

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Lyons, Chair; Leticia Colon, Denise Taylor-Moye, John Olson, Richard Paoletto, Angel dePara (5:35 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Jon Urquidi, Engineering Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**35-11 Letter of Commitment – Traffic Signal Improvements on Main Street Utilizing Funding from STP-Urban Program and CMAQ Program: State Project No. 15-H0009.**

Mr. Urquidi said that there were 20 traffic signals involved in this proposal. Due to age and deterioration, these signals should be replaced. There is a Federal Grant that will pay 100% of the work. Council Member Olson asked what portion of Main Street this would involve. This will encompass from Old Town Road to South Main

*Council Member dePara joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.*

Part of the scope of this project will involve including ADA compliance and also having the signals more closely aligned in terms of timing.

Council Member Taylor-Moye asked about the monitoring aspect. Mr. Urquidi explained that if a signal light is out, then it will be relayed to the appropriate department via fiber optics.

Council Member dePara asked about the timeline and how the City would ensure the completion of the project. He asked for clarification on the word “expeditious” since it was open ended. Mr. Urquidi explained that there could be delays in construction or other issues. However, the contractor will be held to a firm timeline and the contractor will be subject to fines if they are late in completing the project.

Council Member dePara asked about the issues around contamination of soil. Mr. Urquidi explained that during the design phase, there will be environmental screening. If environmental contamination is uncovered, the cost will be covered by the State, not the City. Mr. Urquidi explained how the contingency allocations worked. Council Member

dePara said that Bridgeport has brown fields because it is a post industrial city. Mr. Urquidi pointed out that this was mostly roadway and not likely to be a major problem.

Council Member dePara asked about the funding. Mr. Urquidi said that this would be 100% Federally funded.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 35-11 LETTER OF COMMITMENT – TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON MAIN STREET UTILIZING FUNDING FROM STP-URBAN PROGRAM AND CMAQ PROGRAM: STATE PROJECT NO. 15-H0009**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**

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

**36-11 Letter of Commitment – Iranistan Avenue, Installation of Sidewalks from State Street to Railroad Avenue Utilizing funding from STP-Urban Program: State Project No. 15-358 Federal Aide Project No. 1015(124)**

A section of roadway that was originally done under the ERA financing and there had been a request by the City for sidewalks to be included in the project. This request for sidewalks was denied and now this project is focused on replacing the sidewalks, which have been destroyed by the black locust tree roots. The scope will include handicap ramps and the replacement of trees. This project will be 80% funded by STP and 20% City funding.

Council Member Taylor Moye asked about the funding amount. Mr. Urquidi said that it would be approximately \$160,000, which has already been set aside in Capital funding.

Council Member Colon asked about the root damage and whether it would be the responsibility of the home owners. Mr. Urquidi said that he was not a lawyer but also pointed out that the City may have planted these trees. Council Member Lyons said that she believed that the sidewalk was the responsibility of the home owner. Mr. Urquidi said that this would be a gray area for the City Attorney's office. Discussion followed about who may be responsible.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 36-11 LETTER OF COMMITMENT – IRANISTAN AVENUE, INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS FROM STATE STREET TO RAILROAD AVENUE UTILIZING FUNDING FROM STP-URBAN PROGRAM: STATE PROJECT NO. 15-358 FEDERAL AIDE PROJECT NO. 1015(124)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MOYE SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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