

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Milta Feliciano, Co-Chair; Alfredo Castillo; Jack Banta; Richard Paoletto; Thomas McCarthy, Council President;

**OTHER:** Renu Gupta, Central Grants Office; Parag Agrawal, OPED; Richard DeJesus (6:10)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by Co-Chair Lyons.

**178-13 GRANT SUBMISSION STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (OPM) TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) PLANNING OF GRANT PROGRAM**

Ms. Gupta asked about the proposed dollar amount for the development planning around the train station. Mr. Agrawal responded with the details of the proposed dollar amount. He mentioned how the new design fits in with the master plan. Construction is expected to start in December 2017. He indicated where the access points were for the station and where the half-mile walking radius was. He indicated on a map where the underutilized property was by the train station. A strategy has been developed for the entire area. Both density and height were considered. Also they want a community-developed master plan.

Phase 1 is shown on the Master Map. The second phase will be its implementation with a completion date of 2015/16. This will result in it being completed before the train station. Discussion followed. Concerns were raised about the increase in traffic density for the schools.

It was pointed out that the point of the master plan was to see how the construction would affect the local area. Council member Castillo asked about the various support services that might exist including super markets and commercial enterprises.

There were concerns about a potential conflict with a recently approved housing project in the area. Council Member Feliciano stated that there were concerns about the buildup of traffic that is already going on in the area. She said she had wished to know about this in advance. Council Member McCarthy spoke about the details of a recent bankruptcy ruling and how it would affect the project. Discussion followed. It was stated that this of planning should have happened before the other projects were brought forwards.

It was stated that any additional information on the project needed to be submitted before the next council meeting. Council Member McCarthy asked about the stated funding for the project.

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Renu reviewed the history of the proposed funding and how they arrived at the stated amount of \$240,000

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO AMEND ITEM 178-13 TO UPDATE THE DOLLAR FIGURES TO THE STATE OF \$240,000 WITH A MATCH OF \$10,000 TO ENSURE THAT IS PROTECTED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO APPROVE ITEM 178-13 AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

The motion to adjourn was receded.

Council Member Banta asked about the stated funding and, how, prior there had been no statement of matching funds and if more money would be required. Ms. Gupta said that they were already asking the maximum and it was unlikely that more would be asked.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Ian A. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services