

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-chair; Rolanda Smith, Co-chair; Jorge Cruz, Jazmarie Melendez, Eneida Martinez, Maria Valle, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia

OTHERS: Council Member M. Pereira; Randy England, WPCA Board Member; Kevin Fitzgerald; Joe Katz, Central Grants Office Grant Writer

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

• October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR (LYONS, SMITH, CRUZ, VALLE AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) IN FAVOR AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MELENDEZ AND MARTINEZ).**

• January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR (LYONS, SMITH, CRUZ, VALLE AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) IN FAVOR AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MELENDEZ AND MARTINEZ).**

• February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR (LYONS,**

SMITH, CRUZ, AND VALLE) IN FAVOR AND THREE (3) ABSTENTIONS (MARTINEZ, MELENDEZ AND VIZZO-PANICCIA).

• April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR (LYONS, SMITH, CRUZ, VALLE AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) IN FAVOR AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MARTINEZ AND MELENDEZ).**

• May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR (LYONS, SMITH, CRUZ, VALLE, MARTINEZ AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MELENDEZ).**

82-23 Proposed resolution regarding approval of sewer extension for 520 Success Avenue in accordance with Municipal Code of Ordinances, Section 13.04.620.

Mr. England came forward and greeted the Committee. He stated that he was on the WPCA Board of Commissioners. Mr. England stated that both the WPCA Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission have approved this resolution.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia said an email was sent stating that the surrounding towns are hooking up to this sewer extension but noted that in the end, Bridgeport will hold the liability. With this in mind, a fee must be imposed to protect the taxpayers.

Council Member Cruz asked if Stratford was up to date on any payments owed to Bridgeport. Mr. England stated that Stratford was in fact current with its payments.

Council Member Martinez said she did not respond to the email but wished to highlight that the developer will be paying. Mr. England stated that they will be appealing this.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia asked about the comparison to Trumbull. Mr. England said that these were different circumstances.

Council Member Pereira wished to know why an attorney who was representing the developer was speaking. The resolution from the WPCA states that the developer will pay the fee. Council Member Pereira also added that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was trying to add a four story building, which Council Member Pereira is opposed to.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 82-23 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SEWER EXTENSION FOR 520 SUCCESS AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 13.04.620.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MELENDEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 82-23 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SEWER EXTENSION FOR 520 SUCCESS AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 13.04.620 PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR (CRUZ, MELENDEZ, SMITH, VALLE AND VIZZO-PANICCIA); ONE (1) OPPOSED (MARTINEZ) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

83-23 Grant Submission: re United States Department of Transportation Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program (#24298).

Mr. Katz from the Central Grant Office came forward and greeted the Committee Members. He gave a brief summary of the grant proposal and requested approval to submit the application. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 83-23 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (ATTAIN) PROGRAM (#24298).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 83-23 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (ATTAIN) PROGRAM (#24298) PASSED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR (CRUZ, MARTINEZ, MELENDEZ, SMITH, VALLE AND VIZZO-PANICCIA) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (LYONS).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services