

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Marcus Brown, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy, Co-chair;
Aikeem Boyd, Jorge Cruz, Michelle Lyons, Maria Valle

OTHERS: Council Member(s): M. Pereira & M. McBride-Lee; Atty Tyisha Toms;
Atty. Michael Jankovsky; Ken Flatto, Finance Director; Jon Urquidi, City
Engineer; Bernd Tardy, Acting Purchasing Agent; T. Gaudett, Mayoral
Aide; Lisa Farlow, Purchasing Department; Tom’s iPhone, 203-673-6786

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March 22, 2022 (Regular Meeting)**
- **March 22, 2022 (Public Hearing)**
- **March 11, 2022 & March 31, 2022 (Special Meetings)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MARCH 11, 2022 AND MARCH 31, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MARCH 11, 2022 AND MARCH 31, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING AS FOLLOWS:**

Page 2, paragraph 3, line 2: please change the following from “All 1,900 students”
To “All 19,000 students”

Page 3, paragraph 7, line 1: please change the following from

“Ms. Shaena Taylor said that she is a Board of Education member”

To:

“Ms. Shaena Taylor said that she is a Board of Education teacher”

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

65-21 Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Title 15 – Buildings and Construction, amend Chapter 15.48 – Storm Water Management Manual.

Atty. Jankovsky greeted the Committee and said that this was about the Storm Water Management Manual which was approved in 2009. There have been some issues that have been discovered and there have been some changes proposed. Atty. Jankovsky reviewed the changes with the Committee.

Atty. Jankovsky said that the Engineering Department had been given authority over the storm water management. In the past, the Engineering Department was required to work with the WPCA, but now it is changed to being assisted by the WPCA. The idea was to have any changes to the Storm Water Manual submitted to the Council for approval. Atty. Jankovsky said that storm water management applied to all properties in the City.

The resolution was displayed on the screen and Atty. Jankovsky reviewed the changes with the Committee members.

Council Member Roman-Christy asked for clarification on the Engineering Department working with the WPCA. Atty. Jankovsky reviewed those details with her.

She also wished for clarification on the requirement about storm water alleviation on additions over 200 sq. ft.

Council Member Pereira asked what would happen in the event of a disagreement between Engineering and the WPCA. Atty. Jankovsky said that Engineering Department would have precedent.

Council Member Pereira said that if they were charging \$25.00 for a paper copy, the maximum they could charge per page would be .25¢ and the maximum they could charge for the manual would be \$10.50. Mr. Urquidi said that there were three appendices with the manual. He confirmed that that Engineering had final authority in the decision making area in the event of a disagreement of the Engineering and the WPCA

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 65-21 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 15 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, AMEND CHAPTER 15.48 – STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

52-21 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.08 – City Contract and Purchasing Procedures, amend Section 3.08.070 – Purchasing Procedure.

Mr. Flatto thanked Atty. Toms for all her hard work. Atty. Toms then displayed the document on the screen. She reviewed the changes they were proposing.

Council Member Pereira pointed out a grammatical error on page 1 of the document involving the location of brackets. Council Member Pereira said that there was further editing done on the document that was sent out on March 21st.

Council Member Pereira asked about a change in the wording on Page 5. Council Member Pereira said that they were supposed to receive the document with all the changes.

Council Member Pereira said that she was disturbed by the fact that someone could get a seven year contract for goods and/or services and now could lock into a price that was high due to the current inflation. Atty. Toms said that the seven year term was suggested. She gave an example of a contract that was offered for a five year term, but the office could not accept it due to the three year contract limit. She reviewed the details. Discussion followed.

Council Member Pereira said that a new Mayor should not be locked into a seven year contract and this would be problematic.

Council Member Brown said that there were many times when administrations came into office and inherited on-going contracts.

Atty. Toms said that she would not object to changing the seven years to six years.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that they could not base what they were doing now on who might be in office in 2024 or 2025. The next Mayor is up to the voters to choose.

Council Member Pereira said that she was on page 12 and asked about the new paragraph being inserted. Council Member Pereira said that the School Building Committee selected a contractor that had a bid that was \$3 million more than the lowest bid. Mr. Flatto suggested the Committee submit their version of preferred language.

Council Member Pereira asked about the wording on page 13, and wished to know why the contract officers were being removed from the insurance issues. Atty. Toms said that the contract officers often do not wish to be involved in the insurance process. Discussion followed.

Council Member Pereira said that she was opposed to seven years and five years with two year extensions. “Longer” is undefined. She added that costs do come down and was concerns about these provisions. This resolution should be amended.

Council Member Roman-Christy said that she felt that it should go down to five years and exclude the two year extension. She added that she was in agreement with removing the word “bidding” and leaving in the phrase “competitive process”.

Council Member Lyons said that the resolution needed to be cleaned up before a final vote is taken. When there are this many discrepancies, they have it cleaned up. Mr. Flatto said that the discrepancies that were noted were typos. Council Member Brown said that the discrepancies between the printed document and what was on the screen were miniscule errors. He added that the issues that had been pointed out had already been corrected on the digital document.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO ENTER A DOCUMENT TITLED “PURCHASING ORDINANCE CHANGES 3-16-22” AS EXHIBIT**

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**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR (BOYD, CRUZ ROMAN-CHRISTY AND VALLE) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (LYONS).**

Council Member Brown said that they should remove the phrase ‘or longer’ and also reduce the number of years from seven. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO CHANGE THE CONTRACT LENGTH FROM SEVEN YEARS TO FIVE YEARS OR A THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH TWO ONE YEAR EXTENSIONS AND ELIMINATE THE PHRASE “OR LONGER”.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

Discussion followed.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 52-21 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.08 – CITY CONTRACT AND PURCHASING PROCEDURES, AMEND SECTION 3.08.070 – PURCHASING PROCEDURE AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

Atty. Toms asked how the documentation would be handled. Council Member Brown said that Atty. Toms should submit the updated document to the City Clerk and the secretary should submit her documentation to the City Clerk. The changes will be compared for accuracy.

Council Member Pereira asked if the updated resolution would be included in the upcoming Council packet. She was told that it would be.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services