

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL - 45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Hispanic Heritage Flag Ceremony

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Mayor's State of the City Address

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Cecil Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Ethics Commission

Ralph Cennamo
74 Palm Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Direct Referendum on Pleasure Beach

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Crowe, McCarthy, Vizzo-Paniccia, Bonney, Valle, Martinez, Paoletto, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Brannelly, Colon, Santiago, Brantley, Walsh, Austin, Lyons, Blunt, dePara, Silva, Curwen, Baker

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Mr. Young thanked the Police Department officers for showing up tonight. He felt they have been persecuted, although they have been doing a good job. He expressed that he never felt so safe in the city and he stressed that the police were doing a good job. He emphasized that they have done their best to serve the city and to be put on the chopping block was a shame. He further questioned why the city can't give the police department the same support that we give our troops in Iraq. He mentioned the lay offs in the police department, and questioned how we can expect the streets to be safe if there are lay offs. He chanted the expression "*Shame on the City*" for allowing this to happen. He spoke about politicians that come to the city and implement these policies. He further directed his frustration towards the Mayor and chanted "Shame on Him".

He went on to speak about the Ethics Commission and the issues with the city attorney for requesting to hire an outside private attorney; he strongly emphasized that something was terribly wrong with this - *to audience applause*.

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Mr. Cennamo recalled that he has been before the council six times to ask for a referendum on Pleasure Beach. He said the Mayor's statement regarding this matter was made too early, when there hasn't even been a deal yet. He said if Pleasure Beach was sold, it was indicated by the

Wildlife Preserve that the city could be liable for the bridge being repaired. He stated that they already had 160-acres in Stratford and if the Wildlife Preserve goes through where it is proposed, Bridgeport won't have any say in the matter. He further spoke an incident where a Wildlife Preserve took over and didn't the leave that city with any say. He went on to speak about bond packages there were proposed in prior years and he stressed the importance of people having access to Pleasure Beach. He relayed that nothing could be done until Mayor Finch is told he can sell Pleasure Beach. He mentioned the council members by name that also wanted a direct referendum. He further talked about what is involved and what needed to be done to restore Pleasure Beach. He highlighted a couple of Bridgeport's assets as Pleasure Beach and the Remington property. He expressed that if they planned for the future, he thought Bridgeport could be an entertainment hub and those two properties could prove to be viable for the city.

Council President McCarthy announced that Jeffrey Williams had some calendars to distribute "Bridgeport by the Sea". Mr. Williams stated that from 1991 through 2001, he took post card pictures of Bridgeport and put them on a calendar to increase image building of the city. He noted that he has since decided to produce the calendars indefinitely, noting that he hoped it will remind everyone of the past.

The public speaking session ended at 6:54 p.m.

*Council member McCarthy called for a caucus at 6:55 p.m.
The caucus ended at 7:00 p.m.*

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Prayer - the prayer was offered by Alma Maya

Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Rosa Correa

Announcements from Mayor Finch:

- *He announced that Council member Silva was having an operation tomorrow and he wished him well on behalf of the city council.*
- *Council member Baker was away on business and unable to attend the meeting tonight.*
- *Council member Brannelly was out of town and her flight was delayed.*

Hispanic Heritage Flag Ceremony

Rosa Correa introduced the celebration of tribute to the Americas. She thanked all those that were crucial to the work and devotion to Hispanic Heritage month.

She also thanked Gail Solice, President of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce for her involvement in Hispanic Heritage month.

The Bridgeport Fire Department color guard began the ceremony and approached the front of council chambers.

Council member Valle's daughter beautifully sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Ms. Correa began the presentation of flags. She expressed that all the children were wearing costumes of the native country of the flag they carried. She also noted other pertinent historical facts about each country as each flag bearer walked to the front of council chambers - *the following countries were represented:*

Columbia
Chile
Costa Rica

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Cuba
Ecuador
Spain
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Puerto Rico
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Uruguay
Venezuela

- *To applause-*

Ms. Correa expressed that we should all make sure the young population thrives, because they are the future!

She further expressed that the Mayor of Bridgeport was very supportive of the celebration. She noted that he would read the proclamation related to Hispanic Heritage month and make a special presentation. She also noted that it was the fifth anniversary of Hispanic Heritage month. She also recognized Andres Ayala for playing a key role in the celebration.

Mayor Finch read the proclamation. He expressed that we wouldn't be Bridgeport if not for the city's culture. He relayed that Hispanic Heritage month was celebrated from September 15 through October 15 and it has enriched the city with its history and heritage.

City Council Citation: Recognition of Bridgeport Hispanic Firefighters for Service to the Community

Mayor Finch also commemorated the Bridgeport Hispanic Firefighters for their leadership, values and service to the Hispanic community.

Council member Valle offered her sincerest congratulations to the firefighters in recognition of service to the community. She highlighted that all firefighters are important in our lives.

Mayor Finch asked Firefighter of the Year, Officer Maya to come forward to say a few words. Officer Maya thanked everyone for the recognition and he thanked all firefighters for their service to the city.

Two cultural dances were performed by members of St. George Church.

Announcements}

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October 9 – Bridgeport documentary on Puerto Rican migration in Connecticut; held at Housatonic Community College, Beacon Hall

November 15 - 6:30 p.m. Discovery of Puerto Rico at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre; contact Carmen Colon for tickets

Rosa Correa thanked Mayor Finch, the Bridgeport City Council and everyone who participated in Hispanic Heritage month. She expressed that she hoped she would see everyone again next year.

The Bridgeport Fire Department color guard retired the flag colors.

Mayor Finch thanked everyone involved in the celebration and everyone who is committed to the Heritage Hispanic committee.

The celebration ended at 7:50 p.m.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m.

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

Council President McCarthy announced that all the council members should move to the audience to hear Mayor Finch's "State of the City" address.

Mayor's State of the City Address -see the Mayor's speech attached at the end of the minutes.

The speech began at 7:53 p.m.} The speech ended at 8:25 p.m.

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** **COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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** **COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE
 ** COUNCIL MEMBER CROWE SECONDED
 ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THREE(3) ITEMS TO THE AGENDA FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION
 ** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED

Item 143-07 RE: RESOLUTION TERM OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

Council member Vizzo-Pannicca updated that the committee voted to deny the resolution.

It was clarified that a **No vote** = a vote to support the committee's denial not to remove the Tax Assessor

Council member Walsh stated that he was in favor of the resolution, but he did voice his willingness to reword the resolution. He explained that he thought the city council had the power to terminate the Tax Assessor. He pointed out that there are many things done in that office that is wrong. He said he agreed to table the matter to obtain more information. He referred to a report that outlined an original assessed value of \$7 million + and the board reduced the assessment by \$5,341,000, because they said it was 77% inflated. He stressed that this couldn't be perceived as a clerical error and he felt the matter bordered on an illegality. He further noted other adjustments to assessments and he emphasized that the discrepancies seemed to be taking advantage of the tax payers. He questioned what is going on in the Tax Assessor's office and he further relayed that he

didn't think any new businesses would want to flock to Bridgeport with these types of assessments. He felt someone should step forward and speak up and he reiterated that something wrong was going on in the Tax Assessor office. He noted that Captains Cove and Beardsley Zoo both owned back taxes and the city is just now attempting to collect those debts. He ended to say that he would vote to deny.

Mayor Finch stated that perpetuating urban legends wasn't effectual, because everyone has been working very hard to collect the taxes owed to the city. He stated that if illegalities were proposed, they should be directed to him for investigation.

It was clarified again that a **Yes vote** = supporting the committee's vote to deny the resolution
A **No vote** = does not support the committee's vote to deny the resolution.

*A roll call vote was taken and,

** **MOTION PASSED WITH SEVEN VOTES IN FAVOR; THREE VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: WALSH, BONNEY, BLUNT) and ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY)**

Item 163—07

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated this item passed unanimously in committee.

** **COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCA MOVED TO APPROVE**
** **COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**
** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 166-07 RE: NEW POSITION AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Council member Walsh said he was baffled by this action. He said he commended the person that spoke up (Mr. Jacobs) about the matter. He went on to say that the Assistant Chief of Police will be the only real position in the department that won't be civil service tested. He pointed out that all other positions were tested. He referred to the language in the charter that related to "classes of position" regarding competitive exams. He questioned why this one person will not be tested. He further questioned how this position circumvents civil service and what goes on in the Police Department on a daily basis. He thought what was involved was that the Chief of Police wanted to hire his own person, so he thought it was okay for him to bypass the civil service exam and he thought it wouldn't be practical to test that person because of that. However, Council member Walsh said rules are rules and they should play by the rules. Although, he admitted the civil service policy wasn't the best in the city, but he felt if it was overlooked now, it may happen again. He thought the position should be approved just like they find any other qualified person.

Council member McCarthy clarified that the charter separates the power between the civil service and the city council and the charter gives power to the civil service commission, as to whether to

test or not. In this instance, there was a unanimous vote to waive the civil service test and the city council's job is whether they want the position (that is the Assistant Chief of Police) or not; that's all the vote pertained to tonight. He stated that he was in favor of the position to help get overtime in line.

Council member Walsh commented that he loved when they are told the council has no role in the matter, yet the matter was before them tonight. He also pointed out that they have seen layoffs in the Police Department of high ranking persons and others with 20 years of service, yet they won't be considered for the position of Assistant Chief of Police and he didn't think that was fair or equitable.

Council member McCarthy commented that Council member Walsh's position on this matter wasn't practical.

Council member Brantley asked why the position was being created. Mayor Finch said he supported Police Chief Norwood who asked for another person to be his right hand person. And to get overtime under control and he didn't want someone in the bargaining unit. He further stressed there are problems in the department and he noted that it was a misnomer to think it's not a competitive position. He said that advertisements, interviews and references have been conducted and it will be a thorough process to get the best and brightest person. He noted that he was happy the Civil Service Commission backed up Chief Norwood.

He asked that the city council members support the resolution to allow Police Chief Norwood to do the things he needs to do in the city.

Council member Brantley relayed then that the matter didn't have to do with public safety and that it had more to do with physical restraints. Mayor Finch said that was correct.

*A roll call vote was taken

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

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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ATTACHMENT

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
Submitted to the Bridgeport City Council
September 30, 2008 by
MAYOR BILL FINCH

Good evening.

As I am sure you are all painfully aware, we live in very challenging times for anyone who manages a budget, whether it's a head of household, president of a company or a mayor.

We are in uncharted waters, facing many uncertainties.

During this time of dramatic change, we are, and continue to be confronted with situations that can swing 180 degrees in less than a day.

There are no absolutes – what was true last year may not be true today, and what is true today may not be true tomorrow.

Many of the old rules by which we have lived have changed completely and we, as the managers of city government and keepers of the public trust must pay strict attention, so that we can take whichever bold steps and swift actions are necessary to protect our city, and its citizens.

This is not a positive time for our national economy and as a result, many of the decisions we must make will no doubt be difficult, unpleasant, and at times, unpopular.

We've made some tough choices in the past, and we will make even more difficult choices in the coming months. I believe we can make those tough choices and that we will emerge stronger than ever with more disciplined finances.

To get us from where we are to where we want our city to be our guiding philosophy must be: "To do more with less."

This means that to create a better future and a better Bridgeport we must ask for a sacrifice from everyone now, which will pay rewards to all of us in the future. Let me say again, yes, we will need sacrifices from all.

This will require participation and cooperation on everyone's part, including: administrators in the city and the Board of Education. It includes the unions, city workers, Board of Education employees, those who do business with the city, taxpayers, and of course, me.

All three of Connecticut's biggest cities – Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport are facing difficult budget times. The difference in Bridgeport is this – we've depleted our "rainy day" fund and right now, it's pouring outside.

When I took over this office a little less than a year ago, I realized we had been misinformed and misled about the financial situation regarding the Bridgeport city budget.

We were not in as good shape as we were led to believe, and therefore, I was forced to make hard choices immediately to address a nearly \$20 million deficit that I had unexpectedly inherited. Here are the facts:

- ◆ If there had been no deficit, then there would be fewer layoffs.
- ◆ If there had been no deficit, we would be seeking fewer concessions from our many labor unions in order to keep the budget on track.
- ◆ If there had been no deficit we would still have 20 million dollars more in our depleted rainy day fund.

But the news is not all gloomy. From Day 1, this administration has focused on doing what was necessary to put us on the road to prudent financial management. We have taken action to:

- enhance efficiency
- eliminate duplication
- improve management
- take advantage of technology, and
- streamline city government.

While we've done all that, we have continued to place a premium on public safety, on the quality of life in our city, on capturing the revenues we are due, and on working hard to invigorate projects that will provide additional revenue.

I would analogize what has gone on over the past year like this: Last December, when I took office, the city was like a runaway bus on a bumpy road. Today, we've got control of the bus, but the road remains very bumpy.

Just look at what a difference a year makes. This time last year, we were all very excited about the future. There was a great real estate boom, with projects like Steel Point attracting major developers. We were expecting that land sales proceeds, permit fees and new tax revenues would soon be flowing into our great city.

While we continue to work hard with the developers to make sure their proposals become reality, we know it's a very different world than it was a year ago. Our country is struggling with a \$700 billion financial system bailout.

The major investment banks on Wall Street – Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, Smith Barney – most of the major players in the investment banking realm – are gone. Investment banks are the engine that helps cities like ours sell bonds and raise money. Without them we will have a harder time raising funds for projects such as school buildings and TIF bonds.

This is disappointing news for both the developers and the city. Though we will have to wait longer to see a new city skyline take shape, it won't be postponed indefinitely.

Another area of dramatic change – unemployment. At this time last year, Connecticut's statewide unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, while in the city of Bridgeport it was 7.2 percent. Now, in just one year, those figures are up to 6.4 percent and 9.8 percent, respectively, a nearly three-and-a-half point jump. This accounts for nearly 6,400 people unemployed in our city, and it could climb higher.

Despite our country's financial problems, I have been working hard since I took office last December to get Bridgeport's financial house back in order.

Working with my team and other top advisors, we've been doing it deliberately, step by step, and we're making progress.

As I noted previously, we inherited some very difficult financial challenges including: a budget deficit of close to \$20 million dollars, an over reliance on one-time revenues, including unrealized land sale proceeds from Steel Point, plus a majority of the city's union contracts that were about to expire. Despite these challenges, we must create a stable financial condition for the taxpayers, residents, businesses and city employees of Bridgeport.

Without financial security, we can't stabilize taxes, ensure job security, and undertake new public safety initiatives.

Let me tell you exactly what we are doing.

We launched an aggressive plan to make sure all the taxes that are owed the city of Bridgeport are paid. Period.

Simultaneously, we are looking for ways to make our city government more efficient, cost effective and customer friendly.

Property owners, both developers and individuals, owe the city millions in back taxes and we are going to collect what is owed.

Our message is clear: It doesn't matter who you are or who you know, if you owe taxes to the city, then it's time to pay up.

Motor vehicle owners have cheated their tax-paying neighbors and the city out of nearly \$45 million dollars in back taxes, some stretching back 15 years. Fifteen years.

This is unacceptable. We're going to recapture as much as possible by getting tough on scofflaws.

To put some enforcement teeth behind this effort, we've enlisted a new company called VioAlert, which uses computer technology to scan license plates to find car tax cheats. Boots are then placed on the wheels of cars whose taxes haven't been paid. This means owners won't be able to move their cars until they have paid their taxes.

We are selling city-owned property, moving these parcels from tax draining to tax generating positions. For example, we recently sold 333 State St. and the old American Fabrics property in July, creating not only new tax revenue but new opportunities for Bridgeport residents. These two properties alone represent a combined investment of almost \$14 million dollars. This development means new residential units, as well as new office, retail and industrial space will now generate tax revenues. This will generate new jobs and tax revenues.

Additionally, we will recommend to the Council the sale of both the Elias Howe School and the former M&F property. Our intention is to dispose of city-owned properties that the city no longer needs, can't maintain and, and which will pay us taxes once in private hands.

We crafted, and the City Council approved, an Undesignated Fund Balance policy in order to prepare the city for emergencies, so-called "rainy days."

A healthy "rainy-day" fund is vital to a city's economic wellbeing. It provides for the creation and maintenance of a rainy day fund of eight percent of the total operating budget. This rainy day fund also creates a positive response from the financial markets by assuring that the city's bond rating is as good as possible, saving us hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.

We instituted CitiStat, an innovative program used in Baltimore, Md.; Providence, R.I.; New York City; and Somerville, Mass.

CitiStat's purpose: to make city government more accountable and improve services while simultaneously saving tax dollars. CitiStat makes it possible to continually evaluate our programs in order to find ways to make them more efficient and cost effective, while saving the taxpayers money. Just one example of what CitiStat can do: Baltimore realized

a savings in the neighborhood of \$30 million as a result of using its CitiStat program. It's a program that can help us "do more with less."

Another cost-saving measure: we consolidated the Central Grants Department with the Office of Housing and Community Development. By putting all the functions in one basket, so to speak, we have eliminated unnecessary costs.

We also instituted a furlough program through which I, members of my staff, and other city administrators took unpaid time off in order to cut costs. Let me take a moment to thank all the employees who took a furlough; I would urge all city employees to consider joining the effort.

Shortly after being elected, I convened the first ever Mayor's Financial Advisory Board. I asked this panel of experts for a fresh and objective view of Bridgeport's financial status and practices. Their report and recommendations were sobering.

The smartest financial minds in our State told me that our City finances were weak; we had come to rely on one-time revenues, and other poor practices that put us in a vulnerable situation. They told me I had no choice but to get tough on finances – and I listened.

At that time, I cut all departments by 10 percent and gave the City Council an honest budget that called for sacrifice from employees and taxpayers in order to begin to correct the sins of the past.

What has happened to the national economy in the succeeding seven months has added to our troubles and made these conservative financial practices even more essential and unavoidable. Cities by nature are "pay as you go" and we now have fewer dollars to "pay" yet we must "go" the same distance.

We must "do more with less."

Doing so will require all the resolve, creativity and ingenuity that Bridgeport can muster.

We are focused on continuing economic development. No doubt, the flagging national and state economies which have dramatically affected the national budget, as well as the state budget and the budgets of cities like Hartford and New Haven, has hurt our ability to – to use a baseball analogy – hit the ball out of the park. But we have hit some solid singles and doubles. Here are some examples:

- The City Council and my administration have been instrumental in securing completion of the latest phase of the Bijou Square project at 323 Fairfield Ave. This involves construction of a five-story building with retail stores and 84 condominiums.

This is the first private, new real-estate construction project in downtown in 20 years. I promise it won't be another 20 years before we see the next project.

- The CityTrust project on Main Street, a perfect example of the kind of adaptive reuse that the city is now known for, was renovated into 118 apartments with retail space on the ground level, and is nearly fully occupied.
- The Lofts at 881 Lafayette Blvd. – another adaptive reuse project – is a \$7 million dollar project that resulted in the creation of 38 residential condominiums, which includes four units made available to buyers at below-market prices.
- We hired Donald Eversley as our new director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development. Don comes to us from Providence, known as the “Renaissance City” of the Northeast, where he led the charge to get approximately 200 properties back on the tax rolls, generating millions of dollars of new revenue for Providence. We're excited at his arrival and optimistic that with his talent and experience we can replicate that effort here in Bridgeport.
- And, just outside downtown, St. Vincent's Medical Center just broke ground for its new Cancer Center – a \$150 million investment in the city's growing healthcare sector. This project contributed significant building and permit fees in the last year – a bright spot in an area where revenue is down overall.

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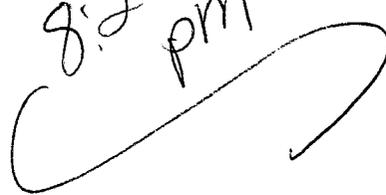
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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
Submitted to the Bridgeport City Council
September 30, 2008 by
MAYOR BILL FINCH

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Good evening.

As I am sure you are all painfully aware, we live in very challenging times for anyone who manages a budget, whether it's a head of household, president of a company or a mayor.

We are in uncharted waters, facing many uncertainties.

During this time of dramatic change, we are, and continue to be confronted with situations that can swing 180 degrees in less than a day.

There are no absolutes – what was true last year may not be true today, and what is true today may not be true tomorrow.

Many of the old rules by which we have lived have changed completely and we, as the managers of city government and keepers of the public trust must pay strict attention, so that we can take whichever bold steps and swift actions are necessary to protect our city, and its citizens.

This is not a positive time for our national economy and as a result, many of the decisions we must make will no doubt be difficult, unpleasant, and at times, unpopular.

We've made some tough choices in the past, and we will make even more difficult choices in the coming months. I believe we can make those tough choices and that we will emerge stronger than ever with more disciplined finances.

To get us from where we are to where we want our city to be our guiding philosophy must be: "To do more with less."

This means that to create a better future and a better Bridgeport we must ask for a sacrifice from everyone now, which will pay rewards to all of us in the future. Let me say again, yes, we will need sacrifices from all.

This will require participation and cooperation on everyone's part, including: administrators in the city and the Board of Education. It includes the unions, city workers, Board of Education employees, those who do business with the city, taxpayers, and of course, me.

All three of Connecticut's biggest cities – Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport are facing difficult budget times. The difference in Bridgeport is this – we've depleted our "rainy day" fund and right now, it's pouring outside.

When I took over this office a little less than a year ago, I realized we had been misinformed and misled about the financial situation regarding the Bridgeport city budget.

We were not in as good shape as we were led to believe, and therefore, I was forced to make hard choices immediately to address a nearly \$20 million deficit that I had unexpectedly inherited. Here are the facts:

- If there had been no deficit, then there would be fewer layoffs.
- If there had been no deficit, we would be seeking fewer concessions from our many labor unions in order to keep the budget on track.

- If there had been no deficit we would still have 20 million dollars more in our depleted rainy day fund.

But the news is not all gloomy. From Day 1, this administration has focused on doing what was necessary to put us on the road to prudent financial management. We have taken action to:

- enhance efficiency
- eliminate duplication
- improve management
- take advantage of technology, and
- streamline city government.

While we've done all that, we have continued to place a premium on public safety, on the quality of life in our city, on capturing the revenues we are due, and on working hard to invigorate projects that will provide additional revenue.

I would analogize what has gone on over the past year like this: Last December, when I took office, the city was like a runaway bus on a bumpy road. Today, we've got control of the bus, but the road remains very bumpy.

Just look at what a difference a year makes. This time last year, we were all very excited about the future. There was a great real estate boom, with projects like Steel Point attracting major developers. We were expecting that land sales proceeds, permit fees and new tax revenues would soon be flowing into our great city.

While we continue to work hard with the developers to make sure their proposals become reality, we know it's a very different world than it was a year ago. Our country is struggling with a \$700 billion financial system bailout.

The major investment banks on Wall Street – Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, Smith Barney – most of the major players in the investment banking realm – are gone. Investment banks are the engine that helps cities like ours sell bonds and raise money. Without them we will have a harder time raising funds for projects such as school buildings and TIF bonds.

This is disappointing news for both the developers and the city. Though we will have to wait longer to see a new city skyline take shape, it won't be postponed indefinitely.

Another area of dramatic change – unemployment. At this time last year, Connecticut's statewide unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, while in the city of Bridgeport it was 7.2 percent. Now, in just one year, those figures are up to 6.4 percent and 9.8 percent, respectively, a nearly three-and-a-half point jump. This accounts for nearly 6,400 people unemployed in our city, and it could climb higher.

Despite our country's financial problems, I have been working hard since I took office last December to get Bridgeport's financial house back in order.

Working with my team and other top advisors, we've been doing it deliberately, step by step, and we're making progress.

As I noted previously, we inherited some very difficult financial challenges including: a budget deficit of close to \$20 million dollars, an over reliance on one-time revenues, including

unrealized land sale proceeds from Steel Point, plus a majority of the city's union contracts that were about to expire. Despite these challenges, we must create a stable financial condition for the taxpayers, residents, businesses and city employees of Bridgeport.

Without financial security, we can't stabilize taxes, ensure job security, and undertake new public safety initiatives.

Let me tell you exactly what we are doing.

We launched an aggressive plan to make sure all the taxes that are owed the city of Bridgeport are paid. Period.

Simultaneously, we are looking for ways to make our city government more efficient, cost effective and customer friendly.

Property owners, both developers and individuals, owe the city millions in back taxes and we are going to collect what is owed.

Our message is clear: It doesn't matter who you are or who you know, if you owe taxes to the city, then it's time to pay up.

Motor vehicle owners have cheated their tax-paying neighbors and the city out of nearly \$45 million dollars in back taxes, some stretching back 15 years. Fifteen years.

This is unacceptable. We're going to recapture as much as possible by getting tough on scofflaws.

To put some enforcement teeth behind this effort, we've enlisted a new company called VioAlert, which uses computer technology to scan license plates to find car tax cheats. Boots are then placed on the wheels of cars whose taxes haven't been paid. This means owners won't be able to move their cars until they have paid their taxes.

We are selling city-owned property, moving these parcels from tax draining to tax generating positions. For example, we recently sold 333 State St. and the old American Fabrics property in July, creating not only new tax revenue but new opportunities for Bridgeport residents. These two properties alone represent a combined investment of almost \$14 million dollars. This development means new residential units, as well as new office, retail and industrial space will now generate tax revenues. This will generate new jobs and tax revenues.

Additionally, we will recommend to the Council the sale of both the Elias Howe School and the former M&F property. Our intention is to dispose of city-owned properties that the city no longer needs, can't maintain and, and which will pay us taxes once in private hands.

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91-07	RES.	Resolution to terminate the Role of Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Board of Directors.	Council members Colon, Santiago, Walsh, Brantley, Austin, Lyons, Blunt, Silva, Martinez, Curwen, Paoletto Baker, Holloway.	May 5, 2008 OFF THE FLOOR. Referred to City Attorney on May 6, 2008 Tabled by Committee on 05/28/2008.
92-07	RES.	Resolution to Dissolve the Bridgeport Port Authority	Council members Colon, Santiago, Walsh, Brantley, Austin, Lyons, Blunt, Silva, Martinez, Curwen, Paoletto Baker, Holloway.	May 5, 2008 OFF THE FLOOR. Referred to City Attorney on May 6, 2008. Tabled by Committee on 05/28/2008
93-07	RES.	Resolution to Introduce a City Surcharge on Tickets to Arena at Harbor Yard Events, PLEASE NOTE: REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND CONTRACTS	Councilman Robert P. Curwen, Sr. D-138 th District	May 5, 2008 OFF THE FLOOR Referred to City Attorney on May 6, 2008

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
PENDING ITEMS
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008**

155-07	Resolution that street light be installed in accordance with city standards and specifications on the length of Ameridge Drive.	Councilmember: AmyMarie Vizzo- Paniccia, D-134 th	City Council 8/4/2008	Teresa Eller, U.I. on 8/5/2008
172-07	Grant Submission: Urban Crime and Community Safety Grant Program.	Alexandra McGoldrick Central Grants Office	City Council 9/2/2008	N/A
173-07	Grant Submission: US Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Operations Center Grant Program	Alexandra McGoldrick Central Grants Office	City Council 9/2/2008	N/A
195-07	Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances Title 12 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, amend to add new Chapter 12.60 – Streetlight Installations. Please Note: Once item is approved through Public Safety Committee it needs to be referred to the Ordinance Committee.	Melanie Howlett Assoc. City Attorney	City Council 9/15/2008	PF -No ED - No Tree Warden – No

Please be advise that on the Referral/Reply Column the referrals were sent to only those departments listed and a NO signifies that we haven't received a reply and a YES signifies that we have received a reply.

U.I.=United Illuminating

N/A=Not applicable (referrals not required)

**CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
PENDING ITEMS
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008**

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93-07	RES.	Resolution to Introduce a City Surcharge on Tickets to Arena at Harbor Yard Events, PLEASE NOTE: REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE AND CONTRACTS	Councilman Robert P. Curwen, Sr. D-138 th	Ref'd to City Council on: 5/5/2008 (OFF THE FLOOR) Ref'd to City Attorney on 5/6/2008
184-07	COMM.	Proposed Agreement with the University of Bridgeport, Fones School of Dental Hygiene for preventive dental services and educational programs.	Helen O'Brien, Dental Hygiene Division, Health Dept.	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/15/2008

**ECD & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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44-07 (S)	Comm.	Correction of a Typographical Error: Black Rock Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Boundaries.	Ann Murray, Assistant City Clerk	Ref'd to City Council on: 8/4/2008 Committee Tabled on: 8/19/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
46-07 (S)	Comm.	Correction of a Typographical Error: South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Boundaries.	Ann Murray, Assistant City Clerk	Ref'd to City Council on: 8/4/2008 Committee Tabled on: 8/19/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
129-07	Comm.	Lease Agreement with the State of CT, DOT for property located under I-95 on Steel Point.	Edward Lavernoich, OPED	Ref'd to City Council on: 6/16/2008 No Action/Committee Tabled on: 7/15/2008
137-07	Comm.	Proposed Contract with State Department of Social Services for a DSS Initiative to Improve Access to Dental Services - One time funding to furnish dental offices in three (3) new schools: Barnum/Waltersville, Jettie Tisdale and North End.	Valerie Sorrentino, Human Services, Health Dept.	Ref'd to City Council on: 7/7/2008 Committee Tabled on: 7/15/2008, 8/19/2008, & on 9/16/2008
164-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Re: Contract with the State Department of Health for a 2008-2010 Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant.	Christine Reale, SBHC, Division Health Dept.	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
165-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Re: Contract with State Department of Public Health for a 2008-2011 AIDS Prevention Education Services Grant.	Christine Reale, SBHC, Division Health Dept.	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
167-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Re: 2008--2010 Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).	Walter Boyer, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Tabled on: 9/16/2008
169-07	Res.	Proposed Moratorium regarding the Sale of Pleasure Beach.	Andre F. Baker, Councilman, D-139 th	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Legal Opinion Rec'd by City Atty. on 9/16/2008 Committee Tabled on: 9/16/2008 -
178-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Bridgeport Urban Trail Initiative / National Parks Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Program (RTCA)	Christina Kazanas Central Grants Office	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008

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179-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: DPH Dental Hygiene Pilot Demonstration Program For Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Rebekah Harriman Central Grants Office	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
180-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: CT Department of Environmental Protection - America the Beautiful Program.	Christina Kazanas Central Grants Office	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
181-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: CDOT Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Grant for Veterans Transportation.	Alexandra McGoldrick Central Grants Office	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
182-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Re: the Brownfield Municipal Pilot Program for clean-up activities located at 729 North Washington Avenue.	Christina Kazanas Central Grants Office	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008 Committee Approved on: 9/16/2008
183-07	Res.	Resolved that the City Council approves and agrees that the taxes on these ABCD properties are deemed to have been improperly levied by the City and should be forgiven.	Leticia Colon, Councilwoman, D-131 st	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008(OFF THE FLOOR) Committee Tabled on: 9/16/2008
192-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Federal Department of Justice (OJJDP) FY 08 Earmarks program for City of Bridgeport Lighthouse Program.	Tammy Papa, Lighthouse Programs, Health & Social Services	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008
193-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Capital Improvements to Ellsworth Park to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.	Dawn Twistol, Acting, Director, Central Grants	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008
194-07	Comm.	Grant Submission: Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's Greening of the Boston Post Road Program to conduct tree planting.	Christina Kazanas, Central Grants	Ref'd to City Council on: 9/2/2008

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
PENDING ITEMS
as of October 6, 2006

Number	Type	Summary	Submitted by:	Date
13-07	Resol.	Resolution to amend the City Council Rules of Order to allow meetings of Council Members for informational purposes only to be exempt from the requirement for referral to Committee	Councilmember, T. McCarthy, Pres. D-133rd.	December 17, 2007
24-07	Resol.	Amendment to City Council Rule XXV- Public Hearing Forum	Councilmember, T. McCarthy, Pres. D-133rd.	January 7, 2008 (Off The Floor)

**EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
PENDING ITEMS
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008**

36-07	Res.	In support of Naming one of the new School Complexes "The Lillian Mercer Whiting Hamilton School Complex."	Councilmember(s): Andre Baker, D-139 th Richard Bonney, D-135 th , Warren Blunt, D-135 th	City Council on 2/4/2008 (Off the Floor). TABLED ON 2/13/2008
151-07	Res.	Resolution to schedule an information session regarding the on-going City and Board of Education operations audit. Please note: 9/11/08 waiting on minutes from Co-Chair Susan Brannelly not sure if item was approved or not.	Councilmember Susan T. Brannelly, D-130 th	City Council on 7/7/2008 (OFF THE FLOOR) Education Committee Meeting held on 9/10/2008.

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
PENDING ITEMS
As of October 6, 2008**

Number	Type	Summary	Submitted by:	Date
48-07	Resol	A Resolution Urging Congress to Take Emergency Action to Enact A Homeowners and Bank Protection Act	Councilmembers: R. P. Curwen, D-138th, R. M. Paoletto, D-138th, C. Silva, D-136th	March 3, 2008 (off the floor)
191-07	Resol	In Reference to: Office of Legislative Services	Councilman, Robert P. Curwen, District-138th	Sept. 15, 2008



**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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RALPH H. JACOBS
Personnel Director

Comm. - #197-07 Ref'd to Miscellaneous Matters Committee on
10/06/08

September 18, 2008

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Honorable City Council Members
Bridgeport City Council

Office of the City Clerk
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport CT 06604

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Pursuant to Chapter 17 Section 206(d) of the Bridgeport City Charter, the Civil Service Commission has approved a request from Office of Planning and Economic Development to create one new full-time position as a Condemnation/Anti-Blight Specialist. The position will be in the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization which is a part of the Office of Planning and Economic Development. The salary shown on the approval form was \$41,000.

The creation of this new position is respectfully referred to the Bridgeport City Council for the Council's approval.

Sincerely,

Ralph H. Jacobs
Personnel Director
Bridgeport Civil Service Commission

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**HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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ALANNA C. KABEL
Deputy CAO of
Housing and Community
Development Agency

Comm. # 198-07 Ref'd to ECD & Environment Committee on 10/6/2008

September 29, 2008

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk's Office

From: Alanna C. Kabel, Deputy CAO of Housing and Community Development *AK*

Re: Extension of Reverter Right for 11 Armstrong Place

Please find attached for your consideration a resolution that extends the City's reverter right for 11 Armstrong Place to allow redevelopment of this property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at x-7134.

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Cc: Andrew Nunn, CAO
Tom White, Office of Legislative Services
Diane Toolan, Senior Manager of Housing and Community Development

Re: Extension of Reverter Right for 11 Armstrong Place

WHEREAS, the City authorized Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut, Inc. ("Mutual Housing Association") to undertake foreclosures on designated city parcels on behalf of the City and the Tax Collector was authorized to enter an agreement to accomplish these foreclosures with Mutual Housing Association; and

WHEREAS, upon successful foreclosure, the Director of Office of Planning and Economic Development was authorized to sell these designated parcels to Mutual Housing Association for \$1 per lot with the understanding that the properties will be subject to normal land use review and approval and will be redeveloped within 18 months of title transfer or such properties would revert in title back to the City; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2004, the Director of Office of Planning and Economic Development sold one of these designated properties known as 11 Armstrong Place to Mutual Housing Association; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association, as owner of 11 Armstrong Place- a historically significant two family house originally constructed circa 1910, invested approximately \$40,000 in soft costs and approximately \$60,000 in demolition work, as well as exterior and interior rehabilitation in said property; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association had partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County to facilitate the development of 11 Armstrong Place; and

WHEREAS, The City Council had authorized an extension of the City's reverter rights until February 28, 2008 to allow Mutual Housing Association, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County, to redevelop 11 Armstrong Place; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County subsequently made the decision not to pursue this partnership with Mutual Housing Association to develop 11 Armstrong Place; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association is currently partnering with Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust ("BNT") to develop 11 Armstrong Place; and

WHEREAS, BNT has demonstrated capacity for rehabilitating historic properties having recently completed 101-103 Barnum Avenue, a Victorian Gothic Villa in the City's East Side and in close proximity to the subject property; and

WHEREAS, this two-unit development will provide a homeownership opportunity with rental income that will contribute to the revitalization effort focused in this East Side targeted area; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association in partnership with BNT has pursued financing for this development and has secured \$421,000 from multiple sources of funding which includes, CT Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, Bridgeport HOME funding, Bridgeport Lead Free Families Program and financing from Community Capital; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association has exceeded the time period for redevelopment and now requires ten (10) months for construction; and

WHEREAS, the construction is scheduled to commence November 1, 2008 per the attached construction schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mutual Housing Association's rights to redevelop 11 Armstrong Place, to be evidenced by a certificate of occupancy, be extended until and including June 30, 2009 before the City may exercise its reverter rights to 11 Armstrong Place.

**BRIDGEPORT NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST
DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE FOR
11 Armstrong Place**

Coordination/Approvals	Timeline
Final Design/Contract Documents	Complete
Zoning	Complete
Environmental	Complete
Procure Contractor	Complete
Secure Financing	Complete
Begin Remediation Work – Close on BLFF Funding	October 15, 2008
Close on Financing	
City HOME	November 30, 2008
Commcap Construction Loan	November 1, 2008
Construction Start	November 1, 2008
Construction Completion	July 1, 2009
Historic Tax Credits Closing	June 15, 2009
Marketing/Homeownership Counseling	February 1, 2009
Random Lottery Selection	June 1, 2009
Sale	September 1, 2009



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September 29, 2008

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk's Office

From: Alanna C. Kabel, Deputy CAO of Housing and Community Development *AK*

Re: Extension of Reverter Right for 235-257 William Street

Please find attached for your consideration a resolution that extends the City's reverter right for 235-257 William Street to allow redevelopment of this property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at x-7134.

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Cc: Andrew Nunn, CAO
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Diane Toolan, Senior Manager of Housing and Community Development

Re: Extension of Reverter Right for 235-257 William Street

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2001 the City authorized Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut, Inc. ("Mutual Housing Association") to undertake foreclosures on designated city parcels on behalf of the City and the Tax Collector was authorized to enter an agreement to accomplish these foreclosures with Mutual Housing Association; and

WHEREAS, upon successful foreclosure, the Director of Office of Planning and Economic Development was authorized to sell these designated parcels to Mutual Housing Association for \$1 per lot with the understanding that the properties will be subject to normal land use review and approval and will be redeveloped within 18 months of title transfer or such properties would revert in title back to the City; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2004, the Director of Office of Planning and Economic Development sold 17 units of this 21 unit structure known as 235-257 William Street to Mutual Housing Association; and

WHEREAS, a subsidiary of Mutual Housing Association, MHA Washington Park, LLC, as owner of one of the subject properties known as 235-257 William Street, has invested approximately \$283,000 in acquisition costs, predevelopment work, and demolition work in said property; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County to facilitate the development of 235-257 William street, originally a 21 unit structure that will be converted into a 12 unit historic development that will permit a less dense site and provide more sustainable long-term benefits to the homeowners and the East Side neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The City Council had authorized an extension of the City's reverter rights until August 31, 2008 to allow Mutual Housing Association, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County, to redevelop 235-257 William Street; and

WHEREAS, Habit for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County has made substantial progress in the rehabilitation of 235-257 William Street through their volunteer efforts and capital investment; and

WHEREAS, the development will provide twelve (12) homeownership opportunities and will contribute to the City's goal of increasing the homeownership rate particularly in areas characterized with a high concentration of poverty and low homeownership levels; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Housing Association and Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County has pursued financing for this development and has secured multiple sources of funding which includes, CT Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, bank financing, Federal Home Loan Bank, Bridgeport HOME funds, private donations, and corporate sponsorships; and

WHEREAS, due to delays related to the execution of the LLC partnership agreement between Habit for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County and Mutual Housing Association and the ability to secure construction financing given the current economic climate, the project has exceeded the time period for redevelopment and now requires twelve (12) months to complete construction; and

WHEREAS, the construction has commenced and is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2009 per the attached construction schedule;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mutual Housing Association's rights to redevelop 235-257 William Street, to be evidenced by a certificate of occupancy, be extended until and including September 30, 2009 before the City may exercise its reverter rights to 235-257 William Street.

**Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County
Construction Goals for 2008 - Status as of 9/22/08**

Started construction in 2007 for completion in 2009:

Completion #	Start #	Address	Date of Bldg Permit	Status	Date of C/O
		235A William Street Condo # 1 = 3 bdrm	1/23/2008	Ready to connect permanent electrical service & remove power pole; water & sewer lines have been installed; masonry work is 3/4 completed. Roofing is about 1/2 done. Forecasted completion for this unit is end of Jan.	
		235B William Street Condo # 6 = 3 bdrm	"	1st 3 Units: started working on exterior details; Electrical & plumbing rough ins should be completed next week. Forecasted completion is late Jan	
		237B William Street Condo # 7 = 2 bdrm	"	See above. Forecasted completion is late Jan.	
		243A William Street Condo # 2= 1 bdrm	"	Framing about 95% done. Target completion is end of Feb	
		243B William Street Condo # 8 = 2 bdrm	"	Framing about 95% done. Target completion is end of Feb	
		245A William Street Condo # 3 = 1 bdrm	"	Framing about 30% done. Target completion is end of Apr	
		245B William Street Condo # 9 = 2 bdrm	"	Framing about 30% done. Target completion is end of Apr	
		247A William Street condo # 4 = 1 bdrm	"	Framing is about 50% complete. Target completion is end of May	
		247B William Street Condo # 10 = 2 bdrm	"	Framing is about 50% complete. Target completion is end of May	
		255B William Street Condo # 11 = 2 bdrm	"	Target completion is end of September	
		257A William Street Condo # 5 = 3 bdrm	"	Target completion is end of September	
		257B William Street Condo # 12 = 3 bdrm	"	Target completion is end of September	

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Comm. - #200-07 Accepted and Made Part of the Record on 10/06/08

September 26, 2008

The Honorable City Council
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Re: **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM
JAMES DYE V. COB, ET AL**

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Dear Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Attorney proposes to settle the above referenced litigation in the amount of \$18,000.00 payable to Carter Mario, Trustees for James Dye. The action was claiming personal injuries to Mr. Dye when, on July, 2005, a City of Bridgeport refuse truck backed into Mr. Dye's car while he was stopped on Barnum Avenue. He alleges that he was yelling for the driver to stop, but the driver either did not hear him or ignored him.

Pursuant to the City Council's recently amended Ordinance Section 2.10.130, this office hereby provides notice of its intent to settle this matter in accordance with the terms set forth in said Section 2.10.130.

If you wish to discuss the details of this case or have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If I am not immediately available, please speak with my secretary, Kim Laue, who will then follow-up with me. Further, if I do not hear from you within the twenty (20) day time period provided by the Ordinance, I will proceed to finalize settlement of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mark T. Anastasi
City Attorney

MTA/kl

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAMS

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- Youth Employment



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Comm. #201-07 Ref'd to ECD & Environment Committee on 10/6/2008

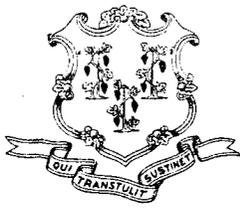
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: City Council
FROM: Tammy Papa
DATE: September 30, 2008
REFERENCE: Office of Policy and Management Grant Award – Request for Mayor’s Signature

Today I received a notice of grant award from the Office of Policy and Management for the State of Connecticut. The award is in the amount of \$87,000 and will be subcontracted to the Bridgeport Housing Authority to continue programming at the Trumbull Gardens Citywide Youth Center. This is the second year of funding but requires the Mayor’s signature and an up to date resolution passed by all of you. I respectfully request that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee for a recommendation to the full council.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will of course make myself available for both the committee and full council meeting to answer any questions.

Thank you.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

September 24, 2008

The Honorable William Finch
Mayor
City of Bridgeport
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Dear Mayor Finch:

I am pleased to inform you that your second year continuation grant application under the Governor's Urban Youth Violence Prevention Program has been approved for funding. The Trumbull Gardens Teen Center Project will be supported with a grant award in the amount of \$87,000.

Please sign and date the enclosed grant award as soon as possible, save a copy for your records, and return the original to:

Valerie LaMotte
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Along with the grant award, you must submit an up-to-date certified resolution passed by the municipality's governing board, e.g., town or city council, indicating that the municipal officer that signs the grant award is specifically authorized to do so. This office will make no payments under this grant award until all paperwork is on file.

The project reporting schedule and required forms can be found on our web site at www.ct.gov/opm/JJYDreporting.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your grant, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Valerie LaMotte at OPM at 860-418-6316. Thank you for partnering with us to support the positive development of Connecticut's youth.

Sincerely,

Brian Austin, Jr.
Under Secretary
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division

cc: Tammy Papa ✓
Michael Feeney

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
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GENERAL GRANT CONDITIONS

SECTION 1: Use of Grant Funds.

The grantee agrees to expend the grant funds awarded pursuant to this agreement for allowable purposes only and to comply with all of the terms and conditions of the grant award and any related documents that set forth its obligations as grantee. Grant funds shall not, without advance written approval by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), be obligated prior to the starting date or subsequent to the termination date of the grant period.

SECTION 2: Fiscal Control.

The grantee shall maintain accounting records and establish policies and provide procedures to assure sound fiscal control, effective management, and efficient use of grant funds. The grantee shall establish fiscal control and accounting procedures to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, grant funds. Accounting procedures must provide for the accurate and timely recording of receipt of funds by source, expenditures made from such funds, and unexpended balances. Controls must be adequate to insure that expenditures charged to grant activities are made for allowable purposes only.

SECTION 3: Retention of Records and Records Accessibility.

3.1 Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertaining to this grant shall be retained for a period of three years starting from the date of the submission of the final expenditure report, with the following qualifications.

3.2 If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration date of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

3.3 Records for the purchase of equipment (i.e., non-expendable, tangible personal property) acquired with grant funds shall be retained for three years after the final disposition of said property.

3.4 The State or its representatives shall have the right at reasonable hours to examine any books, records and other documents of the grantee or its subcontractors or subgrantees pertaining to work performed under this agreement. The State will give grantee or such subcontractor or subgrantee at least twenty-four hour's notice of such intended examination. At the State's request, the grantee shall provide the State with hard copies of or magnetic tape containing any data or information relating to the State's business, which data or information is in the possession or control of the grantee. The grantee shall incorporate this paragraph verbatim into any agreement it enters into with any subcontractor or subgrantee relating to this grant.

SECTION 4: Insurance.

The grantee agrees that while performing any service specified in this grant, the grantee shall maintain sufficient insurance (liability and/or other), according to the nature of the service to be performed, so as to "save harmless" the State of Connecticut from any insurable cause whatsoever. If requested, certificates of insurance shall be filed with OPM prior to the performance of services.

SECTION 5: Conflict of Interest.

No person who is an officer, employee, consultant or review board member of the grantee shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract, subcontract, subgrant or agreement or in the selection and supervision of an employee if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the officer, employee, consultant or review board member or any member of his/her immediate family, or his/her partner, or an organization which employs, or is about to employ any of the above has a financial interest in the entity or firm selected for the contract, subcontract, or subgrant or when the individual employed is related to any of the foregoing persons.

SECTION 6: Reports.

The grantee shall submit such reports as OPM shall reasonably request and shall comply with all provisions regarding the submission of such reports. Reports shall include, but not be limited to, revised project narratives, revised budgets and budget narratives, progress reports, financial reports, cash requests, grantee affirmative action packets, and subgrantee packets and budgets. Cash requests may be withheld by OPM until complete and timely reports are received and approved.

SECTION 7: Funding Limitation.

Funding of this project in no way obligates OPM to fund the project in excess of this grant, beyond the period of this grant, or in future years.

SECTION 8: Revised Budget.

If the grant amount and/or the distribution of funds between categories of funds, as identified on the Notice of Grant Award, is different from the amount and/or the distribution in the grant application budget, the grantee agrees to submit to OPM a revised budget and budget narrative equal to and in the same distribution as the grant award not later than 30 days after signing of the grant. Cash requests will be withheld until the revision is received and approved.

SECTION 9: Audits.

9.1 In accordance with the following conditions, the grantee agrees to conduct and submit to OPM two completed audit packages with management letters and corrective action plans for audits of each of the fiscal years included in the period of this grant and any amendments thereto.

9.2 If the grantee meets the requirements of the State Single Audit Act, Sections 4-230 through 4-236, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes, the grantee is required to submit a State Single Audit Report to OPM. Connecticut General Statutes § 4-231 requires those non-state entities which expended a total amount of State Financial Assistance equal to or in excess of \$100,000 in any fiscal year to have either a single audit or a program-specific audit conducted for such fiscal year. A program-specific audit may be conducted if the grantee received State Financial Assistance from OPM for this grant and it is the only State Financial Assistance that the grantee has received during this fiscal period. The State Single Audit Report should be filed with OPM no later than six months after the end of the audit period.

9.3 If the grantee receives any federal funds in this grant as identified on the Notice of Grant Award, and meets the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of State and Local Governments and Non Profit Organizations, the grantee is required to submit an audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and/or Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards (GAGAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, as well as OMB Circular A-133. This circular requires those state and local governments and non profit organizations which expended a total amount of Federal Financial Assistance equal to or in excess of \$300,000 in any fiscal year to have a federal single audit or a program-specific audit conducted for such fiscal year. A program-specific audit may be conducted if the grantee receives Financial Assistance under only one Federal program. For audit purposes, State or grantee match funds as identified on the Notice of Grant Award, are subject to the same requirements as the federal monies. OMB Circular A-133 requires that the audit report be submitted by the earlier of 30 days after the date of receipt of the auditor's report(s), or 9 months after the end of the audit period.

SECTION 10: Unexpended Funds and/or Disallowed Costs.

If project costs are less than the grant, and/or any project costs have been disallowed, the grantee agrees to return the unexpended/disallowed funds to OPM not later than 60 days following closeout of the grant.

SECTION 11: Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action.

11.1 The grantee agrees and warrants that in the performance of the grant such grantee will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital or civil union status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such grantee that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut.

11.2 The grantee agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital or civil union status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation,

or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such grantee that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

11.3 The grantee agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the grantee, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

11.4 The grantee agrees and warrants that in the performance of the grant such grantee will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation.

11.5 The grantee agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such grantee has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such grantee has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the grantee's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

11.6 The grantee agrees to comply with each provision of this section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f.

11.7 The grantee agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the grantee which relate to the provisions of this section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

11.8 If the grant is a public works contract, the grantee agrees and warrants that the grantee will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works project.

11.9 Determination of the grantee's good faith efforts shall include but shall not be limited to the following factors: The grantee's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects. The grantee shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts. For the purposes of this paragraph, "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one per cent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise and who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations; "good faith efforts" includes, but is not limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements; and "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

11.10 The grantee shall include the provisions of subsections 11.1 to 11.8, inclusive, in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a grant with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The grantee shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such grantee becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the grantee may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

SECTION 12: Non-Discrimination and Executive Orders.

12.1 This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill regarding nondiscrimination promulgated June 16, 1971, and such Executive Order is

incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof. The parties agree to abide by said Executive Order and agree that the State Labor Commissioner shall have continuing jurisdiction in respect to contract performance in regard to nondiscrimination until the Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. This Agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended by the State Labor Commissioner for violation of or noncompliance with said Executive Order or any state or federal law concerning nondiscrimination, notwithstanding that the Labor Commissioner is not a party to this Agreement.

12.2 This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill promulgated February 15, 1973, requiring contractors and subcontractors to list employment openings with the Connecticut State Employment Service and such Executive Order is incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof. The parties agree to abide by said Executive Order and agree that the granting agency and the State Labor Commissioner shall have joint and several continuing jurisdiction in respect to performance in regard to listing all employment openings with the Connecticut State Employment Service. This Agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended by the granting agency or the State Labor Commissioner for violation of or noncompliance with said Executive Order No. Seventeen, notwithstanding that the Labor Commissioner is not a party to this Agreement.

12.3 This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, regarding Violence in the Workforce Prevention and, such Executive Order is incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof. This agreement may be canceled, terminated or suspended by the State for violation of or noncompliance with said Executive Order No. Sixteen.

SECTION 13: Americans with Disabilities Act.

This section applies to those grantees, which are or will become responsible for compliance with the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 during the period of award of the grant. The grantee represents that it is familiar with the terms of this Act and that it is in compliance with the law. Failure of the grantee to satisfy this standard either now or during the period of the grant as it may be amended will render the grant voidable at the option of the State upon notice to the grantee. The grantee warrants that it will hold the State harmless from any liability, which may be imposed upon the State as a result of any failure of the grantee to be in compliance with this Act.

SECTION 14: Independent Contractor.

The grantee shall act as an independent contractor in performing this agreement, maintaining complete control over its employees and all of its subcontractors. Before hiring outside consultants or entering into contractual agreements with persons, partnerships or companies, the grantee will notify OPM of the contractor's identity.

SECTION 15: Federal Compliance and Assurances.

If the grantee receives any federal funds in this grant as identified on the Notice of Grant Award, the grantee and all its subgrantees will comply with the nondiscrimination requirement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in connection with any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available in this grant.

SECTION 16: Non-Supplanting.

16.1 If the grantee receives any federal funds in this grant as identified on the Notice of Grant Award, the grantee agrees that these grant funds will be used so as to supplement and increase, but not supplant, the level of state, local, private and federal funds that would otherwise be made available for this project and to serve this target population, and will in no event replace such state, local, private and federal funds.

16.2 The grantee shall not use state funds conveyed by the grant to supplant any local funds, if a municipality, or other state funds, if a state agency, which were budgeted for purposes analogous to that of the state grant funds. OPM may waive this provision upon request and for good cause shown, when it is satisfied that the reduction in local funds or other state funds, as the case may be, is due to circumstances not related to the grant.

SECTION 17: Additional Federal Conditions.

If the grantee receives any federal funds in this grant as identified on the Notice of Grant Award, the grantee agrees to comply with the attached Additional Federal Conditions which have been issued by the federal grantor agency to OPM and which are hereby made a part of this grant award.

SECTION 18: Indemnification.

The grantee hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State of Connecticut, including, but not limited to, OPM, their respective officers, employees and agents for any breach of this agreement.

SECTION 19: Large State Contracts.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-250 and 4-252, Contractor must present at the execution of each large state contract (having a total cost to the State of more than \$500,000 in a calendar or fiscal year) an executed gift affidavit, which Contractor shall update on an annual basis in accordance with paragraph 8 of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 1. In addition, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 1, anyone who executes and files said gift affidavit shall also execute and file a campaign contribution affidavit disclosing all contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly.

SECTION 20: State Contracting Standards Board.

Pursuant to paragraph 6(a) of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 7C, Contractor acknowledges and accepts that, for cause, the State Contracting Standards Board may review and recommend, for OPM's consideration and final OPM determination, termination of this grant contract. "For Cause" means: (1) a violation of the State ethics laws (Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes) or Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-100 or (2) wanton or reckless disregard of any State contracting and procurement process by any person substantially involved in such contract or state contracting agency.

SECTION 21: Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Prohibitions.

For all State contracts as defined in P.A. 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. See Attachment A.

SECTION 22: Non-Discrimination Certification.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended by Public Act 07-245 and Sections 9 and 10 of Public Act 07-142, every Contractor is required to provide the State with documentation in the form of a company or corporate policy adopted by resolution of the board of directors, shareholders, managers, members or other governing body of such contractor to support the Contractor's nondiscrimination agreements and warranties which are included in such Contractor's contract pursuant to said statutes. Copies of two "nondiscrimination certification" forms (one for businesses and one for individuals) that will satisfy these requirements may be found on OPM's website. The applicable certification form must be signed by an authorized signatory of the Contractor (or, in the case of an individual contractor, by the individual) and submitted to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

SECTION 23: Special Grant Conditions.

The grantee agrees to comply with the attached Special Grant Conditions, which have been issued in connection with this specific program, and which are hereby made a part of this award.

ATTACHMENT A

NOTICE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION BAN

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes 9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 07-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined below):

Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Ban

No state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a *state contract* or *state contract solicitation* with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or *solicit* contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee;

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

Duty to Inform

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

Penalties for Violations

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

Civil penalties--\$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of \$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

Criminal penalties—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or \$5000 in fines, or both.

Contract Consequences

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may result, in the case of a state contractor, in the contract being voided.

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions, in the case of a prospective state contractor, shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The State will not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Additional information and the entire text of P.A. 07-1 may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, www.ct.gov/seec. Click on the link to "State Contractor Contribution Ban."

Definitions:

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "State contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has *managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract*, (v) the spouse or a *dependent child* who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan or a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office; or (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION
450 Capitol Avenue-MS#52CJP, Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Federal Grant Conditions
Drug-Free Schools and Communities, Governor's Program-2007

1. **Program and Financial Requirements** Grantee agrees to comply with the provisions of all applicable acts and regulations and the approved state plan. It is subject to the provisions of Title IV, Title VI, and Title IX, as applicable, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (P.L. 107-110). It is also subject to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 299.

2. **Right of Privacy for Recipients of Services.** The Grantee agrees that procedures have been established to ensure that project records containing the identity of individual juveniles are not disclosed. Exceptions to this requirement: (a) authorization by law; or (b) consent of either the juvenile or his/her legally authorized representative. Under no circumstances may project reports or findings contain names of actual juvenile service recipients.

3. **Lobbying.** The Grantee agrees that funds shall not be used to pay for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone communication, letter, printed or written matter, or other device, intended or designed to influence a member of the Congress or any other federal, state, or local elected official to favor or oppose any act, bills, resolutions, or similar legislation, or any referendum, initiative, constitutional amendment, or any similar procedure by the Congress, any State legislature, any local council, or any similar governing body, except that this assurance shall not preclude such funds from being used in connection with communications to federal, state, or local elected officials, upon the request of such officials through proper official channels, pertaining to authorization, appropriation, or oversight measures directly affecting the operation of the program involved. The Grantee further agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 as it relates to lobbying activities and the disclosure of such lobbying activities.

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SPECIAL GRANT CONDITIONS

Check applicable box, if required.

1. The grantee agrees to complete and submit to OPM a revised project narrative not later than thirty (30) days after signing this grant award. The grantee must contact OPM program staff at Valerie LaMotte regarding the required revisions.
2. Specific funding limitations have been applied to this grant. Please contact OPM program staff Valerie LaMotte at 860-418-6316 for further detail on these funding restrictions.
3. The grantee is required to participate in training session(s). The grantee must contact Valerie LaMotte to schedule training and determine if there are other technical assistance opportunities.
4. The grantee must submit to OPM for review and approval a revised budget itemization for any proposed change (1) which will alter a budget category by more than 10% of the budget category or by more than \$500, whichever is greater, or (2) which places resources in a budget category not previously funded. Significant changes in the use of funds within a budget category, while not requiring a formal budget revision, should be reported to OPM by letter.
5. The grantee, including all other recipients of assistance under the grant, whether by contract, subcontract, or subgrant, upon request, agrees to cooperate with research and evaluation efforts of OPM or any party designated by OPM for such purpose. The grantee further agrees that such cooperation includes but is not limited to: (1) collecting and maintaining project data, including client data, (2) supplying project data to OPM or its designee; and (3) permitting access by OPM or its designee to any and all project information whether stored by manual or electronic means.
6. All training events, seminars and conferences must be approved by OPM prior to submitting registration for the event. Requests to attend training events must include names of staff, purpose of training, justification/need for training, location, dates and costs. Staff attending training events may be required to present a summary of the training to OPM and/or other grantees.
7. It will be the sole responsibility of the grantee, and its staff, to insure that any report, article, computer program, data base or other product or publication, whether oral or in writing, resulting from the performance of duties pursuant to this grant application and grant award, protects the privacy of confidential information and complies with confidentiality and privacy rights and obligations created by any federal and state law, court rules, or rules of professional conduct applicable to the work performed by the grantee.
8. The grantee certifies that the application on which this grant is based was presented to the superintendent of schools for its school district and his or her comments thereon were given consideration prior to the submission of the application to the Office of Policy and Management.



BILL FINCH
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October 1, 2008

To: Fleeta Hudson
From: Valerie Leas-Sorrentino
Re: **2008 – 2010 Social Services Block Grant**

The Human Services Department seeks authorization for Mayor Finch or his designee to enter into contract with the State Department of Social Services for a Social Services Block Grant and to sign all related documents, contracts and resolutions. **This grant was approved at the June 16, 2008 City Council meeting. It is being re-submitted because the state changed to a two-year contract.**

The grant @ \$192,850 funds the following programs:

1. Case Management - Provides advocacy, information & referral and follow-up services to veterans in the city of Bridgeport through the City's Office of Veterans Affairs.
2. Protective Services - Provides advocacy and promotes self-advocacy for persons with disabilities who reside in Bridgeport to promote their quality of life through the City's Office of Persons with Disabilities.
3. Home-Based Services - Provides home maintenance and repair to low income, handicapped people in Bridgeport.
4. Counseling - Provides case management and advocacy services to low income Hispanic youth and their families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to call me at X7110 with any questions.

VLS/

WHEREAS, the State Department of Social Services is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the Social Services Block Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to fund four social service programs; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, Human Services Department, submit an application to the State Department of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$192,850 for the purpose of providing various social service programs; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the State Department of Social Services for funds to support a Social Services Block Grant Program.

2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the State Department of Social Services for a Social Services Block Grant Program, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

City Council - Contracts and Appointments Committee

APPLICATION AND/OR LOCAL TITLE: 2008 - 2010 Social Services Block Grant

CITY OFFICIAL in-charge: Valerie Leas-Sorrentino Phone: 576-7110

New Grant _____ Continuing (existing) Grant X

FUNDING SOURCE (including matching/in-kind funds):

Federal: _____

State: X

City: _____

Other: _____

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$192,850 Contingent on receipt of state funds

Salaries/Benefits: _____

Supplies: \$2,246

Equipment: 2,000

Other (Explain): \$188,604

Funds will be used to support the following programs for the two-year period:

1. Human Services – Admin @ \$11,520
2. Veterans Affairs - Case Management @ \$64,304
3. Office for Persons with Disabilities - Protective Services for Adults @ \$32,780
4. Office for Persons with Disabilities - Home-Based Services @ \$20,000
5. Child Guidance Center - Counseling @ \$60,000

Subcontracts: Yes X No _____

If yes, supply listing and dollar amount (please attach)

1. Child Guidance Center @ approx. \$60,000
2. Disability Resource Center @ \$20,000

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

This grant is funded by the State Department of Social Services. The City of Bridgeport has administered these funds for many years. No City match is required.

PROJECT DATES:

October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2010

TARGET POPULATION

The target population is program-specific and included below:

PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the program include:

1. Case Management - To provide advocacy, information & referral and follow-up services to veterans in the city of Bridgeport through the City's Office of Veterans Affairs.
2. Protective Services - To provide advocacy and promote self-advocacy for persons with disabilities who reside in Bridgeport to promote their quality of life through the City's Office of Persons with Disabilities.
3. Home-Based Services - To provide home maintenance and repair to low income, handicapped people in Bridgeport.
4. Counseling - To provide case management and advocacy services to low income Hispanic youth and their families.

BENCHMARKS FOR GAUGING SUCCESS/EVALUATION OF PROGRESS:

The programs will be monitored by staff of Human Services. Success will be measured by the following outcome measures:

1. Case Management - 70% access needed medical services; 50% receive assistance in obtaining eligible benefits; 90% participate in treatment to improve daily functioning or resolve personal difficulties; 30% access housing; 90% access tangibles necessary to live - food, clothing, etc.
2. Protective Services - Prevent 95% of individual's situation of harm; advocate for necessary support and assistance for 100% of clients.
3. Home-Based Services - At least 99% of clients served will remain appropriately in their own homes for 6 months after receiving service.
4. Counseling - At least 80% of clients will receive appropriate services; at least 80% will experience improved family relationships.

***44-07 (S) Consent Calendar**

Correction of a Typographical Error: Black Rock*
Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Boundaries.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____

Shirley A. Walker

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***44-07 (S) Consent Calendar**

RESOLUTION TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERROR BLACK ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE BOUNDARIES

Whereas, on April 7, 2008 the City Council adopted Resolution #44-07 to establish the boundaries of the Black Rock Neighborhood Revitalization Zone; and

Whereas, the wrong boundary description for that Zone was mistakenly inserted into paragraph 5 of the approved document as follows:

"WHEREAS, the West Side/West End neighborhood is one of two communities located on the lower west side of the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The West Side/West End neighborhood includes a municipal development area, four historic districts, longtime commercial and residential owners and renters, along with the cultural and ethnic diversity that has become representative of the City of Bridgeport. The West Side/West End neighborhood comprises, in whole or in part, five U.S. Census Tracts: 703, 709, 710, 711 and 712. The neighborhood is bounded by Bostwick Avenue and Mt. Grove Cemetery to the west, Cedar Creek to the south, Iranistan Avenue and Park Avenue to the east, and North Avenue to the north. These boundaries are also clearly delineated in the West Side/West End NRZ Bylaws."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, That boundaries set forth in paragraph five of Resolution #44-07 are hereby rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

Black Rock is the southwestern-most neighborhood in Bridgeport directly east of Fairfield, Connecticut. The neighborhood includes one historic district (Black Rock Historic District). Originally established as part of Fairfield, Connecticut, Black Rock, and especially Black Rock Harbor, was once that town's leading port. According to the by-laws enacted by the Black Rock NRZ Planning Committee, Metro North's railroad tracks make up the neighborhood's northern boundary; the southern boundary is the Long Island Sound (specifically, Black Rock Harbor); the eastern boundary is made up of Bostwick Avenue and Pine Street; and the western boundaries are the Fairfield town line and Ash Creek. The neighborhood consists of US Census Tracts 701, 702 and part of 703.



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***44-07 (S) Consent Calendar**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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***46-07 (S) Consent Calendar**

Correction of a Typographical Error: South End
Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Boundaries.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____



Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report;
and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***46-07 (S) Consent Calendar**

RESOLUTION TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERROR SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE BOUNDARIES

Whereas, on April 7, 2008 the City Council adopted Resolution #46-07 to establish the boundaries of the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone; and

Whereas, the wrong boundary description for that Zone was mistakenly inserted into paragraph 5 of the approved document as follows:

"WHEREAS, the West Side/West End neighborhood is one of two communities located on the lower west side of the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut. The West Side/West End neighborhood includes a municipal development area, four historic districts, longtime commercial and residential owners and renters, along with the cultural and ethnic diversity that has become representative of the City of Bridgeport. The West Side/West End neighborhood comprises, in whole or in part, five U.S. Census Tracts: 703, 709, 710, 711 and 712. The neighborhood is bounded by Bostwick Avenue and Mt. Grove Cemetery to the west, Cedar Creek to the south, Iranistan Avenue and Park Avenue to the east, and North Avenue to the north. These boundaries are also clearly delineated in the West Side/West End NRZ Bylaws."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, That boundaries set forth in paragraph five of Resolution #46-07 are hereby rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

Beginning at the junction of State Street and Norman Street travel four blocks to West Avenue then: one lot east passed West Avenue to Block 0953 then: travel South along the eastern side of Block 0953 to the corner of Prospect Street and Myrtle Street then: arc easterly across the southwestern portion of the adjacent State owned interstate exchange (Route 8 and I-95) then: across South Avenue to Interstate I-95 then: travel northeast along the centerline of I-95 to the Amtrak rail corridor and east to Bridgeport Harbor then: proceed southeast along the shoreline of Bridgeport Harbor then: travel west along the shoreline of Seaside Park to the southern most tip of Seaside Beach on Long Island Sound at Fayerweather Island then: travel north and north east along the mid-channel centerline of Black Rock Harbor and then mid-channel along the western branch of Cedar Creek then: travel north bisecting Block 0139, pass under Interstate I-95 and continue to Railroad Avenue then: travel east on Railroad Avenue to the corner of Norman Street then: travel north on Norman street to the junction of State Street.



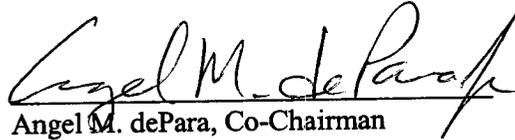
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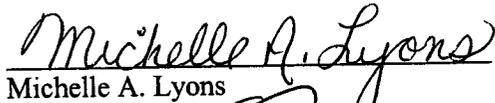
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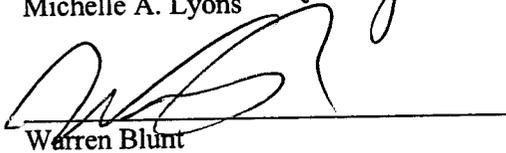


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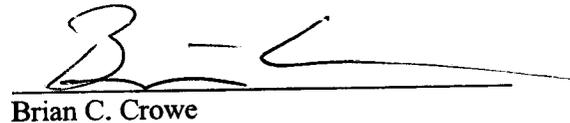
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Warren Blunt



Maria I. Valle



Brian C. Crowe

***164-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: State Department of Public Health 2008-2010 Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant.

**Report
of
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on
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Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____



Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

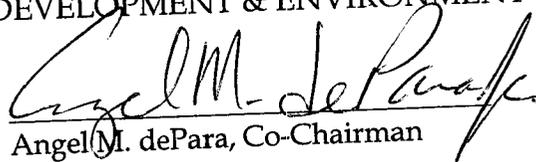
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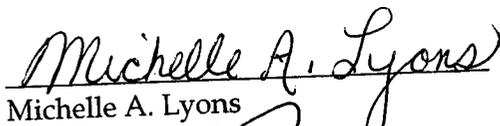
*164-07 Consent Calendar

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, Bill Finch, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of this Contractor with the State Department of Public Health for a 2008 - 2010 Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant and to affix the corporate seal.

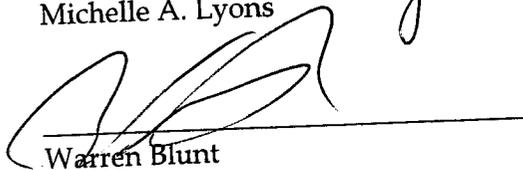
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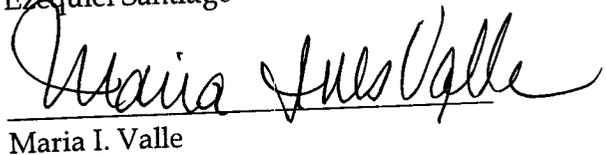
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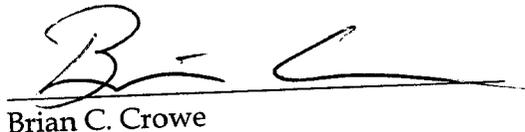

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GRANTS SUMMARY SHEET
City Council-Contracts Committee

APPLICATION AND OR LOCAL TITLE: LEAD POISONING & PREVENTION

CITY OFFICIAL in-charge: Dr. MARIAN EVANS Phone: X7680

New Grant: _____ Continuing (existing) Grant: X

FUNDING SOURCES-(include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:
State: \$164,454
City:
Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED:

Salaries/Benefits: \$164,454
Supplies:
Transportation/Travel:
Other (explain):
Subcontracts: Yes _____ No X
If yes, supply listing and dollar amount (please attach)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Profiles and follows all inspected properties and children tested for Lead Poisoning

PROJECT DATES: 7/1/06-6/30/07

TARGET POPULATION:

The City's "under six years of age" population, their families and the owners of the property where they live.

PROGRAM GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

To test children between six months and six years of age in targeted areas

Provide follow-up testing for children testing positive for lead poisoning

Provide case management

House families in Lead Safe housing

Require landlords to remove or encapsulate lead paint

***165-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: State Department of Public Health for a 2008-2011 AIDS Prevention Education Services Grant.

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of
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on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____



Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

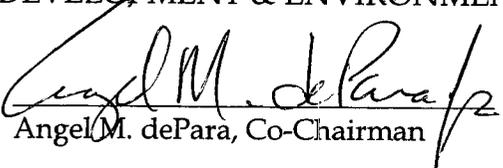
The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report;
and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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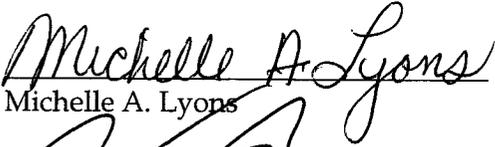
RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, Bill Finch, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name of and on behalf of this Contractor with the State Department of Public Health for a 2008 – 2011 AIDS Prevention Education Services and to affix the corporate seal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
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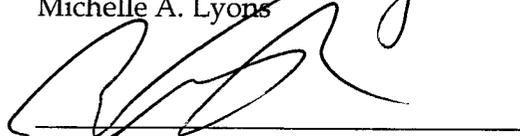


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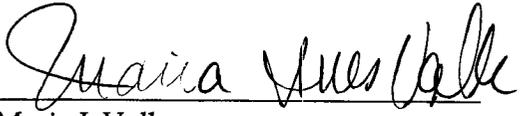


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GRANTS SUMMARY SHEET
City Council-Contracts Committee

APPLICATION AND OR LOCAL TITLE:

DEPT.PUBLIC HEALTH, AIDS Prevention Education Services

CITY OFFICIAL in-charge: Dr. MARIAN EVANS Phone: X7680

New Grant: _____ Continuing (existing) Grant: X

FUNDING SOURCES-(include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:
State: \$266,284
City:
Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED:

Salaries/Benefits: \$ 258,325
Supplies: 7,959
Transportation/Travel:
Other (explain):
Subcontracts: Yes___No_x_
If yes, supply listing and dollar amount (please attach)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

Provides education in DPH designated prevention and risk reduction program initiatives, tests for HIV, provides counseling, referrals and services that are accessible and culturally diverse for the target population

PROJECT DATES: 7/1/08-6/30/11

TARGET POPULATION: ALL CITY RESIDENTS and REGIONAL PARTNERS

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

I, Ann L. Murray, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Bridgeport, a Connecticut Corporation (the "Contractor"), **DO HEREBY** certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Bridgeport City Council of the Contractor duly held and convened on _____, at which meeting a duly constituted quorum of the Bridgeport City Council was present and acting throughout and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED: That the Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of this Contractor with the State Department of Public Health for a 2008 – 2011 AIDS Prevention Education Services_ and to affix the corporate seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his or her signature and the corporate seal of the Contractor this _____ day of _____, 2008.

(Seal or L.S.)

Signature of Secretary or Clerk

***178-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: Bridgeport Urban Trail Initiative/National Parks Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA).

**Report
of
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ECB & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____



City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***178-07 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the *National Parks Services*, through the *River, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)* provides technical assistance to private and public entities to conduct park, trail and other natural resource preservation; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Bridgeport's* Plan of Conservation and Development ("Master Plan") emphasizes the necessity of linking underserved communities in Bridgeport to recreational activities, investing resources into park maintenance and improvements, and improvement of transportation options to and from the city's parks and recreational opportunities for communities and populations whose mobility is limited; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Bridgeport* has a strong interest in investigating the feasibility of creating an Urban Trails Initiative that would both improve the city's parks systems and the physical links between all of the city's parks and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, *Departments of Public Facilities and Parks & Recreation*, submit an application to the *National Parks Service/Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program* for technical assistance services for the purpose of creating a parks assessment and concept plan for its Urban Trails Initiative.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the *National Parks Service/Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program* for technical assistance services for the purpose of creating a parks assessment and concept plan for its Urban Trails Initiative.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor, or his designees to execute and file such application with the *National Parks Service, through the Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program*, to provide such additional information and to execute and administer such other contracts and documents as may be necessary to execute this program.



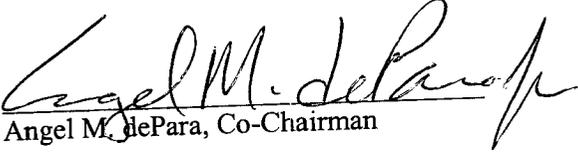
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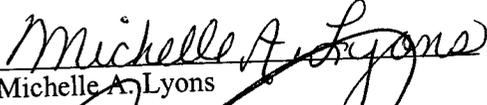
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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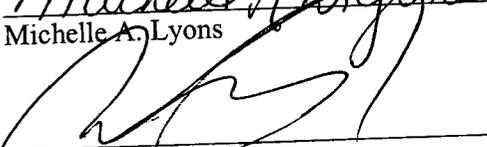


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Brian C. Crowe

Council Date: October 6, 2008



GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE : Bridgeport Urban Trail Initiative/National Parks Service
Application _____

RENEWAL _____ NEW X _____

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Central Grants _____

CONTACT NAME: Christina Kazanas, Grants Writer _____

PHONE NUMBER: 332-5664 _____

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

The City of Bridgeport's Public Facilities Department/Parks & Recreation has submitted an application to the National Parks Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Program (RTCA) for technical assistance related to its Bridgeport Urban Trail Initiative. If awarded, the city would receive no-cost technical assistance from National Parks Service staff/consultants to create a concept and funding plan to carry out this initiative. The concept of Urban Trails seeks to connect Bridgeport's parks in a meaningful way that provides better physical access, promotes greater utilization, identifies needs and opportunities for preservation of natural resources, encourages community investment in the parks, and educates residents and visitors about Bridgeport's cultural, historical and natural resources. The Bridgeport Urban Trails project will remove both physical and perceived barriers to Bridgeport's park system- first, through information and in later states through improved physical access so that all residents of all ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and abilities can improve their quality of life through recreational use of the parks. The Urban Trails initiative would build off of the existing Pequonnock Valley Greenway/Bikeway/Walkway Trail and incorporate significant community involvement in the planning stages. To date, partners include Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, the Connecticut Olmsted

Heritage Alliance, the Bridgeport Public Library, and the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency.

CONTRACT DATES: Not know at present time; assistance to be provided for one year at minimum, possibly 2.

PROJECT GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

With Public Facilities & Parks 7 Recreation staff, existing community partners and NPS staff/consultants the project will provide:

- 1) Analysis of natural, cultural and historical components of the parks and the state of those assets, with particular regard to their level of accessibility and utilization.
- 2) Project scope definitions and related budget development of a plan to physically link parks together, via public transportation, walkways, bikeways, and motor vehicles;
- 3) Discussion leadership and workshop coordination with community leaders to develop a scope of professional services that designs and implements educational components, such as signs, classroom activities, re-occurring public activities, etc. that are linked to the eventual Trail System.
- 4) Review of present and expected funding opportunities and mechanisms for operationalization of the plan by way of city, state, Federal, private resources.

IF APPLICABLE

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal: Professional services/TA
State:
City:
Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED

Salaries/Benefits:
Supplies:
Transportation/Travel:
Other (explain):
Subcontracts: Yes___NoX
If yes, supply listing and dollar amount
(please attach)

***179-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: DPH Dental Hygiene Pilot Demonstration Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

**Report
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on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____

Shirley A. Williams
City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***179-07 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut through the Department of Public Health is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the Pilot Demonstration Program to Improve Oral Health at WIC Sites; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to implement a dental hygiene program at the Bridgeport Women Infants and Children (WIC) site; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, Department of Social Services, submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Public Health in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for the purpose of a pilot dental hygiene program at the WIC site; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the Department of Public Health for funds to implement a dental hygiene program at the Bridgeport Women Infants and Children (WIC) site.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with Connecticut Department of Public Health, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.



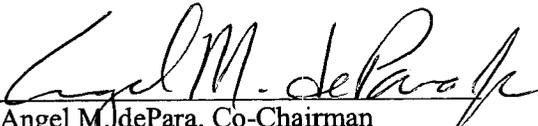
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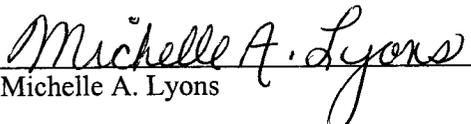
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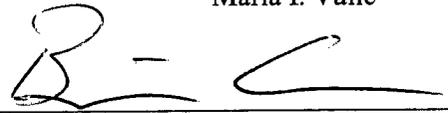
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GRANTS SUMMARY SHEET
City Council

APPLICATION AND OR LOCAL TITLE: DPH WIC Dental Hygiene Pilot Program

CITY OFFICIAL in-charge: Iris Molina Phone: 576-7471

New Grant: x Continuing (existing) Grant: _____

FUNDING SOURCES-(include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:
State: \$37,100
City:
Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED:

Salaries/Benefits:
Supplies: \$2,100
Transportation/Travel:
Other (explain):
Subcontracts: Yes _____ x _____ No
If yes, supply listing and dollar amount (please attach)
\$35,000 part time contracted hygienist

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The CT Department of Public Health released a request for proposals to implement a pilot demonstration program to improve the oral health of at risk and underserved children by providing dental hygiene services directly on site at one Women Infants Children (WIC) site in the State.

The Bridgeport WIC Program officially began serving its own city's residents, as well as eligible families who reside in the five surrounding towns that comprise the greater Bridgeport area, on May 1, 1974. These are the towns of Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull. The Bridgeport WIC Program continues to serve eligible residents of those areas. In addition, any eligible resident of the State of Connecticut who finds it more convenient, may chose to receive WIC benefits in Bridgeport's main office or at one of it's outlying sites, after being advised of a location closer to their home. **As of May 2008, Bridgeport's WIC program had 6,681 active clients – 1639 pregnant and parenting women and 4342 children ages birth through 5.**

PROJECT DATES: October 1st 2008 – September 30th, 2009.

TARGET POPULATION:

Clients of the WIC program, including pre and post natal women for education about the importance of dental care for infants and children for dental health screenings beginning at one year of age. It is estimated that in year 1 of programming, we will provide 960 oral health assessments to WIC clients aged 1 and over, with the majority coinciding with their 1 year nutritional assessment visit.

PROGRAM GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

The City of Bridgeport WIC Program will contract for the services of a professionally licensed dental hygienist. Services will include: oral health risk assessment, fluoride varnish application and necessary referrals to other oral health providers such as the Oral Health Bridgeport Initiative (ORBIT) collaborators. Referrals will also be made to oral health providers who are participating in the State's medical entitlement plan. All other services within the dental hygiene scope of practice where practical will be provided as well.

***180-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection - America the Beautiful Program.

**Report
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on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____

[Handwritten Signature]

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***180-07 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the *Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry* is responsible for the administration of Federal funding for urban forestry grants through the *America the Beautiful (ATB) Grant Program*; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Bridgeport's Plan of Conservation and Development* ("Master Plan") emphasizes the necessity of increasing the city's tree canopy by developing a tree planting program to plant 3,000 new trees by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Bridgeport* has a strong interest in protecting the water quality of the Pequonnock River, which is listed by the CT DEP as an impaired waterbody; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the *City of Bridgeport* that stormwater runoff at Glenwood Park is a contributor of water pollution in the Pequonnock River that can be reduced significantly by the planting of trees in the overflow path; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the *City of Bridgeport, Departments of Public Facilities and Parks & Recreation*, submit an application to the CT DEP America the Beautiful Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for the purchase of trees to be planted at Glenwood Park, as well as signage to educate the public on water pollution prevention and mitigation efforts in the park.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the *CT DEP's America the Beautiful Grant Program* for funds for the purpose of planting trees at Glenwood Park near the Pequonnock River.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor, or his designees to execute and file such application with the *CT DEP*, to provide such additional information and to execute and administer such other contracts and documents as may be necessary to execute this program.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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Council Date: October 6, 2008



GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE: CT Department of Environmental Protection-America the Beautiful Grant Application 2008

RENEWAL NEW

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Central Grants Office

CONTACT NAME: Christina Kazanas-Grants Writer

PHONE NUMBER: 332-5662

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

The City of Bridgeport is seeking funding through the CT Department of Environmental Protection's America the Beautiful program to conduct strategic tree planting in Glenwood Park. The project will replace diseased and dying trees in the park's Southern end, and will plant new trees to reduce the impact of stormwater overflow from Glenwood Ave. that is currently eroding the riverbed along the Pequonnock River and contributing to the pollution of that waterbody. If funded, the grant will allow the city to purchase 17 trees that will be maintained through the City's current tree maintenance schedule.

CONTRACT DATES: Anticipated- October 2008-October 2009

PROJECT GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

1. Replace dying and dead trees in Glenwood Park.
2. Plant new trees to mitigate stormwater runoff erosion and pollution of the Pequonnock River.
3. Increase the tree canopy in the City.

4. Educate public and students about the environmental benefit of tree planting to improve air and water quality through a tree planting day event in the park.
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IF APPLICABLE

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:

State: \$8,000

City: \$8,000 (in-kind)

Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED

Salaries/Benefits:

Supplies: \$6,410 (trees)

Transportation/Travel:

Other (explain): \$1,590 (Signage in park and Promotional Materials for event)

Subcontracts: Yes__No_X__

If yes, supply listing and dollar amount
(please attach)

***181-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT), Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Grant for Veterans Transportation.

**Report
of
Committee
on
ECB & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____



Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***181-07 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport will purchase a vehicle for the Veteran's Affairs Department; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to purchase a new 16-20 passenger vehicle, equipped with a wheelchair lift, to provide approximately 4,000 Bridgeport Veterans and their dependents uninterrupted transportation to and from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Haven, CT; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for funds to transport our Veterans for their medical needs.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, to provide such additional information and to execute and administer such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary to execute this program.



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***181-07 Consent Calendar**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT

Richard M. Paoletto, Jr., Co-Chairman



Angel M. dePara, Co-Chairman



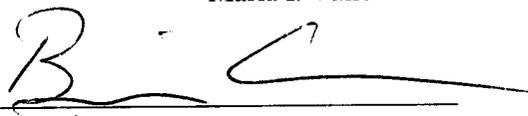
Michelle A. Lyons

Ezequiel Santiago

Warren Blunt



Maria I. Valle



Brian C. Crowe

Council Date: October 6, 2008



GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE : Veterans Transportation, Section 5310 Grant Program

RENEWAL _____ NEW x

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: _____ Central Grants Office _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ Alexandra McGoldrick, Grants Writer _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ (203) 332-5665 _____

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

The City of Bridgeport is seeking funding through the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Grant Program to purchase a new 16-20 passenger vehicle, equipped with a wheelchair lift, in order to provide approximately 4,000 Bridgeport Veterans and their dependents uninterrupted transportation to and from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Haven, CT.

CONTRACT DATES: To be determined. One year period.

PROJECT GOALS AND PROCEDURES: In current use is a 2004 Ford Econoline E4 passenger bus, equipped with a wheelchair lift. This vehicle's performance, since its purchase in 2005, has been extremely unreliable. The engine had to be rebuilt in 2006 as a result of a recall. The problems did not cease but compounded, compromising the medical transportation service to the VA Hospital for our Veterans in need. The Veterans Department continues to provide over 4,000 round-trip rides each year for over 800 veterans. Currently, the bus is filled to capacity most days when it is in service. It is estimated that this will continue to be the case based on the medical needs of our Veterans. This service is imperative to our Veterans and their dependents for a variety of appointments such as Occupational Therapy, Work Programs, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Therapy, Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinics, Cardiac Thoracic Clinics, Eye Clinics, Kidney Dialysis, and many more in order to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

IF APPLICABLE

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:

State: 80% of cost of vehicle up to \$40,000

City: 20% match based on cost of vehicle

Transportation/Travel:

Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED

Salaries/Benefits:

Supplies:

Other (explain):

Subcontracts: Yes _____ No

If yes, supply listing and dollar amount
(please attach)

***182-07 Consent Calendar**

Grant Submission re: Connecticut Department of Economic Community Development Re: Brownfields Municipal Pilot Program for clean-up activities located at 729 North Washington Avenue.

**Report
of
Committee
on
CEA & Environment**

Submitted: October 6, 2008

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____



City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **ECD and Environment** begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

***182-07 Consent Calendar**

WHEREAS, the *Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development*, through the *Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development Program* is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants through the *Brownfields Municipal Pilot Program*; and

WHEREAS, this program has been made possible via Bond funds authorized in Public Act 07-233 to provide grants to (5) municipalities or municipal entities based on population; and

WHEREAS, the *Brownfields Municipal Pilot Program* funds environmental investigation and cleanup of contaminated Brownfield sites that demonstrate both a threat to public health and an opportunity for redevelopment and reuse; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Bridgeport* recognizes the public health threat and economic development potential of an identified Brownfield site at 729 North Washington Avenue, currently owned by Bob Hawie and occupied by Hawie Manufacturing, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used by the City to pay for investigation and cleanup of the site at 729 North Washington Avenue for the purpose of assisting Hawie Manufacturing, Inc. in selling the property for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bridgeport, *Office of Planning and Economic Development*, submit an application to the *Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development*, through the *Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development Program/Brownfields Municipal Pilot Program* in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the purpose of *paying for consulting services to conduct site investigation and environmental clean-up of the site at 729 North Washington Avenue.*



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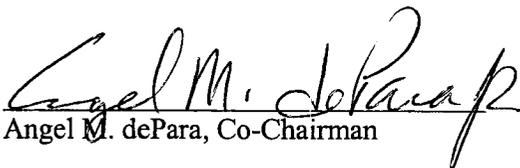
***182-07 Consent Calendar**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the City's grant application and contract to the Connecticut *Department of Economic and Community Development*, for funds to conduct site investigation and clean-up of the site at 729 North Washington Avenue.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor, or his designees to execute and file such application with the *Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development* to provide such additional information and to execute and administer such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary to execute this program.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT

Richard M. Paoletto, Jr., Co-Chairman



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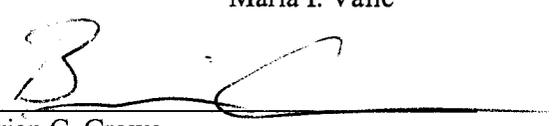
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Brian C. Crowe

Council Date: October 6, 2008



GRANT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE: DECD/OBRD Brownfield Municipal Pilot Program Proposal

RENEWAL _____ NEW X

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING INFORMATION: Central Grants Office

CONTACT NAME: Christina Kazanas-Grants Writer

PHONE NUMBER: 332-5662

PROJECT SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

The CT Department of Economic and Community Development, through its Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development, is offering funding for Brownfield investigation and clean up activities through its Brownfield Municipal Pilot Program. The City of Bridgeport is seeking \$500,000 through this program to fund assessment and clean-up activities at the site located at 729 North Washington Avenue, owned by Bob Hawie and occupied by Hawie Manufacturing. The Office of Planning and Economic Development will oversee the project, which will allow the owner to sell the property for commercial purposes once the contamination is remediated.

CONTRACT DATES: Date of anticipated award and contract dates are not known.

PROJECT GOALS AND PROCEDURES:

1. Conduct all necessary assessments of the parcel in question to determine the extent of the contamination.
2. Site remediation and clean up, including demolition of 6 unusable buildings.
3. Achievement towards City's goals to remediate Brownfield sites for redevelopment.

IF APPLICABLE

FUNDING SOURCES (include matching/in-kind funds):

Federal:

State: \$500,000

City:

Other:

FUNDS REQUESTED

Salaries/Benefits:

Supplies:

Transportation/Travel:

Other (explain):

Subcontracts: Yes X No

If yes, supply listing and dollar amount
(please attach)

*Consultant Services for environmental
assessments, remediation and abatement,
monitoring and demolition of buildings
(\$500,000)*

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Resolution Calling for the Termination of the Tax Assessor and Assistant **DENIED**

Report
of
Committee
on
Miscellaneous Matters

Submitted: October 6, 2008(OFF THE FLOOR)

Adopted: _____

Steve B. Wilson

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.

The Committee on **Miscellaneous Matters** begs leave to report; and recommends **DENIAL** of the following resolution:

143-07

City of Bridgeport Common Council Resolution to terminate the employment of the City Tax Assessor, Bill O'Brien and his Deputy, Roger Palmer and to conduct an investigation into the relationship of Carl M. DeProfio, of 19 Lily Lane Huntington, CT 06484 owner of the Municipal Tax Services LLC with the parties mentioned above and with the City Attorney, Russell D. Liskov.

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeport Connecticut having employed the three individuals named above as city employees, (the Tax Assessor, Bill O'Brien, Deputy Tax Assessor Roger Palmer, Associate City Attorney Russell D. Liskov) as employees of the City have a responsibility to perform their functions in a professional, responsible, equitable and ethical manner for the benefit of the City, its citizens and taxpayers; and be it

RESOLVED, I, Louis Roman a tax payer and citizen of the City do hereby charge the City Assessor Bill O'Brien, Deputy Tax Assessor Roger Palmer of failing to fulfill their responsibilities by their malicious misconduct that merits an internal investigation, Furthermore, I charge two individuals named above with falsely inflating the tax basis and subsequent tax revenue to the City's Legislative Branch who thereafter sets the City's budget and tax rate; and

WHEREAS, Bill O'Brien as Tax Assessor and Roger Palmer as Deputy Tax Assessor have violated the city's rules of ethical conduct by exploiting their positions of authority and responsibility and using their authority in a punitive manner against Bridgeport's citizens and taxpayers who question or challenge their actions or motives; and

WHEREAS, By their abusive mistreatment of their positions and by misinforming the Common Council and failing to provide correct information to be used in the creation of the City's Budget and by the blatant and abusive treatment of the citizens and taxpayers of the City, these individuals create a hostile relationship between the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, This abusive and hostile environment further discourages investors and adversely affects the City's ability to attract outside investments to create new employment thereby reducing the City's tax base resulting in an increased tax burden to a smaller number of tax payers; and



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WHEREAS, With its citizens unable to be provided the opportunity for gainful employment the net result is an increase in foreclosures, welfare costs, and a greater tax burden to all of the City's citizens; and

WHEREAS, The process to any business failure and the City of Bridgeport is a multi-million business starts with an unfair, abusive business practices and in the case of the City an unethical taxation policy used by non-resident individuals in positions of authority in the Tax Assessor's Office have the same effect in starting the process wherein the only option after the Tax Appeal Process (which is controlled by the Tax Assessor Bill O'Brien, his Deputy Roger Palmer and City Attorney Russell D. Liskov) is to take the matter to the courts. Unfortunately, the majority of the tax payers targeted by this group lacks the knowledge or finances to fight a protracted court battle to save their homes from unfair and excessive taxes imposed on their homes, business, cars or personal property; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Tax Services LLC owned by Carl DeProfio of 19 Lily Lane, Huntington CT is the enforcement arm of this group having a contract with the City that the City Attorney's Office and who refuses to provide a copy of the contract after a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act, this begs for an investigation as this is the organization that terrorizes and freely boots citizen's cars and causes them to be towed away, (in one known case a Hispanic woman having recently given birth and with her new born baby was in the Bank of America building on Middle Street in mid winter with temperatures in the low teens, when her car was booted by two oversized bullies who had her car towed away leaving her stranded with her new born in the cold with no care or consideration for the mother or the baby), therefore we as taxpayers must know the exact nature of this organization, it owners, members, authority and limitations of their contract inclusive of Cancellation Clauses, in effect bringing these people and how they conduct business out in the light of day; and

WHEREAS, A reporter from the Hartford Courant has informed me that upon a recent investigation in possible municipal corruption he discovered that Associate City Attorney Russell D. Liskov was listed as having owned forty-five (45) real estate holding companies. In consideration of the City of Bridgeport's history of Municipal Corruption and to quiet the rumors that there exist a group of Senior City Hall employees that have been using shell corporations to purchase foreclosed city properties there exists a basis for an investigation by the FBI to remove any possibility of misconduct by the City Attorney's Office, the Tax Assessor's Office and the parties charged in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Every Wednesday morning, the parties charged herein meet in the Tax Collector's Office in a meeting with an unknown agenda but that could be indicative of violations of the Federal RICO regulations if it can be proven that in any way they were party to a conspiracy; and

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WHEREAS, The parties hereby charged as employees of the City have no vested interest in the City's well being as they are not residents of the City in Violation of the City's Charter pursuant to Sec.2.04.050 Residence requirement For Appointment or employment as stated below; and Now Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Based on the above charges and many more that are known to you as members of the City's Common Council and that can be provided upon an open request to the Citizens and Tax Payers of the City of Bridgeport and pursuant to the City's Charter Sec. 2.04.140 **Removal From Office Procedure noted below and 2.04.050 Residence requirement-For appointment or employment.**

2.04.140 Removal from Office-Procedure

A. No person shall be removed from office pursuant to the authority vested in the city council by the City Charter except in accordance with the provisions of this section.

B. A removal proceeding may be initiated by:

1. The mayor summons an officer to appear before the city council at a place and time specified in the summons to show cause why he/she should not be removed from office as provided in the city Charter. Such summons shall specify the charges against the officer whose removal is sought.

A copy of such summons shall be filed with the city clerk;

2. The affirmative vote of eleven council members upon a resolution summoning the officer to appear before the council at a place and time specified in the resolution to show cause why he/she should not be removed from office. Such resolution shall specify the charges against the officer whose removal is sought.

C. Whenever the city council votes to summon an officer to appear before it, as provided in the Charter and this section, the council president shall cause a summons, containing the information required by the Charter, to be served on such officer.

D. The officer whose removal is sought shall have the right to appear at any proceeding conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section; to be represented by counsel; to confront and cross-examine all witnesses; to produce witnesses in his own defense and to the same compulsory process as is available to the city council under Chapter 5, Section 5(e) of the city Charter.

E. The city council, sitting as a committee of the whole, with the council president presiding (or in his/her absence a council member elected by a majority of the council members present) shall conduct a public hearing to determine whether cause exists for removal and shall prepare and submit a recommendation to the full council for its action thereon. A transcript of any such hearing shall be prepared and filed with the city clerk, as required by Chapter 2, Section 17(c) of the City Charter. The mayor or the independent counsel appointed pursuant to subsection I of this section, as the case may be, shall have the burden of proof as to the complaint. A finding by the ethics commission of a violation of the ethics ordinance shall constitute prima facie evidence supporting removal under this section.

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The record of transcript of any proceeding before the ethics commission shall be included in the record and made available to the members of the city council. Conformity to legal rules of evidence shall not be required. All witnesses shall be sworn. The council shall be the judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence offered. Council members may question witnesses at any point in the proceeding. The council may receive and consider the evidence of witnesses by affidavit, but shall only give it such weight as deemed proper after consideration of any objection made to its admission.

F. The committee of the whole and city council shall act upon the proposed removal within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the hearing required by subsection E of this section, provided that the time limit may be amended by a majority vote of the whole number of council members, for reasonable cause shown.

G. No officer shall be removed except upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the city council, as required by the city council, as required by the City Charter.

H. Any complaints pending before the city council on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section shall be handled pursuant to its provisions.

I. Whenever the city council votes to summon an officer to appear before it, pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 17(b) of the City Charter, it shall, by majority vote, appoint an independent counsel to prosecute the complaint.

2.04.050 Residence requirement -For appointment or employment

No person shall be eligible for appointment to any office or for employment in any department of the town or city unless such person shall have been a continuous and bona fide resident of the city for at least one year next prior to such appointment or employment.

2.04.060 Residence requirement - During service or employment

Every person occupying any office in or employed by the town or city shall maintain a continuous and bona fide residence in the city during the period of such appointment or employment; and, if he shall cease to be a resident of the city at any time during the period of such appointment or employment, his office shall thereupon become vacant and such appointment or employment shall thereupon terminate.

2.04.070 Residence requirement - Suspension for certain individuals

The requirements of Sections 2.04.050 and 2.04.060 of this chapter may be suspended by a majority vote of the common council; and such sections shall not apply to any person whose appointment or employment requires that he reside outside of the city limits at the actual place of employment.

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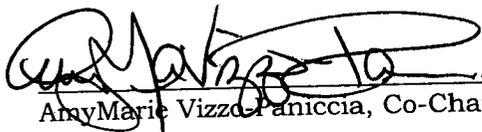
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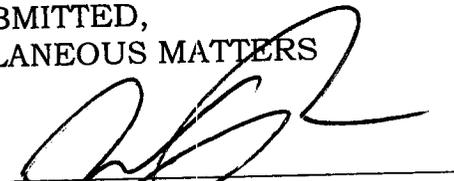
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BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Bridgeport Common Council; in compliance with the City Charter and after conferring with their respected constituents, and after conferring with their respected constituents, and after requesting an FBI investigation does hereby resolve to stand up for its Citizens and vote to Terminate the Employment of the Tax Assessor Bill O'Brien, his Deputy Roger Palmer and to conduct its own open investigation of the relationship of Carl M. DeProfio owner of the Municipal Tax Services LLC and Russell D. Liskov, Associate City Attorney.

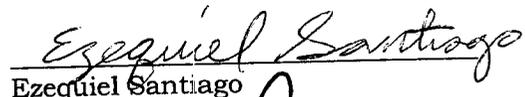
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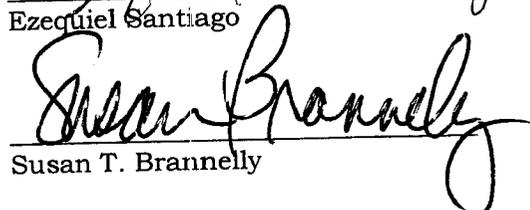

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Consent Calendar

Appointment of Joseph W. Ianniello (R) to the Ethics
commission

**Report
of
Committee
on
Miscellaneous Matters**

Submitted: October 6, 2008(OFF THE FLOOR)

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____



City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on **Miscellaneous Matters** begs leave to report;
and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

*163-07 Consent Calendar

RESOLVED, That the following named individual be, and hereby is, appointed to the Ethics Commission in the City of Bridgeport and that said appointment, be and hereby is, approved, ratified and confirmed.

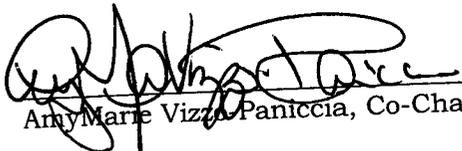
NAME

Joseph W. Ianniello (R)
128 Balmforth Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605
Replaces: Gerard Eisenman

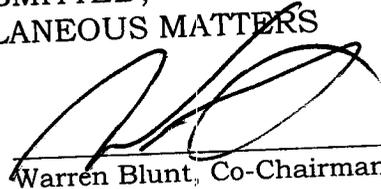
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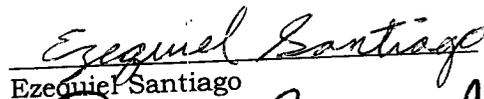


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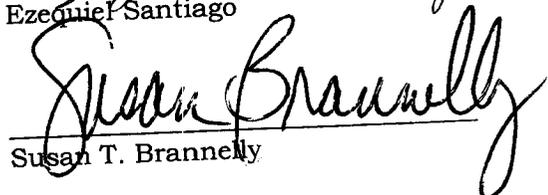
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166-07

New Position: Police Department - Assistant Chief of,
Police

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Committee
on
Miscellaneous Matters**

Submitted: October 6, 2008 (OFF THE FLOOR)

Adopted: _____



Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved _____

Mayor



City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport:

The Committee on Miscellaneous Matters begs leave to report;
and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to City Charter Chapter 17 Section 206(d) the Civil Service Commission has approved the following position as necessary to the operation of the Bridgeport Police Department; and

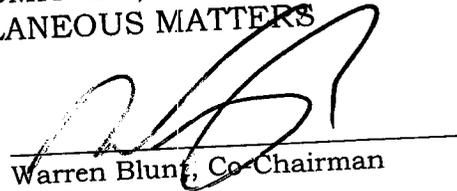
WHEREAS, The Commission has approved the new position with the intention that the Assistant Chief of Police will be a non-competitive classification and that the incumbent will serve at the pleasure of the Chief of Police; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Special Act #85 of the Special Acts of 1957, the City Council of the City of Bridgeport does hereby establish the following new position in the Classified Service:

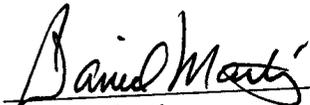
Police Department - (1) Assistant Chief of Police

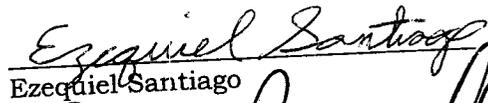
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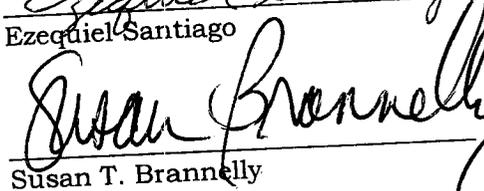

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