

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Denese Taylor-Moye, Co-Chair;
Melanie Jackson; Jack Banta; Richard D. Salter Jr.

OTHER: Atty. Raymond Rizio; Jose Casco, Councilman, 136th District;
Autumn Hurst, Grant Writer, Central Grants & Community
Development; Christina Smith, Central Grants & Community
Development

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES, MAY 5, 2015

****COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015.**

****COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ITEM 88-14 APPLICATION FOR WAIVER TO EXTEND DRIVEWAY WIDTH
ENTRANCE LOCATED AT GLOBE INDUSTRIES ON 197 ASH STREET**

Atty. Rizio came forward and provided information on the proposed waiver for 197 Ash Street. He stated that while the proposed curb cut is larger than the approved 30 feet, it will also reduce the street's current 160 ft curb cut to 45 feet, thus decreasing a pre-existing non-conformity. He further stated that it will move the establishment's commercial traffic to the less utilized Ash Street rather than the heavily utilized Dewey Street.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if the location was in the West End and whether he had spoken to the West End council members. Atty. Rizio answered in the affirmative. Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if the city would have any monetary involvement with the project, and Atty. Rizio stated that it was a privately funded project with no tax abatements and no city involvement.

Council Member Banta asked if the residents had been informed, and Atty. Rizio stated that they had, and have voiced no objections.

Council Member Taylor-Moye advised Atty. Rizio to touch base with the council members in the district.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 88-14 RE: APPLICATION FOR WAIVER TO EXTEND DRIVEWAY WIDTH ENTRANCE LOCATED AT GLOBE INDUSTRIES ON 197 ASH STREET.
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 89-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP), AND BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATION PROGRAM (#16430) FOR THE EAST END VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT.

Ms. Hurst came forward and reviewed the proposed grant submission with a request for \$175,000 to fund the creation of the East End Violence Prevention Project, a coalition made up of community members, members of the police department, and members of the health department in order to develop a comprehensive strategy to support the reduction of neighborhood violence.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if there was a match for the amount, and Ms. Hurst stated there was no match, and that the sum was purely for planning purposes, with a separate grant to be applied for for the purposes of implementation.

Council Member Banta inquired about the length of the grant, and Ms. Hurst stated it would be in effect from October 2015 to March 2018.

Council Member Salter asked who would be responsible for the day to day management of the project and how they would be hired. Ms. Hurst stated that a consultant/project manager would be hired, and that the health department was responsible for hiring that individual. She further stated that the department was aiming to hire an individual from the East End if possible.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if the grant would spread to other districts, and Ms. Hurst stated that this was the hope. Ms. Hurst further stated that the grant is to fund the planning and research process, with an intention to partner with Sacred Heart to research and interview community members, as well as the Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition.

Council Member Salter asked if the program had been implemented before, and Ms. Hurst stated that it was a pilot program.

Council Member Jackson asked if a single person would be paid for the job, and Ms. Hurst stated that there were multiple positions, with one project member helming the efforts. Council Member Jackson asked if the NRZ was aware of the grant, and Ms. Hurst stated that they were, as the Mayor's Office had reached out to them.

Council Member Lyons asked if they had made contact with council member Eneida Martinez. Ms. Hurst stated that they had, and had a letter of support from Councilwoman Martinez. Council Member Lyons inquired as to why the research partner was specified from Sacred Heart University, and Ms. Hurst stated that having a collegiate research partner was a requirement of the grant, and through working with the Bridgeport Police Department, their recommendation was for Mr. James McCabe, as he has worked with the department before. Council Member Lyons stated that they would like to know if it would be possible to use another university, and Ms. Smith stated that it may be possible.

Council Member Jackson asked if it were possible for a stipulation of hiring that the project member be from the East End, and Ms. Smith stated that after a discussion with the city's attorney, they determined there is an anti-competition law that prohibits this. However, she further stated that the Department of Health were actively considering it as part of the application, and they could incentivize an East End locality, even if they could not demand it.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE GRANT SUBMISSION RE: US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP), AND BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATION PROGRAM (#16430) FOR THE EAST END VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR (TAYLOR-MOYE, JACKSON, BANTA, AND LYONS) AND ONE IN OPPOSITION (SALTER).**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting ended at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos
Telesco Secretarial Services