

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Denese Taylor-Moye, Co-chair; Maria Valle, Co-chair; Eneida Martinez, Maria Pereira

OTHERS: Council Member(s): M. E. Brantley, E. Newton, & M. McCarthy; Constance Vickers, Director, Legislative Affairs; Bonnie Lambert, Public Works; Craig Nadrizny, Acting Public Facilities Director; Fred Gee, Jr., Small & Minority Business Enterprise Director; Atty. M Anastasi, Barbara, iPhone, 203-257-9535; 203-414-0712; 203-673-7218, 203-540-9668

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

97-20 Communication from Public Facilities re: Proposed Resolution regarding the “2021” First Round of Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

Ms. Lambert said that she was present to request approval for the sidewalk program list.

Council Member Martinez said that the agenda states 2021 round and pointed out that there were sidewalks that were not finished from 2020. Ms. Lambert said that the previous sidewalks were being worked on currently.

Council Member Valle read the list of street names that Ms. Lambert submitted in July.

Council Member Martinez said that when the next round of sidewalk repairs that come before the Council, the property owners should have the right to select which contractors they wished to hire because they will be paying out of their pocket. She said she had received the additional documentation and the invoices appeared to be in order.

Ms. Lambert noted that she had given the copies of the documentation to the FBI and they reviewed it. The FBI did not find any irregularities.

Council Member Martinez said she will be supporting this program. However, she pointed out this program is not a benefit for the City of Bridgeport and this is not a benefit for the Contractor to make any profit.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED THE AGENDA ITEM 97-20 COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE “2021” FIRST ROUND OF SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM, REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

Council Member Pereira said that the specific ordinance about the sidewalk requires the City to go out to bid. The City pays 100% of the repairs up front and they know they are getting the lowest possible price. She said that when she reviewed the list of those who had paid and those who had not paid, there were residents from 2018 and 2019 who had not paid a dollar. The entire cost of those repairs was paid by the City. There are many people who have not paid the City, but the City pays the contractor no matter what.

Council Member Pereira said that her issue was that if each property owner chose what they wanted, then the City would be left paying the cost since there were people who had not paid a dollar for work done in 2018. The City pays up front for the total cost.

Council Member Valle said that it was up to the City administration to follow through. She asked Ms. Lambert how this was followed up.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that there were residents in her district and she knew that Ms. Lambert had given the residents options for paying off their portion of the bill. She noted that if a resident sells their home, the lien on the house will be paid.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.
**COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services