

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Chair; Carlos Silva, Co-chair; Martin McCarthy; Thomas McCarthy; Robert Curwen; Michelle Lyons (6:07 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Susan Brannelly, Council Member; R. Weiner, Benefits Manager; Atty. Mark Anastasi, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**30-09 Proposed agreement with the Hartford Life and Accident Insurance company for Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits for City Employees.**

Mr. Weiner reviewed the contract with the Commission. Council Member Curwen asked what the savings would be. Mr. Weiner said that the annual savings would be \$100,000, but that the last quarter (April, May, June) would be about \$30,000.

Mr. Silva asked who the other bidders were. Mr. Weiner said that there were numerous major insurance companies that bid on the RFP.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 30-09 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY FOR GROUP LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS FRO CITY EMPLOYEES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**31-09 Proposed agreement with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. to provide prescriptions drug benefits to covered employees and retirees of the City and Board of Education.**

Mr. Weiner reviewed the details of the last RFP and contract with Medco. The Coalition decided rather than doing a full RFP in December 2008, they would contact Medco about the contract. The offered contract was very favorable for the City.

*Ms. Lyons joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.*

He said that with all the savings it would save the City 5.2 million dollars. Council Member Paoletto commended Mr. Weiner with all the savings. Council Member Curwen asked why the City was getting the significant savings. Mr. Weiner explained that the City currently pays out about 15 million dollars in prescriptions. With the coalition, there is strong purchasing power, which is why Medco can offer such a strong discount. This contract will extend to December 31, 2011.

Council Member Silva asked what the savings would be for the entire contract. Mr. Weiner said that inflation will be reducing the savings by 9% for 2011.

Council Member Lyons asked about the coverage for the Board of Education employees. Mr. Weiner reviewed the details of the costs for prescriptions and said that he was building 9% into the budget for inflation.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 31-09 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTIONS DRUG BENEFITS TO COVERED EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE CITY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM 10/01/08 TO 12/31/2011.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**33-09 Proposed Severance with Ralph Jacobs**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED SEVERANCE AGREEMENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee and Attorney Anastasi entered into Executive Session to discuss a severance package at 6:15 p.m.

*Council Member Brannelly joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.*

The Committee and Attorney Anastasi returned to public session at 7:20 p.m.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 33-09 PROPOSED SEVERANCE AGREEMENT WITH RALPH JACOBS WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY WOULD AUTHOR A LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS COMMITTEE'S EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND RALPH JACOBS FOR A VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT SEVERANCE PACKAGE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Paoletto requested this be placed on the Consent Calendar.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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