

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 23, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Lydia Martinez, Chair; M. Evette Brantley; Leticia Colon; Robert Curwen Sr.

OTHER: Gabriel Phillips, Tina Baptista, City of Bridgeport; Alexandra McGoldrick, City of Bridgeport; Bill Coleman, City of Bridgeport

CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve Minutes Of March 20, 2012, March 27, 2012 Public Hearing, Committee Minutes Of March 28, 2012 Public Hearing, Committee Minutes Of March 29, 2012 Public Hearing

**** MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2012, MARCH 27, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2012, MARCH 27, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING AS SUBMITTED WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

80-11: Grant Submission re: 2012-2014 Ryan White Program Services

Ms. McGoldrick was present to give an overview on the proposed grant submission. She gave an overview of the legal details involved to the committee members. Council Member Brantley asked if it required matching funding to which Ms. McGoldrick replied that it did not require matching funding. She added that the city oversees the direct funding.

**** A MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 80-11 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: 2012-2014 RYAN WHITE PROGRAM SERVICES WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

81-11: Grant Submission re: 2012 Neighborhood Assistance Act.

Ms. Baptista was present to give an overview of the proposal regarding finding funding for tax credits. The original proposal was submitted a few weeks ago and now needs to be amended. There are two additional programs listed in the documentation. The Connecticut General Statutes require that the original approval be amended to include the two indicated items.

**** A MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND ITEM 81-11: GRANT SUBMISSION RE: 2012 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT AS DOCUMENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

85-11: Proposed Resolution regarding the fixing of the assessment on personal property 400 Megawatt UTC Fuel Cell - Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard.

Mr. Bill Coleman was present to provide an overview of the proposal for the committee. Gabriel Phillips was present as well to present the item. He asked for their consideration for a tax assessment regarding a smaller taxation for a fuel cell that is proposed to be installed at the Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard. He provided photographic handouts of the proposed fuel cell for the committee. He stated that if the committee planned to act that there would be a need for a public hearing. He reviewed the locations of pre-existing fuel cells for the committee. He stated that the fuel cell would not add energy into the grind but rather supply directly to the arena. He stated that the generator did not make harmful emission of any kind and that the only byproduct would be water. He said that the generator would run off of hydrogen, which could be obtained, from natural gas.

He then stated that the fuel cell could deliver power to the arena at a 10% discount from the current rates and the discount would grow over time. He then reviewed a report concerning the goals of the project that he had received from the National Development Council. He then reviewed the financial numbers and expected savings for the committee. Discussion followed. Council Member Curwen asked if the amount of energy generated by the fuel cell would be used only for the arena or if it would be provided to other residents of Bridgeport. It was stated that the amount of energy generated by the fuel cell would not be enough to fully satisfy the arena and that there would be no excess to provide to other residents.

**** THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN.**

**** THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN REQUESTED A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 4TH AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Council Member Curwen asked why the fuel cell would not be larger so as provide power to the surrounding members of Bridgeport. He was told that the cost of delivering power through the grid from one location to another would be fiscally impractical.

ADJOURNMENT

**** THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLON.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ian A. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services.