

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 3, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Angel DePara; Letitia Colon; Howard Austin (6:05).

STAFF: Deputy Fire Chief Robert Petrucelli; Rena Bakalar, Central Grants Office.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Ms. Valle.

15-07

GRANT APPLICATION WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY PROGRAM FOR BRIDGEPORT FASST MOBILE (FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY PROGRAM FOR BRIDGEPORT FASST MOBILE)

Ms. Bakalar said that the City has applied through the FEMA program for a trailer, which is an educational tool. Participants are taught what to do in case of a fire; they are taught stop, drop and roll. It is a wonderful learning opportunity for children, accompanied by a curriculum. The main expense is to purchase the learning trailer, which will be shared with other communities. They applied five or six years ago but were not given the award then. They separated this from the smoke alarm project. Other programs have been funded and they looked at the trailer again this time. There is a cost share which can be taken care of from the Capital matching fund, if necessary. There is a suggested list of specifications from the Federal government, which this grant contains. They are asking for the audio-visual package to be added to it to enhance the educational component.

At 6:05 p.m., Mr. Austin arrived at the meeting.

Deputy Chief Petrucelli said there is a section of the trailer that is fire-proofed; they can do an actual burn. This year, the focus of the grant is fire prevention.

Councilwoman Colon asked if other towns would be involved in maintenance. Deputy Chief Petrucelli said they would pay a fee for use. Councilmember Colon said her concern is that it be utilized in Bridgeport. Deputy Chief Petrucelli said if another town is interest in utilizing it, Bridgeport would send its people out. They would be in charge and control. Councilmember Colon asked if the fee would include manpower and Deputy Chief Petrucelli responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Lyons asked what the trailer they received last year was for. Deputy Chief Petrucelli said it was a master security trailer. Councilmember

Lyons said her main concern is that other communities would pay for the cost share. Ms. Bakalar said Bridgeport must pay the cost share. She said this probably would not be funded without sharing it with other communities. She noted that fire statistics would be included in their grant application. Deputy Chief Petrucelli said they would mainly use this in school parking lots.

Councilmember Colon said she did not see seniors listed in the summary. Ms. Bakalar said they are being asked to target youth in the grant but they can bring the trailer to health fairs and senior centers.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED APPROVAL.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16-07

**GRANT APPLICATION WITH US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
(GREAT) 2007 PROGRAM**

Ms. Bakalar said this relates to a gang program that will end in June. This is a new application for a new program to continue this program. This will allow them to take the program to an additional school, Caesar Bataglia School. It is a lesser amount than what they received the last time, in order to be more competitive.

Councilmember DePara asked if they can easily apply and Ms. Bakalar said they have to do a new Federal application. It is harder to get funded the longer you have it.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED APPROVAL.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER COLON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER COLON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Angel DePara; Andre Baker; Letitia Colon; Councilmember Austin (6:10); Councilmember Bonney (6:20).

STAFF: S.J Tyliczszak, OPED; Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney.

OTHERS: Councilmember Walsh; Ana Cruz.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by the Co-Chair.

31-07

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT SIGN IN EXCESS OF 20 FEET TALL PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.32.090. LOCATION: 522 HOUSATONIC AVENUE

- ** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO TABLE.
- ** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER SECONDED.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

40-07

BRIDGEPORT INTERMODEL TRANSPORTATION CENTER TRANSIT GARAGE EXPANSION & WALKWAYS; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR FENCING

Mr. Tyliczszak said that in 2005, the City Council authorized the City to accept money from the State for this garage. The State also reconstructed I-95. They were to put in a parking lot on Water/Main streets. The City requested a fence and sidewalks, which was not done. They put in the standard DOT fence. After much pressure, the State DOT found the money and said they would put up a fence in June 2007. In August 2007, they determined they would not put up the fence but would give the City \$250,000, added to the City's contract, making it \$9,550,000. The paperwork came in February 2008. The resolution is for \$250,000 to be added into the existing contract.

Councilmember Baker asked how much the fence would cost. Mr. Tyliczszak said they have to do it for \$250,000. They are told that the funding is adequate. No City funds will be requested.

At 6:10 p.m., Councilmember Austin arrived at the meeting.

Councilmember Baker asked if he could call construction management for a breakdown and Mr. Tyliszczak responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Walsh asked what had slowed down the bidding process. Mr. Tyliszczak said DAS certification with the State has to be applied for. Blakeslee Precast did not have their precertification done with DAS, so their bid had to be rejected. Blakeslee did the garage the first time. They resubmitted their certification to DAS and were certified. The City rebid and Blakeslee was the only bidder.

**** COUNCILMEMBER COLON MOVED APPROVAL.
** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

42-07

RESOLUTION REQUEST FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BRUSH STREET

Attorney Howlett said this matter is not properly before this committee. Four years ago, the then-President of the City Council asked her to research the procedure. She wrote a 25-page legal memorandum. Fleeta Hudson, City Clerk, suggested that the entire memo be adopted by the City Council.

At 6:20 p.m., Councilmember Bonney arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Howlett continued, noting that a citizen cannot ask for the abandonment of a city road. A citizen can ask for a road to be put in, but that is not the case here.

Councilmember Bonney said this is a paper street. It is part of a parcel that is not developed. A developer wants to develop it. He will bring in sewer and water lines at his expense. There is a piece of property behind this location that does not have city water or sewers. He proposed to make this accessible to the people who live there. It is a benefit to the community and to the city. This developer proposes to put in nine houses. He does not have a problem, however, if this is not legal. Fire trucks cannot get into the property behind this street. This street is at an elevation where there is a 20' drop where it is not feasible to build a street.

Councilmember Colon asked why it is so difficult to see this developed. Attorney Howlett said that the City Charter shows that they don't own any of the roads in the City unless they own the land. Every road is held in trust for the public use. If they give one road to the public, they have to give all to the public. The developer can file a request to build a road in a different location. The departments could then petition the Council to abandon Brush Street.

Councilmember Baker asked if the developer will move forward without getting the street abandoned. Councilmember Bonney said he wants to build the nine houses. He would also bring in water and sewer lines.

Councilmember Austin asked if the new street would allow public access and Councilmember Bonney responded affirmatively.

Councilmember DePara said that Attorney Howlett has provided an avenue for the builder and asked if the builder would offer the City the alternative plot of land of land in exchange for the road. Councilmember Bonney said that would be fine.

Councilmember Baker asked if the developer needs to receive P&Z approvals. Attorney Howlett said that the City engineer has to approve this. This committee would also have to approve it. This has been improperly filed. When it is done the right way, Mr. Nidoh and Mr. Skinner will bring it back to this Committee.

Councilmember Austin said the right way to do this is the legal way.

Councilmember Walsh said he was troubled by the comment that this was referred by a citizen when it was referred by a councilmember. The City Council is as much a department as any other department. What if the City Engineer rejects this? Attorney Howlett said in the past five years, every application that has come through inappropriately has received a letter from her and Mr. Nidoh. There is no provision in the Charter for the Council, acting singly, to do this. She further noted that she is going over every road in the City and will bring a report back to this committee.

Councilmember Bonney said if there is a proper way to do it, he had no problem. Attorney Howlett should write a letter to inform the developer of how this should be done.

**** COUNCILMEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO TABLE AND FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE PROPER INFORMATION IN A LETTER TO THE DEVELOPER.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

52-07

APPOINTMENT OF ANNA C. CRUZ (U) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION

Attorney Howlett asked Ms. Cruz if she was aware of how unique this commission is because of federal laws/orders/guidelines. Ms. Cruz said she had met with then-Mayor Fabrizi a year ago. Attorney Howlett said there is a huge time commitment; Ms. Cruz said she was willing to make that commitment.

The Co-Chair cited past domestic violence incidents and asked Ms. Cruz about her stance on this. Ms. Cruz said she is not a victim. She believes in moving the City forward and improving the City. Domestic violence is not tolerated.

**** COUNCILMEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO APPROVE.**

Councilmember Austin said this is a thankless position and he appreciated Ms. Cruz's willingness to make this commitment.

**** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Bonney asked if the guidelines could be sent to him and Attorney Howlett said she would do so.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2008

**** COUNCILMEMBER COLON MOVED APPROVAL.
** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MAY 6, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Leticia Colon; Angel DePara.

STAFF: Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney.

OTHERS: Councilmember Robert Walsh.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. When a quorum was not present by 6:15 p.m., the Co-Chair announced that the meeting would not be held.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 21, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Howard Austin; Angel DePara; Andre Baker; Leticia Colon (6:05).

STAFF: Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney; City Attorney Mark Anastasi.

OTHERS: Councilwoman Brannely; Donna Curry; Rev. Castillo; Jack McGregor.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Councilwoman Valle.

79-07

APPOINTMENT OF REV. SIMON CASTILL (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION

- ** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO TABLE.
- ** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENT OF JACK MCGREGOR ® TO THE POLICE COMMISSION

In response to questions asked by Councilmember Baker, Mr. McGregor responded as follows:

1. He was never on any other City boards or commissions.
2. He lives in the Black Rock area.
3. He understands that the Police Commission meets monthly and discusses policies and advises the Commission and the Mayor on items regarding police matters. It is a hearing board on personnel disputes.

Councilmember Baker asked who Mr. McGregor would be replacing; Councilmember DePara said he would be replacing James McCollough, a Republican. It was unknown if Mr. McCollough lived in the Black Rock area.

Councilmember Brannely asked Mr. McGregor his feelings about police brutality. Mr. McGregor said he would be concerned about the use of brutality in any factor of our lives.

At 6:05 p.m., Councilmember Colon arrived at the meeting.

Mr. McGregor continued, stating that if an officer killed a civilian, he would insist upon having all of the facts. He would be open-minded and apply the facts to the law. He would have no preconceived notion one way or another.

Councilmember Lyons asked how long Mr. McGregor had been in Bridgeport. He responded that he has worked in Bridgeport for 23 years and has lived here for four years.

**** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPOINT JACK MCGREGOR TO THE POLICE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/09.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCILMEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Lyons, Valle, Colon,
Council President McCarthy (*sat in to make a quorum*)

OTHER(s): Associate City Attorney Howlett

Council member Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes April 1, 2008
Approval of Committee Minutes of May 21, 2008 (*Special Meeting*)

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE
COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

95-07 First Supplemental to the Original Agreement dated November 1, 2004 with the State of Connecticut for the development of contract plans, specifications, and estimates for the traffic signal modernization at various locations utilizing federal funds under the Urban Component of the Surface Transportation Program: State Project No. 15-310 and Federal-Aid Project No. STPB-000R (303)

Mr. Hayatgheybi, the City Traffic Engineer stated he was there to request the authorization to sign a supplemental agreement for thirty-one (31) intersections that have been designed and already under construction. Plus an additional six (6) intersections that need to be done. He explained he was looking to amend the first agreement between Connecticut and the DOT for \$80,000.00.

Council member Colon asked the location of the intersections. Mr. Hayatgheybi noted the following locations:

- Kossuth Street and Seymour Avenue
- Kossuth and Howe Street
- Madison Avenue
- Lafayette Blvd.
- Reservoir Avenue
- Sylvan Avenue

He further noted that traffic lights already existed at these locations and they were just updating them to be computerized.

Council member McCarthy asked how these requests fit into his current employment situation. Mr. Hayatgheybi said he would be laid off as of June 27, but there wasn't anyone yet to fill his position.

Council member McCarthy asked if the agreement was to obtain partial money from the state. Mr. Hayatgheybi said yes, \$30,000.00 would be used for administrative purposes. He added that regardless of his employment situation, it was in the city's interest to approve the request for safety purposes.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

105-07 Resolution for Acceptance of Ameridge Drive as City Street

Attorney Howlett updated that this street was already receiving city services, but there weren't any traffic lights. It's already a city street that was built by specifications by the city engineer and it meets all the requirements. She further explained that the only financial impact will be if a council person wanted to sponsor putting lights on the street. She reiterated that all the letters on file confirm that it's already a city street.

Council member McCarthy stated that Council member Lyons did a great job recognizing the problem and he felt it was time to rectify the problem.

Attorney Howlett noted they received an unfavorable report for the 8-24 referral from the P&Z Commission. And the full council vote will have to be by a two-thirds vote for approval.

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER VALLE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008
6:15 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Lyons, Valle, Baker, Colon

Council member Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

1) Resolution for Acceptance of Ameridge Drive as a City Street.

Council member Lyons asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the resolution

- Katherine Perez, Glendale Avenue stated that she always thought it was a public city street. She said that the city does work on the street, as far as the sidewalks etc., so she was in favor of the resolution.
- Mary Mirsky, 46 Ameridge Drive stated that she has lived on Ameridge Drive for 20 years and she was always under the impression that it was a city street, because they maintain it. She said the street gets plowed, swept etc. She also noted it was a heavily traveled street now that is used as a cut through street to Madison Avenue. She said she would like to see it accepted as a city street.

Council member Lyons asked if there was anyone to speak against the resolution

Hearing none

** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

ADJOURNMENT

** COMMISSIONER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER VALLE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Chair; Maria Valle, Andre Baker,
Leticia Colon, Howard Austin, Sr.; Richard Bonney

OTHERS: Alexandra McGoldrick, Central Grants; Dawn Twistol,
Central Grants; Rev. Dr. Simon Castillo, Atty. Joseph
Kubic, Adam Radzimirsky, Bpt. Police Department;
Gregory Pudlusky

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of April 1, 2008.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF
APRIL 1, 2008.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes of May 21, 2008 (Special Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF MAY
21, 2008 (SPECIAL MEETING).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes of June 4, 2008.

Approval of Committee Minutes of June 16, 2008 (Public Hearing).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE APPROVAL OF
COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2008 AND COMMITTEE MINUTES OF
JUNE 16, 2008 (PUBLIC HEARING).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

79-07 Appointment of Rev. Simon Castillo (D) to the Police Commission.

Rev. Castillo came forward and greeted the Commission. The Commission reviewed Rev. Castillo's paperwork. Rev. Castillo then gave a brief overview of how his past would help him as a Police Commissioner. There were several questions from the Commission, which Rev. Castillo answered satisfactorily.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 79-07 APPOINTMENT OF REV. SIMON CASTILLO (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

131-07 Petition request re: Application for Layout and Installation of a Public Road, known as Emra Street, an undeveloped public road.

Atty. Kubic came forward and presented a diagram of the plans for Emra Street to the Commission. Several questions were asked, including having a potential connector to a nearby street. Atty. Kubic replied that connecting the street would have to be presented to the Council again at a later date.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 131-07 PETITION REQUEST RE: APPLICATION FOR LAYOUT AND INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD, KNOWN AS EMRA STREET, AN UNDEVELOPED PUBLIC ROAD.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

132-07 Grant Application with the US Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the purpose of purchasing an Armored Personnel Carrier.

Ms. McGoldrick and Ms. Twistol from the Central Grants Department came forward and greeted the Commission. They then reviewed the type of carrier that was being proposed and what type of armament would be on the vehicle along with the strength of the armor plating. There would be small turrets located on the vehicle to allow return fire.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 132-07 GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

148-07 Grant Submission: Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant.

Ms. McGoldrick reviewed this grant application for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant with the Commission. This two year grant is focused on improving the effectiveness of regional public safety and would require Bridgeport to act as a fiduciary agent on behalf of the CT Emergency Management Region I to administer the State allocations.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 148-07 GRANT SUBMISSION: LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AUSTIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

149-07 Grant Submission: Office of Community Policing Oriented Services (COPS) for Camera Equipment.

The Committee had some serious concerns regarding whether the cameras would be in a fixed positions or able to rotated. If the camera were in a fixed position, the City might need to purchase additional cameras to cover a location, while a camera that could be rotated would allow a wider viewing area.

Another concern expressed was the exact locations of the cameras and how this would be determined.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 149-07 GRANT SUBMISSION: OFFICE OF COMMUNITY POLICING ORIENTED SERVICES (COPS) FOR CAMERA EQUIPMENT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

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PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, Colon, Baker, Lyons, dePara

OTHER(s): Deputy Chief Tom Connor, Bridgeport Fire Department

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

AGENDA

Approval of Committee Minutes of April 1, 2008.
Approval of Committee Minutes of May 21, 2008 (Special Meeting).
Approval of Committee Minutes of June 4, 2008.
Approval of Committee Minutes of June 16, 2008 (Public Hearing).
Approval of Committee Minutes of August 5, 2008.

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**COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT (ALL) OF THE MINUTES
COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

158-07 **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of CT, Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security Re: A Mass Casualty Decontamination Trailer #6.**

Deputy Chief Tom Connor *distributed copies of the agreement*. He stated that three years ago, the department received a decontamination trailer and a truck to pull it. The matter was sent through the Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security and it's one of fourteen (14) based in the city. He explained that the trailer is necessary to decontaminate people before they are transported to the hospital and the city winds up becoming the custodial owner, for use in the City of Bridgeport, the region and the State of CT; and it can be transferred if needed. It's stored at one of the fire stations and they have done training on it within the last four years. They conduct the standard operating and training to get people up to operational and training levels. The trailer is used to address any toxic materials issues and since they've had it, it has been used on two occasions to decontaminate people.

Deputy Chief Connor further explained he was looking to get the agreement approved between Homeland Security and the State of CT. He said that he also contacted DEMUS to come down but they need the agreement approved first so they can visit and fix the tent that houses the trailer. He explained that if the

trailer gets sent to another location outside of Bridgeport, it will be staffed with members of the fire department and they will then bill the entity that requested it and then they will be reimbursed for the use.

Council member Baker asked for clarification that there was no cost to the city. However, he asked if the trailer was on the roadway, will they still get the call from the police department and still be reimbursed. Deputy Chief Connor said yes, the company that requested to use it will be billed.

Council member Baker asked if the firefighters sent will be on tour at that time. Deputy Chief Connor said yes, instead of taking the fire engine, they will take the decontaminated trailer to the location.

Council member Baker asked if each shift was responsible for that time frame if they are called to transport the decontamination trailer. Deputy Chief Connor said yes.

Council member Baker asked what pulled the trailer. Deputy Chief Connor said the trailer has a prime mover that is similar to a tractor that has seats, a crew cabin and storage for garments.

Council member Baker asked if the trailer was ever used for anything else. Deputy Chief Connor said it could be used for say boat training, but if it's needed somewhere, it must be available.

Council member Baker asked how often the trailer is maintained. Deputy Chief Connor said the fluids etc. are checked daily. He commented that they were diligent about keeping up with training.

Council member Colon asked how long it took to process one individual during the decontamination process. Deputy Chief Connor said it takes approximately seven minutes. He explained that the person removes their clothes, goes through a shower and then they put on the modesty garments provided. And if necessary, they are then transferred to the hospital.

Deputy Chief Connor explained that Fairfield County has a Hazardous Material team that gets dispatched to a decontamination incident, along with the fire department.

Council member Color asked what happened to the water from the trailer when it gets washed down. Deputy Chief Connor said there were tanks that contain any spillage and then the trailer goes on to the dry pool until it's released from decontamination.

Council member Colon asked where they disposed the water. Deputy Chief Connor said he wasn't sure, but he thought it was treated and disposed of at a designated location.

Council member Colon asked where the training was done. Deputy Chief Connor said it was done at Seaside Park; they also go around town to conduct training, but the first day of training is done at the Wood Avenue location.

Council member Lyons asked about item 8 in the agreement regarding liability. She asked Deputy Chief Connor to explain what it meant. Deputy Chief Connor said it meant that they have to maintain the vehicle and have a trained individual working the vehicle. He referred to item 5 to reinforce what item 8 entailed. He said he thought the understanding was that they will have a trained individual on the vehicle at all times. He

noted they also have Hazardous Materials technicians and everyone is trained in the highest operational levels and that helps with liability issues.

Council member Lyons recalled that Blackham School had a test demonstration of the decontamination trailer. She expressed that she was impressed of how it operated.

Deputy Chief Connor said that out of all the fourteen (14) trailers in the state, Bridgeport's trailer is used more.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

**Council member Valle will submit copy of the agreement to the city clerk's office*

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COMMISSIONER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Chair; Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Richard Bonney,
Leticia Colon

OTHERS: Atty. Melanie Howlett, City Attorney's Office; Alexandra
McGoldrick, John Cottell

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Lyons called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 AS SUBMITTED,
** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**155-07 Street lighting be installed in accordance with city standards and
specification on the length of Ameridge Drive.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 155-07
STREET LIGHTING BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY
STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATION ON THE LENGTH OF AMERIDGE
DRIVE DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION.
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

172-07 Grant Submission: Urban Crime and Community Safety Grant Program

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

173-07 Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE 173-07 GRANT SUBMISSION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

195-07 Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances Title 12 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, amend to add new Chapter 12.60 – Streetlight Installations.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 195-07 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, AMEND TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 12.60 – STREETLIGHT INSTALLATIONS IN ORDER TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Chair; Michelle Lyons,

STAFF: Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney; Tom
White, Legislative Aide

Chairwoman Valle announced that the meeting was cancelled because there was no quorum present.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Chair; Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Howard Austin; Angel DePara; Richard Bonney.

STAFF: Melanie Howlett, City Attorney's Office; Tom White, Legislative Office.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by the Chair.

195-07

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES
TITLE 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, AMEND TO ADD
NEW CHAPTER 12.60 – STREETLIGHT INSTALLATIONS**

Ms. Valle said this was introduced so they can have a procedure when installing streetlights. Councilman Holloway feels this is taking power away from the Council. She, however, feels this is beneficial.

Attorney Howlett said that Councilman Holloway is part of Public Facilities and has to abstain. Connecticut case law is clear that only administration can supply services. There has to be a request or a resolution. What they have had has always been unwritten. Because there is nothing in the ordinances, the Mayor's Office did not have to get permission from the Council when they were going to lower the lumens. In the end, once the request has been approved and gone through the Council, it has to be forwarded by someone in the administration to the utility company. This is because the city is responsible for paying the bills. Attorney Howlett reviewed the proposed amendment.

A committee member asked what provision there is for the Public Facilities Director to submit to the City Clerk without submitting to the Council. Attorney Howlett said it has to go to one or the other.

Mr. Bonney asked what happens if the Public Facilities Director makes the decision not to forward the request to the City Clerk. Attorney Howlett said that cannot happen.

Mr. Austin asked if they run out of money in 2008, would they use the money from 2009 to pay for the installation. Attorney Howlett said she did not believe that they would run out of money year after year. The Budget Committee can plan for this.

Mr. DePara asked what would happen if there is no money for this year and the following year in this particular account. Would there be a waiting list? Attorney Howlett said this

is addressed by paragraph 4. Mr. DePara said a few years ago, he asked for lights but was told there was no money. Attorney Howlett pointed out that there was no ordinance at that time, and Mr. DePara actually had no right to make the request.

Mr. Bonney said the question is if the request is approved but there is no money budgeted, does it stay on the top of the list the following year. Attorney Howlett said it is up to the Budget Committee.

The Chair said that Ms. Valle has worked very hard on this. Without a process, they will never get streetlights.

Mr. Austin said this should be done immediately. He works in Corrections and one of the problems with crime is insufficient lighting. They should approve this.

Ms. Valle said with this resolution, no one will go behind anyone's back and get lights installed. This will help protect everyone. Her district is mostly occupied by renters, which presents a problem.

Mr. Bonney said this ordinance is giving control to the Public Facilities person. In the past, a Councilmember makes a request. The Council has no authority. Attorney Howlett said that the Connecticut courts have decided that contracts must be made by the Mayor's Office or his department heads. Councilmembers don't have the right to demand lights. This ordinance has criteria. If the request does not come from the Mayor's Office or a department head, the utility company will not install the lights.

Mr. Bonney said he would like to see this document in its final form. Attorney Howlett said she can get it to everyone tomorrow, and if it is not right, it can be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Everyone will receive an e-mail copy. The Chair will make a motion on Monday night to add this item to the agenda. Mr. White will e-mail the final draft to the rest of the Council members.

Mr. DePara asked what prevents the application from sitting on someone's desk. The Chair said she thinks that is happening now, but this amendment pushes doing something.

Mr. White said his recommendations predate anything happening with the City Clerk's office. Staff should be involved in the front end.

**** MR. AUSTIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. THE FINAL COPY IS TO GO TO MR. WHITE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MR. WHITE WILL SEND FINAL COPIES TO ALL COUNCILMEMBERS BEFORE MONDAY NIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

Mr. DePara asked if this should go to the Ordinance Committee. Attorney Howlett agreed. This will be referred to the Ordinance Committee on the floor Monday night.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

214-07

PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND CREATIVE OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENTS OF AMERICA, INC. FOR A TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINER/MARKETING PROGRAM, ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Attorney Howlett showed pictures of the proposal. This agreement provides that this firm provides the containers free of charge and empties them, free of charge, once a week. They pay for it by having ads for local stores on the containers. Locations are selected by the city. Mr. White will contact each Councilmember for a list of proposed stores in their district. The city receives 8% of the ad revenue.

Mr. DePara asked who approves the advertising; Attorney Howlett said it would be the city. He asked why some of this would not be open to national chains. Attorney Howlett said the purpose is for the entire community to benefit. This is being done in Norwalk, and they use local merchants. Mr. DePara asked how many companies had bid on this. Attorney Howlett said they did not go out to bid; they are not paying for this. She spoke about a prior company that would not give the city the right to approve the ads.

Ms. Valle said she does not see how the city would benefit from this, except for having these gadgets around the city. The downtown area is not trash. Attorney Howlett said that the locations have to be approved by the City Council and the city. Ms. Valle asked how the ice cream vendor would benefit from these bins; Ms. Howlett said she would not have to pay for it.

Mr. Austin said he loves this because it beautifies the city and the city will get money.

Mr. Bonney asked if the agreement requires the company to repair and/or replace the containers if they are vandalized; Attorney Howlett said that the company must replace the container within 72 hours.

The Chair said maybe this will help terms of littering and maybe they can encourage young people to recycle. Maybe something can be implemented within the school system. Attorney Howlett said they can be located outside of schools it will be on a public right of way. The Chair asked Attorney Howlett to look into some type of program within the schools. Attorney Howlett said that the city has done it twice before. Mr. White said that the Board of Education has someone designated for recycling. He will work on this with the media person in the Mayor's office.

Mr. DePara asked how many containers there would be. Attorney Howlett said Mr. White will be asked to get a proposed list of locations from Councilmembers. The containers will be out by the first week in December.

Ms. Valle asked if she has to go down to the stores in her district to ask store owners if they are interested. Attorney Howlett said she wants input from Councilmembers. Public Facilities also knows where the containers should be.

Mr. DePara asked what happens to the garbage collected. Attorney Howlett said it goes to the transfer station where there is no tip fee.

Mr. Wite asked how this was done in Norwalk. Attorney Howlett said that the company picked all of the locations in Norwalk.

**** MR. BONNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.
** MR. AUSTIN SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This item will be on the Consent Calendar at Monday's meeting.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2008

**** MS. VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** MR. AUSTIN SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. AUSTIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** MR. DEPARA SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
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