

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010
6:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, *A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, *Brantley, *Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, *Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, *dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, *Curwen, Baker, Holloway
*= arrived late council members delayed in ECDE Committee meeting

ABSENT: Council members: Blunt, Paoletto, Silva

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:40 pm.

The city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

NAME

SUBJECT

Cecil Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Status of raw sewage condition and the City's non response to medical benefits.

Due to the Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee being held prior to the city council meeting, the stenographer was delayed and not available to take the minutes for the public speaking session.

The public hearing session ended at 6:51 pm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 15, 2010

7:00 pm.

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, Connecticut

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, M. McCarthy, A. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brantley, Walsh, T. McCarthy, Austin, Lyons, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, *Blunt, dePara, M. Ayala, Martinez, Curwen, Baker, Holloway

*= *arrived late*

ABSENT: Council members: Paoletto and Silva

Council President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Prayer Council member Lyons offered the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance the pledge was led by Ed Lavernoich.

Roll Call the city clerk took the roll and announced there was a quorum.

**Council President McCarthy asked for a moment of silence for Mary Cousins who formerly worked in the IT Department. It was noted that her father was a former Alderman.*

Council President McCarthy announced that Council member Silva wasn't in attendance due to his presence at a conference where he was being honored.

Council member Paoletto wasn't in attendance due to a family situation.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: October 18, 2010

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE *and*
CONSOLIDATE COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES and
MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 160-09** Communication from Tax Collector re Refund of Excess Payments, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 161-09** Communication from OPED re Disposition of City Owned Property to Habitat for Humanity and Ordering a Public Hearing relative to the same, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 162-09** Communication from Mayor re Reappointment of Robert Morton (D) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 163-09** Communication from Mayor re Reappointment of Melville T. Riley (R) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 164-09** Communication from OPED re Proposed Development, Lease and Use Agreements with M.O.V.E. Yacht Club for the redevelopment of 148-220 Waterview Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 165-09** Communication from OPED re Proposed Tax Assessment Phase-In Agreement with M.O.V.E. Yacht Club for the redevelopment of 148-220 Waterview Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

- *149-09** Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with Vector-US, Inc. to provide General Aviation Billing, Servicing and Collecting Services for the City.
- *151-09** Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with Panuzio & Giordano Public Affairs, LLC for Federal Lobbying Services. - *removed see below*
- *155-09** Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with the State for Preliminary Design and Permitting for Runway 06/24 Reconstruction at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, File No. AERO-5800-1649; State Project No. DOT00150350PE.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council President McCarthy asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar.

Council member Walsh requested to removed item *151-09 Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with Panuzio & Giordano Public Affairs, LLC for Federal Lobbying Services.

The city clerk read the remaining items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council President McCarthy returned to the item removed from the consent calendar
***151-09** Contracts Committee Report re Agreement with Panuzio & Giordano Public Affairs, LLC for Federal Lobbying Services.

He asked if there was anyone to report on the item. Council member Vizzo-Paniccia reported that the item passed unanimously in committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

Council member Walsh asked about the term of the contract from November to June 30 and the amount of \$48k. He questioned that even though the payment terms were included, he questioned the \$6,000.00 cost. Council President McCarthy stated that the amount involved one year and one year mutual option, in terms of cost. City Attorney Anastasi clarified that it is the period from November 2010 through June 30, 2011 and July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. He said that if it was entered into by mutual agreement, it will be subject to funding approval by the city council. He further noted that the \$48k has been a consistent rate with Panuzio & Giordano.

Council member Walsh questioned if they were doing the contractor a favor by the terms outlined. City Attorney Anastasi said it was reflective of the calendar year and legislative sessions. So the amount of the money to keep it level is predicated on the new representatives in Washington. He explained that the reality is that the bulk of the work is done during active sessions.

Council member Walsh asked if they were paying them to do nothing for months. City Attorney Anastasi said they have continued to represent and perform on behalf of the city and they are active with the administration and the city council.

Council member Walsh referred to the second paragraph of the contract - *as read that pertained to the funding appropriated*. He asked if there was a specific line item for federal lobbying sources. City Attorney Anastasi said he thought the money was identified in the budget for lobbying services. He deferred to the co-chair of the Budget & Appropriations Committee to answer the question. Council member Curwen agreed with Attorney Anastasi's statement. He said the money was identified in the amount of \$81,021.00, which is a combination of the two lobbying services they engaged with.

Council member Walsh asked if the language was open for interpretation for state and federal lobbying. Council President McCarthy said he agreed with the suggestion to do that if it was recommended.

Council member Walsh said he would vote against the item, because there were other issues going on with the representing firm. Council member McCarthy stated that the grant was highly competitive and he thought the amount of \$48k on a return of \$15 million was commendable.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER WALSH)**

Other Business:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA
** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO REFER ITEM # 166-09 RE: LOBBYING SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTRACT TO THE CONTRACT COMMITTEE
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services