

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

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Chair; Carlos Silva, James Holloway, Michelle Lyons, Council President Thomas McCarthy, Robert Curwen

OTHERS: Council Member Susan Brannelly, City Attorney Mark Anastasi; John Ricci, Sikorsky Airport

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2010.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2010.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2010 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

149-09 Proposed Agreement with Vector-US, Inc to provide General Aviation Billing, Servicing and Collecting Services for the City.

Mr. Ricci came forward and explained that this was a contract to broaden the ability of the airport to collect the landing fees from the number of aircraft that land after hours. This will be done by installing cameras and taking a photograph of the tail numbers of the aircraft that land after the tower is closed. An independent company will monitor this and bill the pilots. Pilots that file a flight plan pay landing and takeoff fees, but pilots that fly on visual plans after hours are not currently monitored.

Council President McCarthy said that he was on the Airport Commission and that he was strongly in favor of this because there would be a revenue stream for the airport, along with providing greater security.

Council Member Lyons asked for further details. Mr. Ricci explained that when the tower is not manned, then the pilots do not have to pay the fee. He said that the new equipment would monitor the landings and take-offs.

Council Member Silva asked about the length of the contract with Vector-US. Mr. Ricci said it was a four year contract and would cover from July 2010-2014. The company

provides the fees to the airport and their payment comes in an additional fee from what they collect from the pilots collect.

Council Member Brannelly joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Council Member Lyons asked about the fee schedule. Mr. Ricci said that it was based on the size of the aircraft. Once this system is installed, Mr. Ricci said that the airport will have a better idea of how much the airport is being used. Later the airport will be reviewing other airports' fees and adjust the fees accordingly.

Council Member Curwen said that he was not aware that there was a period when the tower was unmanned and that he was uncomfortable with this because of security concerns.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 149-10 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH VECTOR-US, INC TO PROVIDE GENERAL AVIATION BILLING, SERVICING AND COLLECTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that this item be included on the consent calendar.

155-09 Proposed Agreement with the State of Connecticut for Preliminary Design and Permitting for Runway 06/24 Reconstruction at Sikorsky Memorial Airport File No. AERO-5800-1649; State Project No. DOT00150350PE.

Mr. Ricci explained that in order to get the project improvements completed, it would involve relocating a road, and then reconstructing an existing runway. The money is available, and the City was able to dovetail all three phases of the project and get the Federal funding. The City's portion would be for \$7,500. Both the State and the Federal government will be carrying the major portion of the costs, but the City will be reimbursed by the State after the project is completed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 155-09 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR RUNWAY 06/24 RECONSTRUCTION AT SIKORSKY MEMORIAL AIRPORT FILE NO. AERO-5800-1649; STATE PROJECT NO. DOT00150350PE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that this item be included on the consent calendar.

Council Members Lyons and Holloway left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

RECESS

Chairman Paoletto called a recess at 6:11 p.m. the meeting reconvened at 6:13 p.m.

151-09 Proposed Agreement with Panuzio & Giordano Public Affairs, LLC for Federal Lobbying Services.

Atty. Anastasi said that an interview process had been held and half a dozen firms had participated. After the interviews, the interview panel, the recommendation was that the City continues with Panuzio and Giordano for Federal Lobbying.

Council Member Lyons joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Atty. Anastasi pointed out that the firm represented both sides of the aisle, which is particularly important with the recent changes in Washington. .

Council President McCarthy said that the lobbyists had been very open to the Council Members. He said that when the Council Members go to D.C., the lobbyists have been very helpful in arranging meetings with Congressional representatives

Council Member Silva said that he felt the bipartisanship aspect was important.

Council President McCarthy asked how long the contract was. Atty. Anastasi said that it was for one year and with a one year renewal option.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM
151-09 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH PANUZIO & GIORDANO PUBLIC
AFFAIRS, LLC FOR FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES.
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that this item be included on the consent calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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