

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Co-chair Maria Valle, Eneida Martinez, Scott Burns, Aidee Nieves, Council President

OTHERS: Council Member(s): Richard Ortiz, Maria Pereira, Jeanette Herron & Dasha Spell; Joe Katz, Central Grants; Tammy Papa, Health & Social Services

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. It was noted that Council President Aidee Nieves was seated to constitute the quorum.

Approval of Committee Minutes: March 20, 2024 (Regular Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2024.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

70-23 Proposed Resolution Approving Programs for Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

Mr. Coleman presented the item and reviewed the supporting documentation.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 70-23 PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAMS FOR CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

NAA-01 PROPOSAL 2024 CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL WAVENY LIFECARE NETWORK

NAA-01 PROPOSAL 2024 CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION AND RENOVATION.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

77-23 Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of 16 City-Owned Properties.

Mr. Coleman presented the item and reviewed the supporting documentation. There was discussion on the addition of a report from the City Hall Committee on the guidelines for the disposition of City-owned properties.

Council Member Burns stated that the document was not part of the agenda packet and there was no time for proper review to take place. Council President Nieves stated that the Committee can chose to not accept the report and to consider the resolution as presented.

Council Member Martinez stated she would prefer to move this item on to the Council rather than table as action needs to be addressed on these properties.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM PENDING RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NIEVES SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR (VALLE, BURNS, NIEVES) ONE OPPOSED (MARTINEZ) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

78-23 Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects.

Mr. Katz presented the item and reviewed the grant submission. Questions and comments from the Committee members were fielded.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 78-23 GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) MASTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

79-23 Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – CT DPH Pilot Grants for Local Heat and Air Quality Preparedness & Response Planning (#25649).

Mr. Katz presented the item and reviewed the grant submission. Questions and comments from the Committee members were fielded by Ms. Papa.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 79-23 GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – CT**

DPH PILOT GRANTS FOR LOCAL HEAT AND AIR QUALITY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLANNING (#25649).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

80-23 Grant Submission: re Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development – Municipal Grant Program (#25409).

Mr. Katz presented the item and reviewed the grant submission. Questions and comments from the Committee members were fielded.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 80 -23 GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) OFFICE OF BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT – MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM (#25409).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

81-23 Grant Submission: re National Audubon Society – Audubon Wildlife Guards (#25617).

Mr. Katz presented the item and reviewed the grant submission. Questions and comments from the Committee members were fielded.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 81-23 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY – AUDUBON WILDLIFE GUARDS (#25617).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President left the meeting and returned with the book on Roberts Rules of Order. She read the section on adding reports as supporting documentation during a meeting for items for approval. She noted that the City Hall Committee report can be rejected for inclusion as conditions of approval. She added that it can be deliberated on the Council floor in discussion of the item. There was further debate on this issue as it pertains to approval of the item. Council Member Burns noted that the report was not included in the agenda packet so there was no time for review for consideration of the item.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO RECONSIDER ITEM 77-23.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There was further discussion on the City Hall Committee report whether it can be rejected for inclusion as conditions of approval. There were further deliberations on this issue as it pertains to approval of the item.

REMOVED FROM THE TABLE AND RETURNED FOR CONSIDERATION:

77-23 Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of 16 City-Owned Properties.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIEVES MOVED TO APPROVE AND FORWARD ON TO THE CITY COUNCIL ITEM 77-23 PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF 16 CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Telesco Secretarial Services