

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CITY COUNCIL  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 21, 2009  
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Vizzo-Paniccia; co-chair, M. Ayala, Taylor-Moye, Brannelly

OTHERS: Council members: M. McCarthy, T. McCarthy  
Assistant City Attorney Ron Pacacha

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**02-09** Proposed settlement of claim re Music and Arts Center for Humanity, Inc. regarding Termination of Lease.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia gave an update that this item concerned a time sensitive suit settlement.

Attorney Pacacha addressed the committee about this item. He stated that during 2007, the city agreed with MACH to lease space in the City Hall Annex on the first floor. The space was located in the blue carpeted area with ten offices. So they agreed to rent the space to MACH, but through a budget shortfall in the city, the administration determined that they would have to sell as many properties as possible in the city. Therefore, they decided that they couldn't go forward with the lease. As a result, MACH was upset that the city didn't honor the lease and subsequently, this resulted in them trying to sell the space. During negotiations, it was recommended that a settlement would be in the best interest of the city. He went on to say that because MACH said the city refused to honor leasing of the space, they made a legal demand for the city to find them an alternative space and the matter was perceived as a threatened lease.

Council member Taylor-Moye asked why the lease wasn't honored. She also questioned if the space would be leased to someone else.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia asked if an executive session was required to answer these questions. Attorney Pacacha stated that if the committee wanted additional legal details concerning the matter, then he suggested that they enter into executive session.

Attorney Pacacha continued and stated that the Mayor wanted to keep the option open to sell the property, but he felt it was better to tell MACH that they wouldn't honor the lease. He said he wasn't privy to the information as to why this decision was made.

Council member Taylor-Moye requested more detailed information regarding this matter.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCA MADE A MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The committee moved into executive session at 6:20 p.m.*

*The committee came out of executive session at 6:30 p.m.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AND THAT \$60K BE PAID TO MACH PER THE LEASE TERMINATION FOR THE FACILITY IN THE CITY HALL ANNEX IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham

Telesco Secretarial Services

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