

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007  
6:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:** COUNCIL MEMBERS: HOLLOWAY, VALLE, BLUNT,  
LYONS, PIVIROTTA, COLON, BAKER (arrived late)

**OTHER(s) PRESENT:** COUNCIL MEMBERS: DYE, WALSH, MULLIGAN,  
RODGERSON

**ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY:** MELANIE HOWLETT

Council member Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of October 3, 2006 – Tabled  
Approval of Committee Minutes of November 13, 2006 (Special  
Meeting) – Tabled

**310-05** Congress Street be dedicated in honor of Rev. Ruben E. Williams  
Blvd.

Council member Dye stated this item was submitted ceremoniously to recognize  
Rev. Reuben Williams. He clarified there would be no street or address changes,  
noting this would a ceremony recognition only with the new name over the top of  
the street address there now.

Council member Valle requested to table the item due to the fact that the matter  
hasn't gone through committee yet. She also pointed out there were already  
street signs above the Congress Street sign and it's covered now. She further felt  
it was disrespectful to the city council that the matter was seen before the  
committee before the matter was investigated as to why it was being done.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN**  
**OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT)**

**05-06** Permit Application for Driveways in excess of 20 feet; Singer Sub Station Site

Attorney Howlett explained that the building and statute didn't go through the Planning & Zoning Commission, it's through the CT State Citing Council. She said the substation was approved by the state and the driveways were in the process of being installed, so the only issue was the driveway in excess of 20 feet. She further updated that Mr. Skinner submitted a memo to Mr. Estrada and he concurred. She pointed out if there are other technical issues, they needed to be addressed in terms of denying the request.

It was noted that Mr. Richard Pinto was present to answer any questions.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE PER MR. SKINNER'S FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

**08-06** Reappointment of Daniel Roach (D) to the Police Commission

Council member Valle submitted paperwork pertaining to this item.

Mr. Roach approached the committee.

Council member Holloway stated that Mr. Roach has been a member of the Police Commission for eight or nine years.

Council member Pivirotto commented that Council member Mulligan had a prior commitment, but he relayed to her that he was in favor of the reappointment, due to the fact that Mr. Roach has been a great district leader.

Council member Pivirotto stated that although there may be a difference of opinion on the matter, she and Council member Walsh put in a resolution to the Police Commission to recommend that the department take a stance of zero tolerance in matters of domestic violence. She asked Mr. Roach if he had any feelings on that.

Attorney Howlett clarified that the city council couldn't send a directive to the Police Board of Commissioner's to take action, noting the resolution violates the police charter.

Mr. Roach answered to Council member Pivirotto's question and said that as a whole, he would agree, but he had a concern of trying to single out one member of the department; although the matter wasn't pursued further. Otherwise, he thought the request made sense.

Council member Walsh requested an Executive Session for the purpose of addressing police action. Attorney Howlett questioned whether the topic would pertain to past or present matters to determine if it was appropriate for Mr. Roach to respond. Council member Walsh said he wasn't sure.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***The committee moved into executive session at 6:12 p.m.***

***The committee came out of executive session at 6:20 p.m.***

Council member Walsh stated he was pleased with the responses he received from Mr. Roach, noting that he had his support for the reappointment.

Council member Mulligan added that he endorsed Mr. Roach also being that he has been a lifelong resident of the 130<sup>th</sup> District and his experience compliments the position and the reappointment.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

**18-06** Permit Application for Driveways in excess of 20 feet; 2128-2158  
Fairfield Ave., (Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers)

Ms. Keri Larson, Cullen & Wolf approached the committee.

Attorney Howlett referred to her legal opinion (*original copy submitted to the city clerk's office*). Attorney Howlett stated the paperwork was properly filed and the city engineer is in favor of the request based on the fact that the use would be limited to the use of the right of way. She further updated that the matter has been before the Zoning Board of Appeals and it was waiting to be seen before the P&Z Commission.

Council member Holloway clarified the item was before them only for the driveway.

Council member Mulligan asked what had to be obtained from the P&Z Commission as it pertained to the request. Council member Holloway interjected

to restate that the item before them was for the driveway apron and the approach to get into the parking lot.

Council member Mulligan asked if the matter still required approval by another administrative body. He asked if it was premature for the application to come before the committee. Council member Holloway interjected again to state that he didn't know if they had to make a judgment if the item should be allowed before the committee before being seen by the P&Z Commission.

Attorney Howlett further added that if the P&Z Commission changes the plans, they may have to come back before the committee anyway. But under the ordinance, the matter should be before the committee and in fact, she thought that the P&Z Commission might prefer it that way.

Council member Holloway stopped the debate to state that the city council has reviewed thousands such requests in the past, but again, the matter concerned the driveway apron only and if the Police Department approved, then the committee was acting on the premise that it's okay. He explained that the city requires that no apron could exceed 25 feet at radius.

Council member Curran requested to ask a question regarding safety. Council member Holloway stated that he wasn't a safety expert. Council member Curran said she reviewed the 5-way intersection that is within two blocks of an elementary school, but there was no mention of pedestrian walking traffic that she thought was important to address.

Council member Holloway further stated that the engineering department approved the request based on the study that was done. The results were reported and recommended to Mr. Estrada and in turn was reported to the committee.

Attorney Howlett stated that the issues raised belonged in front of the P& Z Commission, she reiterated that the only issue being discussed tonight was the impact of the driveway being in excess of 20 feet.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE  
ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT)**

**19-06** Permit Application for Driveways in excess of 20 feet; 2800 Main St., (St. Vincent's Medical Center)

Attorney John Fallon approached the committee.

Attorney Howlett referred to her legal opinion (*original submitted to the city clerk's office*). She explained the item was limited to the matter of the driveways in excess of 20 feet. She said there was a question whether there would be any more impact if they were limited to or in excess of 20 feet.

Attorney Fallon stated that due to the use of emergency vehicles, the widened width was proposed by the Fire Marshal and recommended by Mr. Skinner. Attorney Fallon clarified there were three (3) driveways in question.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

Mr. Joe Balskas displayed and pointed out on the map where the driveways were located. He noted all could be used for emergency use.

Council member Rodgerson asked if the driveways would be able to accommodate maximum capacity of the vehicles. Mr. Balskas said yes.

Council member Rodgerson asked where the areas were where the ambulances could easily access. It was clarified that emergency vehicle access would be for fire ladder trucks entering the site, it didn't pertain to ambulances.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Council member Valle revisited item 310-05 to assure that the investigation of the matter would be documented. Attorney Howlett acknowledged the request.

ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Maria Valle, Co-chair; Elaine Pivirotto, Leticia Colon, Michelle Lyons, Andre Baker

**OTHERS:** Rena Bakalar, Central Grants Director, George Estrada, Public Facilities Director; Scott Appleby, Mark Anastasi, City Attorney, Council Member Walsh, Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia, Council Member McCarthy

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Valle called the meeting to order 6:04 p.m.

**42-06 Ox Brook: Bridgeport Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Ms. Bakalar introduced herself to the Committee and informed them that she is the Director of Central Grants. Ms. Bakalar then explained that there were two plans before the Committee tonight, a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which covers an area larger than Bridgeport and a Bridgeport Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is basically a compilation of all the Bridgeport related materials from the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. In essence, Ms. Bakalar stated that the Bridgeport plan is identical to Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, with the only change being it is Bridgeport specific. The plans are not for dealing with the results of a terrorist disaster, but for dealing with problems from natural disasters such as flooding.

Ms. Bakalar explained that in order for the City to apply for competitive grant funding, they are required by FEMA to have approved one of the two Hazard Mitigation Plans. Originally, Central Grants had been informed that the Committee must pass both plans in order to allow the City to apply for the competitive grant funding. However, in recent conversation with FEMA, it was determined that the Committee need only pass the Bridgeport Plan. The reason a special meeting had been called was that the Grants Office has a project application ready which needs to be submitted by February 5th.

Mr. Appleby then introduced himself to the Committee and explained that these plans are not disaster response plans. It is a plan that indicates where the problems are in the City, and to assist the City in minimizing these problems.

Ms. Bakalar reiterated that these plans are for minimizing the problems, not eradicating them. By having both the regional and Bridgeport plans in place, when grant funding is applied for, FEMA already knows that the problem has been identified and that a viable project is being proposed. Currently, Bridgeport is the only city in the State that is in the position to approve these plans, and each state is allocated a given amount of funding. With the plans in place, the City has already documented the need for the various projects and is more likely to receive approval and the funding requested.

Mr. Estrada pointed out that FEMA is already aware of various problems because of the development of the plans. Bridgeport's biggest problem is water and flooding.

Ms. Bakalar explained that a recognized evaluation and point criteria system was used to rate each of the projects. When applications for those projects are sent in, the ranking system will be considered. Ox Brook currently has a point ranking of 21, which is the highest score possible.

Council Member Pivrotto asked where the rankings were listed. Ms. Bakalar indicated that the URL link to the document, which is very long, was to be included with the hard copies of the plan. Upon further examination of the hard copies that the Council Members had received, this was found not to be so. Ms. Bakalar said that she would provide the Council Members with that link promptly.

Atty. Anastasi asked how this plan would address the repair of the dam at Ox Brook. Ms. Bakalar replied that the entire Ox Brook project would be in the neighborhood of 20 million dollars, but that the plan was broken down into various phases. Phase 1 would be almost totally paid for by the grant funding and would most likely address the situation of the earthen dam's deterioration.

Council Member Baker asked if Ms. Bakalar was asking the Committee to approve the Regional Plan. Ms. Bakalar reiterated that the local Bridgeport plan was just part of the larger regional plan. She explained that until earlier in the day, the Central Grants Office had believed that the Commission would need to approve both plans in order to submit the upcoming application.

Mr. Estrada also commented that although the Central Grants Office was pursuing the FEMA grants, that did not mean that the Central Grants Office was not also working on securing grant funds from the State and other agencies. He also informed the Commission that there is work being done with the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) regarding the areas in Bridgeport where there are combined storm water and sewage drains. This means that the storm water is funneled into the sewage treatment plants, where it does not necessarily need to be treated. By separating these systems, the amount of intake at the sewage treatment plan will be reduced.

Council Member Walsh then asked if the interdependency issues had been considered. He then stated that these plans were not solutions to the various problems, but merely identified the problems. Ms. Bakalar agreed and explained that this was why there were two plans, a local and regional plan. In the case of Ox Brook, there are tributaries flowing in from other municipalities, such as Trumbull. The regional plan recognizes this.

Council Member Walsh then read a portion of the proposal dealing with the Mayor's authorization to apply and accept future funding. He stated that this was not how Bridgeport handled these issues. Ms. Bakalar agreed and said that this was a proposal that came from FEMA and the language needed to be adjusted to Bridgeport's administrative structure. Council Member Walsh then said he would like to have that paragraph struck from the proposal.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 42-06 OX BROOK: BRIDGEPORT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BY REMOVING THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSAL, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:**

**“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT, IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY AND ACCEPT ANY FUTURE FEDERAL OR STATE GRANT ASSISTANCE AND IS GRANTED THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS AND EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, THERETO.”**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 42-06 OX BROOK: BRIDGEPORT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS AMENDED.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **43-06 Ox Brook: Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Council Member Valle asked how the flood zones were determined and expressed concern that more areas of the City would be included in these zones. This would affect the real estate value of the property, she pointed out. Ms. Bakalar explained that the flood zones were already on the FEMA maps and had been used in the design of both plans. A discussion on the details of the flood zones followed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 43-06 OX BROOK: REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BY REMOVING THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSAL, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:**

**“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT, IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY AND ACCEPT ANY FUTURE FEDERAL OR STATE GRANT ASSISTANCE AND IS GRANTED THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS AND EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, THERETO.”**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 43-06 OX BROOK: REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS AMENDED.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In conclusion, Ms. Bakalar informed the Commission that both plans must be reviewed every five years or more frequently if needed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairwoman Elaine Pivrotto, Councilwoman Maria Valle, Councilwoman Leticia Colon, Councilman James Holloway, Councilwoman Michelle Lyons, Councilman Andre' Baker, Councilman Warren Blunt.

**OTHER:** Associate City Attorney Melanie J. Howlett, James McCullough, Bill Flies, Ernest Jalbert, Charles Crumble

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Pivrotto called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. There was a quorum present. There was some confusion regarding the agenda for the meeting.

Approval of Committee Minutes of October 3, 2006

Approval of Committee Minutes of November 13, 2006 (Special Meeting)

Approval of Committee Minutes of January 3, 2007

These items were not addressed.

**ITEM 310-05**

**Item 310-05: Congress Street to be dedicated in honor of Rev. Ruben E Williams Boulevard.**

**\*\*COUNCILMAN JAMES HOLLOWAY MOVED TO UNTABLE ITEM 310-05: CONGRESS STREET TO BE DEDICATED IN HONOR OF REV. RUBEN E. WILLIAMS BOULEVARD.**

**\*\*COUNCILMAN BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

A discussion followed about item 310-05 with Councilwoman Valle and Councilwoman Lyons voicing their concerns that proper procedures had not been followed. They also voiced concerns about how candidates were selected for this honor.

**\*\* COUNCILMAN HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 310-05: CONGRESS STREET TO BE DEDICATED IN HONOR OF REV. REUBEN E. WILLIAMS BOULEVARD.**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF FOUR IN FAVOR (COUNCILWOMAN LETICIA COLON, COUNCILMAN JAMES HOLLOWAY, COUNCILMAN ANDRE' BAKER, AND COUNCILMAN WARREN BLUNT) AND TWO AGAINST (COUNCILWOMAN MARIA VALLE AND COUNCILWOMAN MICHELLE LYONS).**

**ITEM 20-06**

**Item 20-06: Request for a streetlight to be installed on Kossuth Street pole number 2647.**

*Associate City Attorney Melanie J. Howlett arrived at this point.*

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 20-06: REQUEST FOR A STREETLIGHT TO BE INSTALLED ON KOSSUTH STREET POLE NUMBER 2647.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**ITEM 21-06**

**Item 21-06: A request to install a streetlight at the corner of Pembroke Street and Steuben Street pole number 134.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 21-06 A REQUEST TO INSTALL A STREETLIGHT AT THE CORNER OF PEMBROOK STREET AND STEUBEN STREET POLE NUMBER 134.**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**ITEM 30-06**

**Item 30-06: Reappointment of James Joseph McCullough (R) to the Police Commission.**

Mr. McCullough was present at the meeting. Mr. McCullough introduced his wife who was a former Alderman for 133rd district. Mr. McCullough gave a brief overview of his experiences on the Police Commission and stated that he had never been arrested. He stated that he loved his job. Mr. McCullough served in the U.S. Navy during 1949-1953. Mr. McCullough has also served as a Bridgeport fireman.

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 20-06: THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES JOSEPH MCCULLOUGH (R) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Commissioner Hall of the Police Commission praised Mr. McCullough's efforts.

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

**ITEM 37-06**

**Item 37-06: Permit Application for Driveways closer together than 25 feet: 525 Saunders Avenue.**

*Attorney Howlett distributed copies of a memorandum dated February 6<sup>th</sup> 2007 to the members of the Commission regarding this agenda item.*

Attorney Howlett reviewed the proper procedures before the application is filed with the city clerk.

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 37-06: PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAYS CLOSER TOGETHER THAN 25 FEET: 525 SAUNDERS AVENUE.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN LYONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**ITEM 61-06**

**Item 61-06: An application for a driveway that is greater than twenty feet for Bridgeport Hospital.**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN BAKER MOVED TO ADD ITEM 61-06 AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVEWAY THAT IS GREATER THAN TWENTY FEET FOR BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL TO THE AGENDA.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON SECONDED.**

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

Mr. Flies, who represented Bridgeport Hospital, gave a quick overview of why the enlarged driveway was needed for the Hospital.

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 61-06: AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVEWAY THAT IS GREATER THAN TWENTY FEET FOR BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN LYONS SECONDED.**

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

The item was placed on the consent calendar for the next meeting.

**ITEM 65-06**

**Item 65-06: Approval for permanent easement to United Illuminating to the bus terminal at 710 Water Street.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON MOVED TO ADD ITEM 65-06 APPROVAL FOR PERMANENT EASEMENT TO UNITED ILLUMINATING TO THE BUS TERMINAL AT 710 WATER STREET TO THE AGENDA.**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

Attorney Howlett pointed out that the equipment was already installed and being used due to the cold.

**\*\* COUNCILMAN BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM APPROVAL FOR PERMANENT EASEMENT TO UNITED ILLUMINATING TO THE BUS TERMINAL AT 710 WATER STREET.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN LYONS MOVED TO SECOND THE MOTION.**

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

The item will go on the consent calendar for the next meeting.

**ITEM 60-06**

**Item 60-06: Request for easement by Northeast Utilities for 473-475 Lafayette Street.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN LYONS MOVED TO ADD ITEM 60-06: REQUEST FOR EASEMENT BY NORTHEAST UTILITIES FOR 473-475 LAFAYETTE STREET.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON SECONDED.**

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

Attorney Howlett quickly reviewed the details of the easement for 345 kV electric lines at the location. She stated that the property owners had not paid their taxes and the property was in foreclosure. A standard agreement form was sent to Attorney Howlett instead of the ones that were being used in the summer which included only successors or mergers for buyout. *Attorney Howlett then handed out revised copies of the easement to the commission members.*

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 60-06: REQUEST FOR EASEMENT BY NORTHEAST UTILITIES FOR 473-475 LAFAYETTE STREET AS AMENDED.**

**\*\*COUNCILMAN BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCILWOMAN COLON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Service

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MARCH 5, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Elaine Pivirotto, Co-chair; Maria Valle, Michelle Lyons, Andre Baker

**OTHERS:** L. Trachtenburg, Assoc. City Attorney, J. Gaudett, Bpt. Police Dept. Deputy Chief

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Pivirotto called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Item # 75-06 - Proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Hartford and New Britain for the purchase of Public Safety Software.

Chairwoman Pivirotto then opened the public hearing on the Proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Hartford and New Britain for the purchase of Public Safety Software. (Item # 75-06) at 6:20 p.m.

*Let it be noted that the following comments and remarks by all speakers have been summarized and are not necessarily verbatim.*

Chairwoman Pivirotto asked if there was any other member of the public who wished to speak either for or against the issue of Proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Hartford and New Britain for the purchase of Public Safety Software.

Atty. Trachtenburg came forward, identified herself to the Committee and then spoke in favor of the proposed agreement.

Deputy Chief Gaudett then came forward, identified himself to the Committee and spoke in favor of the proposed agreement.

Chairwoman Pivirotto then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak against the proposed agreement. No one came forward.

Seeing that there were no additional members of the public who wished to speak on this issue, Council Member Pivirotto closed the hearing on the Proposed Interlocal

Agreement with the Cities of Hartford and New Britain for the purchase of Public Safety Software at 6:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION  
MARCH 6, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Maria Valle, Chairman; Elaine Pivrotto, Committee Member; Leticia Colo'n, Committee Member; Andre Baker, Committee Member; James Holloway, Committee Member.

**OTHERS:** Rena Bakalar, Kelly McDemiatt, Thomas Flynn, Attorney Melanie Howlett

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Valle called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

**Approval of Committee minutes of October 3, 2006.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2006.**

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

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

**Approval of Committee minutes of November 13, 2006 (special meeting)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006.**

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

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

**Approval of Committee minutes of January 3, 2007.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2007.**

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

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

**Approval of Committee minutes of February 6, 2007.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007.**

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

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

**140-05**

**Item 140-05: Request that two light poles be installed; one on the corner of Waldermere Avenue and Marina Street and the second on the corner of Broad Street.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 140-05: REQUEST THAT TWO STREETLIGHTS BE INSTALLED; ONE ON THE CORNER OF WALDERMERE AVENUE AND MARINA STREET AND THE SECOND ON THE CORNER OF BROAD STREET.**

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

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

**50-06**

**Item 50-06: Grant Application with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire Safety and Prevention Program (Safe Sleep).**

There was a short discussion about the details of the program.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 50-06: GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (SAFE SLEEP).**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN BAKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**51-06**

**Item 51-06: Grant Application with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (Ox Brook)**

There was a lengthy discussion and there were concerns raised about the possibility of flooding.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 50-06: GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, PRE-DISASTOR MITIGATION PROGRAM (OX BROOK).**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN COLON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**65-06**

**Item 65-06 Middletown Norwalk Project Approval of Permanent Easement to United Illuminating Company ("UI") for the Bus Terminal at 710 Water Street.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE "MIDDLETOWN NORWALK PROJECT" FROM THE TITLE OF ITEM 65-06.**

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

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 65-06: APPROVAL OF PERMANENT EASMENT TO UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY ("UI") FOR THE BUS TERMINAL AT 710 WATER STREET.**

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

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

Approval is conditioned upon a legal description of the easement area for schedule B, as approved by Mr. Skinner city engineer.

**67-06**

**Item 65-06: Grant Application with the U.S. Department of Justice Community Capacity Development Office, Weed & Seed Grant Program - Hollow Target Site.**

Mr. Flynn gave a report to the committee about the progress and importance of the Weed & Seed Program.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 65-06: GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, WEED AND SEED GRANT PROGRAM - HOLLOW TARGET SITE.**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLO'N SECONDED THE MOTION**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Sheehan  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MAY 1, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Elaine Pivrotto, Co-Chair; Michelle Lyons; Leticia Colon; Warren Blunt.

**OTHERS:** Kelly McDermott & Richard Yao, Central Grants Office.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Ms. Valle, who noted that item 140-05, a resolution submitted by Councilmember Mojica, had been withdrawn.

**107-06**

**GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FY2007 INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PROGRAM (PORT SECURITY GRANT)**

Ms. McDermott reviewed the application being worked on with the Fire Department. They are using a fire marine boat on the water, and this proposal is for additional equipment for that boat, as follows:

1. VHF radio system
2. GPS EPIRB
3. 1 Panasonic toughbook computer
4. Professional radio directional finder
5. 1 thermal imaging camera
6. 1 search and rescue light for the fire marine boat
7. 24 helmets
8. 1 vessel/messenger line kit
9. 1 rescue stretcher

Ms. McDermott said they are requesting \$58,545 to be matched by \$19,515 in Central Grant Capital funds.

Councilmember Lyons said anything that can help save lives is a good thing.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER COLON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 5, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Leticia Colon; Michelle Lyons; Andre Baker.

**STAFF:** City Attorney Howlett; Deputy Chief Robert Petrucelli, Fire Department.

**OTHERS:** Warren Katz, Global Scenic Services.

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

**148-06**

**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY GREATER THAN 20 FEET – 600  
UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SOUTH END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Attorney Howlett said that the matter had been properly filed and Barry Skinner recommends approval.

Mr. Baker asked if the Council could change the ordinance, and Attorney Howlett responded she did not think that could be done. There are more and more of these applications, but her feeling was that they should still come to this committee. The ordinance could be changed to allow the City Engineer to have oversight.

- \*\* **MR. BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION.**
- \*\* **MS. COLON SECONDED.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**149-06**

**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY GREATER THAN 20 FEET – 42-46  
BROOKFIELD AVENUE**

Attorney Howlett noted that the City Engineer had recommended approval and that this application had been properly filed.

Mr. Katz briefly reviewed the project, which is mainly for tractor-trailers coming in and to ease the way for the fire department.

- \*\* **MR. BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION.**
- \*\* **MS. LYONS SECONDED.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**153-06**

**GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT  
PROGRAM, FOR FUNDS TO PURCHASE 90 SCBA UNITS**

Deputy Chief Petrucelli said that the fire department has 90 SCBA units. 65 are an older style unit and not in compliance with NFPA standards. They don't have the critical pass device; the 65 have separate pass devices. They have 25 newer SCBAs that have the integrated devices. The standards now recommend an LCD device and universal air connections. The new standard requires a drag rescue device as well. They have applied for a grant for 90 new SCBAs that will be in compliance. The price of each unit is \$6,270. The total grant is \$564,000, of which the fire department will have to put in \$112,806, with the rest coming from the grant. Central Grants has money available for a large portion of the \$112,806.

- \*\* MS. COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION.
- \*\* MR. BAKER SECONDED.
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**154-06**

**GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND  
SECURITY (STATE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM)**

The Co-Chair announced that this item had been withdrawn by the Central Grants Office.

**133-06**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN (D) TO THE POLICE  
COMMISSION**

It was noted that Ms. Brown was not present.

- \*\* MS. LYONS MOVED TO TABLE.
- \*\* MS. COLON SECONDED.
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**137-06**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF RAMON LARRACUENTE (D) TO THE POLICE  
COMMISSION**

It was noted that Mr. Larracuente was not present.

**\*\* MS. COLON MOVED TO TABLE.  
\*\* MR. BAKER SECONDED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2007**

**\*\* MS. COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED.  
\*\* MR. BAKER SECONDED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MS. LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MS. COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
JULY 3, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Elaine Pivrotto, Chairwoman; Michelle Lyons

**OTHERS:** Thomas Mulligan, Council Member; Melanie Howett, Assistant  
City Attorney

Chairwoman Pivrotto announced at 6:20 p.m. that due to a lack of quorum, the meeting would have to be rescheduled.

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 7, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Elaine Pivrotto, Co-Chair; Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Letitia Colon; Michelle Lyons.

**STAFF:** Attorney Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney; Sgt. Cueto, Police Department.

**OTHERS:** Councilmember Thomas Mulligan; Theresa Brown; Ramon Larracuenta.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Councilmember Pivrotto.

**133-06**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION**

Ms. Brown said she was born and raised in Bridgeport and has a law degree. She worked for the DPUC and has been active in the community in many non-profits. This is her second appointment to the Police Commission. She is very pleased that they have been able to bring back discipline. Ms. Brown said that being on the Police Commission for a few terms is very valuable. She has been very involved on the Pension Committee of the Police Commission.

Councilmember Colon asked Ms. Brown how she feels about domestic violence within the police force. Ms. Brown said they are as concerned as the Council is. They have spoken repeatedly to the chief. The police have to serve as an example. They have attempted to balance respect for the constraints of the union contract and the hearing process. They are committed to a sound, strong domestic violence policy in a fair and balanced way.

Attorney Howlett said the Bepko decision was written in such a way that he would be terminated immediately if found guilty. He pled guilty yesterday and was terminated today. Ms. Brown said the Police Commission tried to build in conditions without jeopardizing Mr. Bepko's ability to have a fair trial.

Councilmember Colon asked if this happens, if the individual has the right to a pension. Attorney Howlett said terminated officers are eligible for their pension if they have enough time in. Attorney Anastasi should write an opinion.

In response to a question, Attorney Howlett said that the Police Commission does not make decisions on probationary officers, only on discipline. Ms. Brown said they take civilian complaints very seriously.

Councilmember Valle said that the new chief is doing an excellent job, but the commissioners did not listen to him on the Bepko situation. People have commented to her twice and said they were abused by the police. If the chief is doing his job, the commission should not be going against him. Ms. Brown said that in the Bepko case, the commission tried to make a decision that respected all of the standards they have to uphold, as well as the chief's recommendation. They have the utmost respect for the chief's experiences and defer to him on operational matters. They are the hearing board, and sometimes different facts come to light in the hearing process. They continue to work on process and communication.

Councilmember Colon thanked Ms. Brown for her perfect attendance. She has what involvement the commission has regarding the upcoming event in Seaside Park. Attorney Howlett said it comes before the Parks Commission and the Contracts Committee. Councilmember Colon said it is a big event and asked who would secure the city while this event is going on. Attorney Howlett said that the event would be staffed by all off-duty police officers.

Councilmember Mulligan said he recommended that Ms. Brown be reappointed, as well as Mr. Larracunte. The police commission deals with very complex issues.

- \*\* COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.
- \*\* COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 137-06

#### REAPPOINTMENT OF RAMON LARRACUENTE (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION

Mr. Larracunte reviewed his history and said he has been Executive Director for the Spanish-American Agency for 35 years. He is currently a realtor and has been a police commissioner for over 20 years. He said that they need experienced commissioners.

Councilmember Lyons asked about tonight's meeting with the Police Commission. Attorney Howlett said it is a public meeting and there will be minutes. Mr. Larracunte said there are a lot of legal avenues that need to be looked at.

Councilmember Colon spoke in favor of Mr. Larracunte's appointment and said he has extended his hand and his heart to the community.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RAMON LARRACUENTE TO THE POLICE COMMISSION.**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER VALLE SECONDED.**

Councilmember Pivrotto spoke in favor of this reappointment.

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

**178-06**

**POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BEAR PAW ROAD**

Attorney Howlett said that the owner of this property has been paying taxes to the city on a portion of the land for 13 years and did not realize it was designated as a paper street. The owner is trying to sell it and found out that the Council had not removed this paper street designation. The City does not plan to use this land. Attorney Howlett would like to prepare a resolution so that the property reverts back to the owner.

Councilmember Lyons said this woman was very upset about paying taxes on property she cannot use. Attorney Howlett said that the property, if so approved by this committee, would allow this woman to use her property.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER COLON MOVED TO GRANT COUNSEL PERMISSION TO PREPARE A PROPER RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL AND FORWARD IT TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO RATIFY THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

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

Councilmember Lyons asked that the owner be informed by Attorney Howlett that Councilmember Lyons had followed up with Attorney Howlett.

**192-06**

**GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTIC ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING COMPUTER/INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY & A DEPLOYMENT VEHICLE**

Sgt. Cueto said that they were awarded this grant, which is for equipment only. Total value of this is \$308,000. \$150,000 is for the Detective Bureau and the rest is for the SWAT truck.

Councilmember Lyons asked how this would affect neighborhood watch groups. Sgt. Cueto said that would be entirely different. This will allow them to have an emergency services unit they have never had before. However, it will be available to all facets of the community.

Councilmember Colon, citing the spill on the east side today, asked how difficult it was for the police department to get there. Sgt. Cueto said the bridge gives them a direct route to the east side. Councilmember Colon said it is important for officers to speak on behalf of this bridge on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Councilmember Valle said they need to send a message to the governor.

Councilmember Mulligan asked if the east side precinct could also be closed. Sgt. Cueto said they are not closing it but no lineups will take place there.

Councilmember Valle said by everyone coming to Congress Street, there will be better response in all of their districts. Sgt. Cueto said shift changes will remain the same, but response time will be worse.

Councilmember Colon asked about gangs. Sgt. Cueto said it is increasing in Bridgeport but they are ahead of the curve. Councilmember Colon asked about grant writing for cameras. Sgt. Cueto said the last Homeland Security grant provides cameras for the police lot.

Councilmember Colon asked if police officers are receiving psychological workshops, citing an incident when a police officer was verbally abusive to her. Sgt. Cueto said they do have EAP in place for stress management. As a supervisor, he will not tolerate abuse. Councilmember Colon said she would be loathe to make a complaints because she would be afraid that she would then be targeted, which is exactly how many of her constituents feel. Sgt. Cueto said there are checks and balances in place. Unless he is made aware of an incident, there is nothing he can do. People have to file complaints.

Councilmember Lyons asked if the SWAT truck would only be used for SWAT teams, and Sgt. Cueto responded affirmatively. Councilmember Lyons asked if the police cars are designated for certain neighborhoods and if they are there all day. Sgt. Cueto said they are designated for specific neighborhoods. Councilmember Lyons spoke of the fact that a police car is in one certain, non-Bridgeport location every day. It is in Trumbull. Sgt. Cueto said that the SROs are allowed to bring their cars home if they live in the vicinity of Bridgeport.

Sgt. Cueto noted that this grant does not involve any cash match from the City.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING COMPUTER/INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND A DEPLOYMENT VEHICLE.**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AJOURN.  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER VALLE SECONDED.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco  
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY of BRIDGEPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007  
6:00 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members: Valle, Colon, Pivrotto, Holloway

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Associate City Attorney Howlett

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes: August 7, 2007

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVROTTA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**201-06** Permit Application for Driveway's Greater than 20 Feet in Width: #800 Seaview Avenue.

Mr. Creighton English, Seaview Ave., LLC approached. He stated this was an application for a condominium complex on the old Car-Tech property. The fire department asked that trucks should be able to make the turnaround internal and around the project, so the architects drew a diagram to show the passageways going around the property – *he displayed the drawing and submitted the document that was signed off by the fire marshal dated August 7, 2007*. He further noted that all other documents were submitted to George Estrada. He explained that the driveway would be landscaped and there will be room to allow cars to exit and enter. There will also be a stop sign to the left of the sewer authority building.

Council member Pivrotto said she saw the site this week and it looked nice. So based on the engineering recommendations and the city attorney's comments, she:

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVROTTA MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TWO VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)**

\*Consent calendar

**202-06** Grant Application with the US Department of Justice, COPS Secure our Schools Program.

Rina Bakalar, of Central Grants stated that she and Mr. Wearing, Director School Security both worked on this project. *She noted as a courtesy that Kelly McDermott, who has attended meetings often in the past, was on vacation and that she would be leaving the department for another*

*employment opportunity.* Ms. Bakalar *continued* and said that in the past, they received funding for this project and she worked with Mr. Wearing on enhancements needed at the schools. They were eligible to apply for the grant and they worked together to craft the application. She stated the grant would be used to implement security needs and the match comes from the existing door security replacement that was already in the budget. She explained that basically, the security enhancements would include cameras and monitors. Mr. Wearing added that they were always looking to enhance the security systems, and he noted that they previously had a \$50k grant to secure the doors and locks, but now, they will install video equipment at Read School and Curiale School. There is also a training component in the grant to train staff in preventive measures related to gangs etc. They will also work with a trained person to assist with the security staff, so the dollars are definitely needed.

Ms. Bakalar said she had a site visit and was pleased with what she saw at the schools in regard to the security implementation. She noted that his proved they did a good job with the monies they received.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED

Council member Colon asked if the \$50k would cover everything. Ms. Bakalar said yes, for the doors replacements. She noted that the cameras weren't as expensive and some of the other security components were included. Mr. Wearing thought the cost was actually more than \$50k. Ms. Bakalar corrected herself and agreed with Mr. Wearing that it did cost more. Mr. Wearing clarified that the cost was approximately \$170k total for the installation of the camera systems for two schools and entry level security systems at some of the other schools.

Council member Colon asked why the systems were only being put into place at Curiale School and Reed School. Mr. Wearing said the decision was based on the number of causes/incidents at those schools.

\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
\*Consent calendar

**203-06** Grant Application with the US Department of Justice, COPS Interoperable Technology Grant Program.

Ms. Bakalar clarified this was a grant summary. She noted the match was for a regional project and it was eligible for certain metropolitan statistical areas. So for the entire Fairfield County that consisted of Bridgeport, the grant will pay for a new simulcast system in the region surrounding fourteen (14) towns. She explained that towers will be placed to improve regional radio communication and that Chief Norwood was already working with the program. She clarified that when they put the match together, it should have read towns and cities, because it's a regional project. They were also in the process of getting licenses to implement the program, so she hoped the funding would get approved.

Council member Holloway said he understood the purpose of the program, but in view of the issue with cell towers a couple of years ago, he questioned if the towns would be agreeable to placement of the simulcast towers. Ms. Bakalar said they would simulcast towers that sit atop buildings.

Council member Holloway commented that some towns may not want them in their area. Ms. Bakalar said she wasn't sure how they would be positioned, but the program is based on federal approval and there is a dire need for the system. She further noted there will only be three (3) of the simulcast towers in the entire region. Council member Holloway speculated that the towers would probably be installed regionally; down country, to the north and to the west.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

ADJOURNED

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 2, 2007**

**ATTENDANCE:** Elaine Pivrotto, Co-Chair; Michelle Lyons; Leticia Colon; Warren Blunt.

**STAFF:** Attorney Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Michael Nidoh, Director, Planning Department; Jeremy Hayden, Harlow, Adams & Friedman.

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

**239-06**

**ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF GOLD STREET**

Mr. Nidoh reviewed the draft of the new resolution, which incorporates Attorney Howlett's comments. All of the prerequisites for the abandonment are in place. This is a substandard city street. This resolution covers all of the utility issues. Once this is approved by the City Council, it will go to a special committee consisting of the Tax Assessor, the City Clerk, the City Attorney and the City Engineer, which will issue a report to the City Council, which then has to accept the report.

Ms. Colon asked what buildings will go there. Mr. Nidoh said the developer plans to keep the Newfield Building and the adjacent building and renovate them. He will build an 18-story mid-rise building as well.

Ms. Colon asked if a grocery store would be built; Mr. Nidoh responded that there is a grocery store proposed by this builder in the arcade. The developer still has to come in for zoning permits.

Ms. Colon asked about a gas station coming into the downtown. Mr. Nidoh said that probably wouldn't happen. There are no gas stations in downtown Bridgeport.

- \*\* MS. LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF GOLD STREET.**
- \*\* MS. COLON SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**248-06**

**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY GREATER THAN 20 FEET: #1286-1288, 1296-1298, 1300-1306 & 1312-1316 STATE STREET – AUTOZONE RETAIL STORE**

Mr. Hayden said his client wants a waiver of the ordinance that restricts driveway width to 26 feet for the Autozone Retail Store. It is across the street from Bataglia School and down the street from the Chavez Bakery. Barry Skinner and Attorney Howlett have recommended approval.

- \*\* MS. COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.
- \*\* MS. LYONS SECONDED.
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

- \*\* MS. COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED.
- \*\* MR. BLUNT SECONDED.
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco  
Telesco Secretarial Services