

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 11, 2012.**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Leticia Colon, Co-Chair; Andre Baker, Richard Paoletto, Angel dePara, Denise Taylor Moye (5:24 p.m.)

OTHERS: Michael Nydoh, Police Chief Joseph Gaudett, Lt. John Cueto

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes: January 30, 2012 (Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes: March 7, 2012 (Rescheduled Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2012 RESCHEDULED MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes: June 5, 2012.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2012 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

82-11 Request regarding the Discontinuance of a portion of Grant Street between Mill Hill Avenue and Central Avenue.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 82-11 REQUEST REGARDING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF GRANT STREET BETWEEN MILL HILL AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

100-11 Request for Discontinuance of a portion of Shell Street between St. Stephens Road and Ocean Terrace.

Mr. Nydoh explained that the Mayor has requested that the portion of Shell Street by the park be abandoned to expand the Cal Ripken ball field. This request will be going before the Planning and Zoning on July 25th.

Ms. Colon asked if there were residences nearby. Mr. Nydoh said that the Twin Towers senior housing were the only abutters and that there was no need for the street between the field and the property for the senior housing.

Council Member Taylor Moye joined the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Council Member Lyons asked about the funding for the project. It will be jointly funded by the Cal Ripken Foundation and the City of Bridgeport.

Council Member dePara asked if there was urgency with this project. Mr. Nydoh said that it will take some time to work out the utilities, however, it is hoped that there will be only one set up cost when the work on the baseball field construction is done. Construction on the baseball field could start as early as September.

Council Member dePara asked if there had been follow up with the district's Council Members. Mr. Nydoh said that he did not know if the Mayor had contacted them. Council Member dePara asked if a traffic study had been done. Mr. Nydoh said that this had not been done, but the Fire Chief and the Police Chief had indicated that there was not a problem.

Council Member Lyons said that she had nothing from Engineering or the Fire Department.

Council Member Baker asked if Twin Towers residents would have access to the field. Mr. Nydoh said that the border would have a fence and there could be a gate installed. Council Member Baker asked about the parking. Mr. Nydoh said that currently the residents park on the street. Mr. Nydoh added that the school just changed from a renovation to a rebuild.

Council Member Colon asked about the entrance to Captain's Cove. Mr. Nydoh said that it would not affect Captain's Cove.

Council Member Taylor Moye asked whether the district's Council Members had been contacted. Mr. Nydoh said that he would be checking with the Mayor and contacting the Council Members Brannelly and McCarthy.

Council Member Paoletto suggested that the project should go before P&Z and then come back to the Committee when more information was available.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 100-11 REQUEST FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF SHELL STREET BETWEEN ST. STEPHENS ROAD AND OCEAN TERRACE.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECESS.

A recess was declared at 5:38 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

107-11 Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Police and Management for the FY 2012 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Pass Thru Program.

Mr. Patrick Carlton from Central Grants, came forward and gave a brief run down on the \$45,000 grant and said that there were no required City matching funds. Some police equipment will be purchased and the balance of the grant will be used for police overtime.

Council Member dePara said that he was in favor of this. He asked for more detail of the programs and which specialized units would be using this equipment.

Council Member Baker said that he was in favor of this and would like to know where the cameras would be located.

RECESS.

A recess was declared at 5:43 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:50 P.M. Police Chief Gaudett and Lt. Cueto joined the meeting.

Council Member Baker asked for more details about what the funds would be used for. Lt. Cueto then gave a break down of approximately 50% towards equipment and 50% programming. He said that since the amount is not large, the programming would be used towards programs already in place, such as the Urban Street Violence Program. The overtime portion is so that each area commander can go to the areas of concerns. Lt. Cuteo then explained how this would be handled and that about \$20,000 of overtime would be used. Discussion followed about how this would be used for community policing.

Council Member Colon asked about the East Side and West Side substations. Chief Gaudett said that this was not necessarily part of the plan. He added that he hoped to add more hours to the limited hours at the substations. This particular program is not intended to do that.

Council Member Colon asked about the graffiti in the City. Chief Gaudett said that it could be part of the grant funding, but it wasn't the focus of the grant. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 107-11 GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICE AND MANAGEMENT FOR THE FY 2012 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) LOCAL PASS THRU PROGRAM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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