Act- CT JAG Local Pass Through Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated this was a grant for a \$100k allocation based on the census and demographics. It's administered through the State Department Office of Policy Management to pass to communities. They haven't applied for it yet, but it was brought to their attention now so the application can be submitted in August. The grant could be used for any number of purposes, such as crime prevention, education etc., but they haven't decided exactly where the money will be allocated.

Council member Lyons asked her to let the committee know specifically where the money will be allocated once it's determined. Ms. McGoldrick said she would return with an update when it's decided.

Council member Valle asked if they had to meet certain conditions for filing the application. Ms. McGoldrick noted that they will submit the application to the state for review and then it's submitted to the Department of Justice.

Council member dePara asked what the city needed to do to access the money. Ms. McGoldrick said a resolution was required to approve acceptance of the funds. There is no in-kind match and the anticipation date to receive the funds will be October 1.

Council member Baker asked some areas where the money might go towards. Ms. McGoldrick said it was hard to determine that, but it could go towards personnel, crime prevention, programs etc., ultimately, she said that would be up to the police chief.

Council member Baker asked the actual amount of money that would be left after administration fees were deducted. Ms. McGoldrick said she wasn't sure if this grant was allowed to be used for administration costs, but she didn't have an immediate answer. She said if it is allowed, they might use it, if not, they won't.

Council member Bonney mentioned one area in the police department was to eliminate as much overtime as they could. He asked if any of the money might be used for overtime. Ms. McGoldrick said she didn't think overtime was an allowable expense.

Council member Valle mentioned a grant in the past that they lost out on. She asked if these monies could be used for the gang assessment program. Ms. McGoldrick said it could be, but she will find out for sure.

Council member dePara stated that all these questions was a good example for the reason to have monthly updates from the police chief, to gauge specific areas where the money could be used.

The following amendment to the resolution was made:

The committee recommends and requests that the grants office provide a written report as to the intended usages of the grant funds, once that information is determined.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AND REQUESTS THAT THE GRANTS OFFICE PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT AS TO THE INTENDED USAGES OF THE GRANT FUNDS, ONCE THAT INFORMATION IS DETERMINED**

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

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

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER BONNEY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Howard Austin, Andre Baker,
Richard Bonney, Leticia Colon, Angel M. dePara,

STAFF: Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney;
Tyrone McClain, Mayor's Office

OTHER Charlie Stallworth, Police Commission Appointee;
Dawn Twistel, Grants Financial Manager

Call to Order

Ms. Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and introduced the committee members in attendance as listed above.

Ms. Lyons requested the use of chairperson's prerogative to move Item 154-08 as the next item on the agenda as a courtesy to the appointee in attendance.

154-08 Appointment of Charlie L. Stallworth (D) to the Police Commission.

Ms. Lyons introduced Mr. Stallworth, asked him to join the table, distributed his personal background information for the committee members to review, and asked him if he had any comments. Mr. Stallworth thanked the committee members for the opportunity to be considered for the Police Commission, and stated he looks forward to making a positive impact on the City of Bridgeport and having hands-on contact with the commission.

Ms. Colon asked about back taxes on a vehicle that was listed on the papers, and Mr. Stallworth responded that the item had been paid. Mr. dePara added that there was an e-mail from Veronica Jones to Lisa Iodice, from the Tax Collector's Office, stating that the item had been resolved.

**** MR. BAKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLIE L. STALLWORTH (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**

**** MR. BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes of July 7, 2009

**** MR. dePARA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2009 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Baker left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Report from Office of Neighborhood Revitalization re: Status of Anti-Blight Actions.

Ms. Howlett stated that she has concerns with the process of discussing items without prior notice to homeowners. She added that a complete report with detailed status will continue to be distributed monthly, however, she is looking into a change of notification procedures. Ms. Lyons requested the item to be tabled in due respect to the absence of Co-Chair Valle.

**** MR. dePARA MOTIONED TO TABLE THE REPORT FROM OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION OF ANTI-BLIGHT ACTIONS.**

**** MR. BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

146-08 Grant Submission: re: State of Connecticut
DEMHS Regional Collaboration Grant for Region 1.

Ms. Twistol presented the item and stated that this was 2008 funding based on requests from town committees and meets the regularly approved allocation of \$1,026 million on behalf of the region.

Mr. Bonney asked who decides how much to spend per Committee, and Ms. Twistol responded the REPT-ESF is determined by the various City departments coordinated with state plans and priorities, reviewed by mayors and managed by regional efforts by Homeland Security.

**** MS. COLON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION ITEM 146-08 STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEMHS REGIONAL COLLABORATION GRANT FOR REGION 1.**

**** MR. dePARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item 155-08 Grant Submission: re: U.S. Department of Justice,
COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant.

Ms. Twistol presented the item and stated that this grant was awarded under the recovery act funding but not yet signed by the Mayor. It represents 20 officers for three years full salary and benefits, with the only requirement being a one-year retaining of positions after the grant period.

Mr. Austin asked how the overtime was evaluated, and stated that with the City's history of overtime, it means that these officers are very much needed. Ms. Twistol responded that any overtime would come from other city funds, not this grant.

Ms. Colon asked if there was a matching requirement and what happens after three years if an officer leaves. Ms. Twistol responded that the grant requirement is to maintain the number of positions for one year subject to all benefits with no overtime, and there was no matching or city expense required.

Mr. DePara stated that the officers start to earn a salary while they are in the academy, and the grant benefits the first graduating class. He added that overtime occurs because of a need for coverage when there is a shortage of officers, and this increase to the officers' staff represents a huge cost savings to the City.

Ms. Lyons asked what happens when there are injuries, and Ms. Twistol responded that accruals should account for Worker's Compensation costs. She added that they had worked closely with the Finance Department in determining the accruals required.

**** MS. COLON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE GRANT
SUBMISSION ITEM 155-08 : U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT.**

**** MR. AUSTIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

156-08 Grants Submission: re: U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighter, Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Program.

Ms. Twistol presented the item in behalf of another grants coordinator and stated that this grant was most likely awarded for the fire truck equipment, but requested time to confirm the specific details.

**** MR. dePARA MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEM 156-08 GRANTS SUBMISSION RE: U.S. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION (FEMA), ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER, FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.**

**** MR. BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. AUSTIN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009
5:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, dePara, Colon

OTHER(s): Council President: McCarthy (*sat in to make a quorum*)
J. Urquidi, Engineering Dept., A. Kabel, Deputy CAO, HCD

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

159-08 Agreement with State of Connecticut for the Construction, Inspection & Maintenance of the partial demolition of the Congress Street Bridge: State Project No. 15-340 Federal-Aid Project No(s). 1015(318).

Mr. Urquidi stated this item concerned the Congress Street Bridge. There is \$1,200,000.00 in funds that has been administered through the state and an additional \$600,000.00 from HUD funds that also consists of CDBG funds. The amounts will fund the demolition of the levees and the work will take place during February and March. There are two bascule levees that will be coming down and then they will pursue funding for rebuilding of the bridge. Ms. Kabel added that this will be done through federal funding sources.

Mr. Urguidi commented that the demolition and construction will be done at the same time. He spoke about the sanitary site and he noted that they will need to stay 30 feet away from the site.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar (*item will be on the October 5, 2009 city council agenda*)**

Mr. Urquidi made a change to the contract; page 4 of 11; he said the change was for the inspection that was already approved through the state.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA RESCINDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON RESCINDED THE SECOND TO THE MOTION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member dePara clarified the correction as **Schedule-1, page 4 of 11 Section-3, Sub-section -B; should read 10% construction and 0% construction inspection that is a change from 10% allocated for construction.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO AMEND SCHEDULE-1, PAGE 4 OF
11 SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION-B
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

note: the corrected copy of the contract will be submitted to the city clerk's office by John Urquidi.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 6, 2009
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, Baker, Lyons, dePara, Bonney,
Colon

OTHER(s): Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia, Brantley
Associate City Attorney Howlett
S. Appleby, Director Emergency Management
A. McGoldrick, Grants Writer;

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of September 1, 2009.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Co-chair Valle asked Attorney Howlett about two items that weren't on the agenda that needed to be taken up. Attorney Howlett asked if the items had been referred to committee. Council member Lyons said that only one of items was referred. Attorney Howlett responded that only the item that had been referred by committee or to the city council could be added to the agenda.

Attorney Howlett clarified that the item regarding 1558 Barnum Avenue had already been approved and it went through committee. Co-chair Valle asked again if the two items could be added to the agenda: 1) Re: Magnet School 2) 1558 Barnum Avenue.

Council member Lyons stated the request was for a permit to extend the driveway width at the city council meeting on October 5, 2009 (address not identified). Attorney Howlett clarified that 1558 Barnum Avenue didn't need to be added because it was already approved.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA
RE: PERMIT OF THE DRIVEWAY WIDTH FOR THE DISCOVERY
MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
(ITEM # 183-08)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ITEM ON THE
AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** CITY CLERK NOTE: COUNCILWOMAN LYONS VERIFIED A
SUBSEQUENT MOTION AND SECOND; AND UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF
THE PERMIT.**

155-07 Resolution re: Street lighting be installed in accordance with city standards and specifications on the length of Ameridge Drive.

Attorney Howlett said that she was present along with Mr. Katel to address this item. She stated that information was received from United Illuminating and the city engineer as it related to both streets . The item was already submitted and amended by Council member Lyons.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ITEM AS AMENDED
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

****Amendment submitted to the city clerk's office inserted into blue book***

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she should have been included as one of the makers on the resolution and notified of any changes that were made by the city attorney.

She also noted that her name was spelled incorrectly.

Mr. Katel stated that UI looked at the locations on Ameridge Drive and Glendale Avenue. He recommended putting in four(4) utility poles to string overhead wire. He noted that the condominiums are underground, so to put light in, they have to supply power to it. The power will come off of Vincellette Street at one pole location and a third pole location where there isn't a light. *He indicated that four poles were circled on the*

map. For Glendale Avenue, the power will be to the west where they will install four (4) poles at the third and fourth poles as circled on the map. He said the city will purchase the poles instead of leasing them, which is more cost effective.

Council member Lyons asked if there were any lights there now. Mr. Katel said there weren't any lights or wiring there now. Attorney Howlett added that they have to pay to remove what's there and the city will maintain what's being installed going forward.

Council member Colon asked what the cost will be. Mr. Katel said that UI puts the pole in at no cost and then there will be a charge of \$12.00 per pole over four years that will amount to \$600.00.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia commented that the street was deemed a city street back in the early 1970's, but the paperwork was never done. The condominium association was paying for the lights that they shouldn't have been paying for.

Council member Lyons further commented that the issue has been worked on for over a year and a half. She added that it's more cost effective to put two streets on together.

Council member Bonney asked what the time line was for the city to put the lights up. Attorney Howlett said they would give them time to get the money together and then coordinate the time for them to go up.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL dePARA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

156-08 Grants Submission: re: U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighter, Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this grant was awarded recently through FEMA to expand the current Safety Sleep Program. They offer to install smoke detectors and it's a successful program that is provided throughout the city. The total cost is \$58k; it's a 80/20 match that amounts to \$46,400.00 awarded and a \$11,600.00 cash match through the fire department's operating budget.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

160.8 Application for Driveway Permit: #211-213 Lenox Avenue.

Washington Cabezas stated he was there to speak about the item. He said the project involved a 2-family house.

Attorney Howlett clarified that this was George Estrada's petition not Mr. Cabezas. She said the information should be submitted to Mr. Carroll and then submitted to the committee through him for their approval.

Mr. Cabezas explained that the project was for a 2-family. There are two driveways proposed that are too close to each other at 22 feet and doesn't meet the city ordinance of the required 25 feet. The house is 20 feet wide and this only leaves 10 feet on each side. There was a letter addressed to Mr. Carroll, Director of Public Facilities from the Assistant City Engineer indicating the best layout for the parking for the proposed development.

Council member Bonney questioned the layout and if it met the city ordinance. Attorney Howlett explained the existing layout violates the city ordinance, but the new request will correct it.

Mr. Cabezas said that currently the lot is vacant and the foundation is in; it will be a modular house going up.

Council member Brantley noted that the proposed house was in her district.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

161.8 Application for Driveway Permit: 220 Waterview Avenue – M.O.V.E. Yacht Club.

It was stated that the representative for this item wasn't present.

Attorney Howlett stated that the item needed to be submitted by Mr. Carroll with a letter from the engineer. She clarified it wasn't necessary to table the item and that the matter could be taken up as it was presented on paper.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

166-08 Resolution re: that the Bridgeport Emergency Management Director be required to provide the City Council members with an informational training session to discuss and disclose procedures concerning emergency situations.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia, 134th district stated that she was the maker of the resolution. She said she submitted it, because since 2004; there was a request that the city council be included in the training, but it never went through. So that's the reason for the resolution to direct the city council should there be an emergency situation and for them to have the information for their constituents; such as evacuation procedures, power emergencies etc.

Scott Appleby agreed that the request had been made for a few years to offer training to all city departments in case of an emergency. This would be done by means of training classes, in the case of a terrorism incident or other imminent disaster. The information will distributed through the media, the mayor's office and the legislative office and it will contain information that could be passed along to constituents. However, the training should occur so the proper individuals are aware of what is involved.

Council member Lyons asked if there is a way to have the informational packets for the training go out to constituents as a whole. Mr. Appleby said they were in the process of creating a city-wide site that will address awareness and initiative. They are also trying to recruit 1% of the community to train in case of an emergency that could help out in the shelters distributing supplies etc. ,they will also have brochures passed out and they will place informational bags at the doors of homes. He clarified that as far as criminal activities that may occur during an emergency, this will only be handled by the police, fire departments and his department.

Attorney Howlett stated there wasn't an ordinance or anything in the charter to enforce the resolution. It will stand as it is as a resolution only.

Mr. Appleby stated that getting the information out to constituents will be very helpful, per Council member Lyons question of how they can reach out to the public. Council member Lyons suggested that a public informational session be held to make people aware of the emergency information.

Council member Valle recalled the tornado warning that occurred last Saturday. She said that some council members received calls to seek shelter, but then the alert was canceled. Mr. Appleby responded that his department shares in the Emergency-911 response.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

174-08 Petition for Approval of the Installation of Environmental Monitoring Wells, and a metal plate to cover within and under the Public Right of Way on Norman Street.

Attorney Howlett addressed this item. She said that when someone wants to put in equipment, it requires a legal opinion to state that the request is acceptable and necessary. They have the engineer reports that outline that contamination exists, so wells will be installed to assure that the contaminants don't seep into the public right of way. - *a picture of the wells location was shown.* Attorney Howlett continued and explained that there will be laterals and a main line installed from the gas company and WPCA to make sure that when the wells go in, there won't be any interference with the existing lines and that the plume doesn't get any larger.

Council member Valle asked what the barrels will contain. Attorney Howlett said they allow putting in chemicals to test the soil. And if something is found, it will be contained in the segregated area to conduct the testing.

Council member Valle asked if the wells will be visible to the eye. Attorney Howlett said no, only the plate will be visible in the parking lanes as close to the curb as possible; you will only see the plate.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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