

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION
DECEMBER 7, 2004**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Chair; Robert Walsh; James Holloway;
Amy Marie Vizzo-Paniccia; Henry Webb; Thomas Mulligan

OTHERS: Andres Ayala, City Council President; Barry Skinner; Mike Nidoh;
Fred Constantine; City Attorney Mark Anastasia; John Cottell

ABSENT: Keith Rogerson

Ms. Valle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**226-03 – REQUEST TO INSTALL STREET LIGHTS ON ALPINE STREET,
HICKORY STREET AND ISLAND BROOK AVENUE**

Mr. Cottell explained that there was no money in the budget to install streetlights.

Ms. Valle agreed that there was no money to install lights on every pole. Mr. Mulligan asked what would happen if the City Council voted to have the lights installed. Mr. Cottell explained that the City Clerk would send the resolution to United Illuminating and they would put up the lights and the City would get the bill.

It was suggested that this item be tabled to determine the number of lights needed.

Attorney Anastasia in request to a question explained that the moratorium on streetlights would not become effective until it has been published. The moratorium is in response to an overall lack of standards.

City Council President Ayala said that the Budget Committee decided that they wanted to find ways to save the City money. Mr. Holloway said that he agreed; however, the City is going through a phase where contractors are buying lots and putting up houses. Subdivisions are going up all over the City and they have to have lights.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**** MR. MULLIGAN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) OPPOSED (MR. WALSH AND MR. HOLLOWAY)**

273-03 REQUEST THAT SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS BE INSTALLED IN THE AREA OF EDISON SCHOOL

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM
- ** MR. HOLLOWAY SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

288-03 STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT OF REVERSE 911 SYSTEM

- ** MR. MULLIGAN MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM TO THE GIS POLICY COMMITTEE FOR A REPORT TO THIS COMMITTEE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

293-03 PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE UNDER LOCAL BRIDGE PROJECT FOR BREWSTER STREET OVER ASH CREEK. BRIDGE NO. 04203

Mr. Skinner explained that he has a grant application and had authorization for former Mayor Ganim to sign, but needs Mayor Fabrizio's signature.

- ** MR. HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

296-03 REQUEST OF MADISON SUPPLY COMPANY FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF HOUSATONIC AVENUE

Mr. Nidoh explained the item and presented the sit plans. He said that the applicant is requesting to seek an abandonment of a portion of Housatonic Avenue that would allow him to put in 12 parking spaces.

Mr. Fred Constantine, the owner of Madison Supply Company said that parking would be offered to the Sheehan Center and the public. Ms. Valle said that she spoke with Melanie, who indicated she had no concerns.

Mr. Holloway left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Skinner asked for assurances that this is City property or a public right of way. Mr. Anastasia said that no one should alter the property without the answer.

Mr. Constantine said that he would like to start construction in the spring; a month's delay will not hurt the process.

- ** MR. MULLIGAN MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

297-03 REQUEST THAT STREET LIGHTS BE INSTALLED ON STRATFORD AVENUE FROM CONNECTICUT AVENUE TO BALDWIN STREET

Mr. Webb explained that this area is located under the pathway of the highway and is a safety hazard. Mr. Cottell said that he talked to the person from United Illuminating who made up the plan. An issue is that there are no poles there now and UI will charge the City to install the poles. The City could either lease a pole for \$12.50 per month or buy a pole for \$565.00. Since this project may be tied to the State, he suggested that the City might want to ask the Stat to put the poles in.

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia said that anything under the state highway is State property and they should be held responsible for installing lights. City Council President Ayala agreed. Mr. Cottell suggested asking the State to install the poles, because the State will not assume the cost of the utility bill.

Mr. Webb said that they would not need as many lights as recommended by UI. Mr. Cottell suggested making the request for lighting more specific. Mr. Mulligan said that they are in the same boat as in the prior request. The City does not have money to install lighting.

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
- ** MR. MULLIGAN SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) OPPOSED (MR. WEBB AND MR. WALSH)

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 4, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chair; Robert Walsh; Henry Webb; Andres Ayala

STAFF: Barry Skinner, City Engineer; Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney

OTHERS: Council members Ed Gomes and Elaine Pivirotto

Co-Chair Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ** MR. WALSH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2004 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** CO-CHAIR MULLIGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

02-04 REVISED RECEPTABLE ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

Co-Chair Mulligan said that this item was withdrawn by Ms. Howlett of the City Attorney's office by memorandum dated January 3rd. The item would be sent out for bid and would not be considered by the Committee.

05-04 ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES STANDARD AGREEMENT

Mr. Skinner said that the City has replaced some of its red, green and yellow traffic identifiers with more efficient LED bulbs. The Federal Government has made grant funds available through U.I. to cities that are willing to switch to these new bulbs. Under the grant, Bridgeport would qualify for \$2,270. Mr. Skinner said that the City Attorney's

office has reviewed and accepted the Agreement, and once signed, the City can apply for the money.

Attorney Howlett expressed concern about the retrofit locations sheet at the back of the Agreement, and requested that if ratified, Schedule A be made part of the Agreement. Co-Chair Mulligan asked that the record reflect that the last page of the document of item 05-04 entitled "City of Bridgeport 2004 Traffic Signal Retrofit Application" containing 17 items be marked as Schedule A to the Agreement.

Mr. Skinner said that the LED bulbs have already been placed at some of the locations on Schedule A. He said the bulbs use less electricity with the same or equivalent output, and this is good for everyone. Attorney Howlett said that saving electrical power allows it to be available for higher electrical power uses when they arise. She said that U.I. is rewarded for pushing the conversation to LED bulbs; conversely they are penalized for not pushing users to convert.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 05-04, ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES STANDARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN UI AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO RECEIVE MONETARY INCENTIVES FOR RETROFITTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS.**

**** MR. WEBB SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. WEBB SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Wiggins for
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Chair; Keith Rodgerson, Ann Marie Vizzo-Paniccia, Henry Webb, Robert Walsh, Thomas Mulligan

STAFF: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Mike Nidoh, Director of Planning; Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney

OTHERS: Andres Ayala, City Council President; Ed Gomes

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Valle called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-JANUARY 4, 2005

- ** **MR. RODGERSON MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2005.**
- ** **MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

273-03 Request that School Zone Signs be installed in the area of Edison School, Harding School, McKinley School and Newfield School.

Attorney Mark Anastasi said this item was an issue for John Pacelli. He said there should be a letter regarding installation of school zone signs. Ms. Valle stated that she had the letter from Attorney Howlett and passed copies around to the committee members. Ms. Valle suggested putting off discussion of item 273-03 until Attorney Howlett returned to the room.

296-03 Request of Madison Supply Company for the abandonment of a portion of Housatonic Avenue (Public right-a-way).

Mr. Nidoh stated that the Madison Supply Company has a store on the corner of East Madison Avenue. Parcel-C is now being sought out. Attorney Howlett passed around a document expressing Attorney Liskov's opinion. The property is a part of public right of way and street abandonment.

Attorney Howlett stated that she was only concerned about the final vote. She said a letter stating that the fees would be paid, needs to be written. The street can only be abandoned if it is used for public services. The statutes say that municipalities are supposed to hold

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streets in trust. There have been many requests to abandon part of a street. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia questioned whether there would be a liability risk. According to Attorney Howlett, the state mandates that the town hold the street in trust. Attorney Anastasi asked what would happen if the city wanted to abandon a right of way street. Attorney Howlett said the city would have to say the street was serving no purpose. Luckily, Housatonic Avenue has no parking lot and needs one. Attorney Anastasi affirmed that the lot is not exclusively for Madison Supply Company. Mr. Nidoh said there were no restrictions or fencing. There would be an unlikely demand for public use though. Attorney Howlett said there must be a public purpose for giving up the trust. This is a city department request.

Mr. Rodgeron asked whether the parcel had been up for RFP. Attorney Howlett said the city owns the easement, but not the land. The property must be opened to the general public at all times. Mr. Rodgeron asked whether the easement from the piece of property could be removed and sold for profit. Attorney Howlett said no and added that the abutting property owners will have to start paying taxes. Mr. Nidoh said there would be utility easements on the property; therefore nothing could be built on it. According to Attorney Anastasi, due to transportation purposes, one cannot build on a public right of way.

Mr. Mulligan asked whether there would be any increased taxes when the road is abandoned. Mr. Nidoh said yes.

Ms. Valle asked whether a letter stating conditions was needed from Madison Supply Company. Attorney Howlett said the letter might have already been included. Mr. Nidoh said a letter was needed to specify the fact that the initial fee would be paid.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 296-03.**
**** MR. RODGERSON SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Mulligan asked whether the taxpayers' taxes were up to date. Mr. Nidoh replied yes.

273-03 Request that School Zone Signs be installed in the area of Edison School, Harding High School, McKinley School and Newfield School.

Attorney Howlett submitted a memorandum dated February 1, 2005. The authorization rests in the Local Traffic Authority and the Board of Police Commissioners. The Local Traffic Authority will be doing a study regarding the need of the installation of school zone signs. Anything pertaining to traffic warrants the duties of the Board of Police Commissioners. Attorney Howlett read the resolution into record:

“Be it resolved that, the City Council requests its Local Traffic Authority to investigate and determine if speed limitation school zones should be established for local streets near Edison School, Harding High School, McKinley School, Newfield School, Dunbar

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School and Hall School, and to forward his findings to the Police Board of Commissioners for approval. Applications for permission to install speed limitation school zone signs at the beginning and end of the zones, with language that indicates that speeding violations shall carry a double fine, for zones that are approved by the Police Board of Commissioners shall be sent to the State Traffic Commission for approval prior to installation.”

According to Attorney Howlett, an application describing the appearance of the signs needs to be presented. By statute, the entire city does not have to have these signs. The statute says that the Local Traffic Authority for local roads may examine from district to district. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia said she thought the whole city should be looked and would like all the other schools, which do not have these particular signs, to be researched as well. Attorney Anastasi told the committee that they could be provided with what particular districts have been completed, as well as the ones that need to be done. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia stated that this project was for the benefit of all the children.

Attorney Anastasi said the budget estimates would also be needed. Some money may need to be put into next year’s budget. Attorney Howlet said the decisions rest ultimately with the Board of Police Commissioners. According to Mr. Rodgeron, regardless of cost, we should do anything possible to ensure the safety of the children.

**** MR. MULLIGAN MOVED TO AMMEND THE RESOLUTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

“ Be it resolved that, the City Council requests its Local Traffic Authority to investigate and determine if speed limitation school zones should be established for local streets near Edison School, Harding High School, McKinley School, Newfield School, Dunbar School, and Hall School, and in addition all other schools who do not have school zones established, and to forward his findings to the Police Board of Commissioners for approval. Applications for permission to install speed limitation school zone signs at the beginning and end of the zones, with language that indicates that speeding violations shall carry a double fine, for zones that are approved by the Police Board of Commissioners shall be set to the State Traffic Commission for Approval prior to installation.”

**** MR. RODGERSON SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. WEBB MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 273-03.
** MR. RODGERSON SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

286-03 Proposed moratorium on street light installation.

Mr. Ayala stated that the purpose of the moratorium is to get a handle on all of the streetlights. It is a budgetary aspect to the request of the streetlights, which needs to be

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understood. This is a tremendous expense to the city. A possible policy has been discussed in order to establish where exactly the streetlights should go. Attorney Howlett said that her office needed at least another week to work on this matter. There is still merit for the moratorium to be done. All other requests would be subject to new policy.

Attorney Anastasi asked if this matter was referred back to the full council. Mr. Ayala said yes. Mr. Walsh said the matter was moved off the floor on October 18, 2004. This means the moratorium will have moved from a 90-day to a 120-day moratorium if the matter is tabled. The council should be able to determine whether additional streetlights are appropriate.

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia said she understood the concern about the delay, but stressed the importance for a table in order to have all of the necessary research completed. Further information is needed. Mr. Mulligan said that was the point he was trying to make about the issue of tabling. Attorney Howlett said the ordinances dictate how the council operates, and she is trying to establish one that everyone can follow.

Mr. Mulligan questioned the time frame at which all information could be expected. Attorney Howlett said the information should be ready at the next meeting. According to Mr. Ayala, he had first proposed the moratorium on streetlight installation because there were 40-50 streetlights on one given agenda. There are more areas than others that need lighting. Mr. Ayala said he did not think this was going to be an ordinance. He said he just thought this was a situation that needed to be dealt with.

Mr. Walsh said they could be fined up to \$199 a day for violation of an ordinance. He said he would be voting against this. Mr. Webb stated that this was a public safety matter and that the committee needed to look at what is in the interest of the people's safety. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia said she wished to table this matter. Ms. Valle said there were a lot of requests when the initial list came in. She said public safety comes first. Department heads need to be upfront with what is going on when they know what the budget is. Attorney Anastasi asked Attorney Howlett whether this process could be put into the council rule of procedure. Attorney Howlett said that the petitions being filed are coming directly from the city.

Mr. Ayala asked whether the council was the only one who could bring items up for council action. Attorney Anastasi replied yes and suggested adopting new council rules. Attorney Howlett said she would submit the information to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

Mr. Rodgeron said 90 days was a little extreme. Given the time frame, regardless of support or not, this item should be amended as a 45-day instead of a 90-day moratorium.

Mr. Ayala said that Mr. Patel was busy working on a policy. He said he did not know if this matter had to go to the Miscellaneous Matters Committee. Mr. Ayala said he wanted a template giving some direction as to where the streetlights should go. Attorney Anastasi

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said that ordinances and rules are being adopted when committees have not had a chance to be responsible without them. Attorney Howlett said there was nothing in the charter allowing policies to just be adopted. Mr. Mulligan said he just wanted a policy that is not going to have exceptions; therefore guidelines are needed. Attorney Anastasi questioned what would happen if the council did not vote with the involvement of public facilities. Rules that are internal to the department council rule could be adopted if needed. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia said she had received a handout from public facilities and questioned whether people inquiring information were told to contact their local councilperson. Attorney Howlett said yes. She said she has received complaints that there have not been any approvals.

- ** MR. RODGERSON MOVED TO AMMEND THE RULE TO A 45-DAY MORATORIUM.**
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MR. WALSH AND MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA).**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Joseph
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 1, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chair; Keith Rodgeron; Henry Webb; Robert Walsh; Amy Marie Vizzo-Paniccia (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

OTHERS: Council members Andres Ayala and Elaine Pivirotto; Daniel Roach

Co-Chair Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**** MR. RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2005 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. WALSH SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. WALSH MOVED THE COMMITTEE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** MR. RODGERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee entered executive session at 6:40 p.m.

**** MR. RODGERSON MOVED THE COMMITTEE INTO PUBLIC SESSION.**

**** MR. WEBB SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Co-Chair Mulligan said that no action was taken during executive session. The Committee members discussed matters potentially involving the Police Department as it related to the re-appointment of Mr. Roach to the Board of Police Commissioners.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Committee members entered public session at 6:45 p.m.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ROACH TO THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Roach said he was a council member during the 1980s, and since then has been associated with the Board of Police Commissioners. If re-appointed, this would be his third term. He said that he enjoys being on the Commission, and his attendance record was good. He felt he had the ability to determine whether police officers were doing their job the right way or whether they were overstepping their bounds. He said there have been many citizen complaints recently that police officers were offensive and belligerent in their dealings with the public. As a Commissioner he would be in a position to suggest disciplinary action when necessary. He said he worked diligently to defend good officers against those who felt that all officers were bad.

Mr. Roach felt he worked well with members of the Commission and the Council, advising them of constituent requests and notifying them of meetings when a matter within their district would be discussed. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia asked how Mr. Roach notified Council members since she, herself, missed meetings where a particular item of interest was on the agenda. Mr. Roach said that as a general rule, he sent an email. He said he was aware of one instance in particular that Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia was referring to and recommended that she submit her request again, this time asking for a 30-minute sign rather than a 15-minute one.

Mr. Roach said he also provided assistance to the City's traffic engineer who was not always as knowledgeable about an issue as he should or might be. He said that in the past he was able to point out factors that would positively influence a decision the traffic engineer needed to make.

Mr. Walsh asked about overtime, community policing vs. aggressive policing and holding Police Commission meetings outside Police headquarters. Mr. Roach explained that meetings were previously held in the Chief's office, but Chief Chapman advised that this could not continue for security reasons. The meetings were then relocated to a small office on the first floor of the Police headquarters building. When public attendance began to increase at the meetings, it became apparent they would need to be held elsewhere. Meetings are presently held in the City Hall Annex at 6:30 p.m. Co-Chair Valle said she would like to have them at City Hall; Mr. Roach said that he was not sure this would be possible.

On the issue of overtime, Mr. Roach said the Police Department is currently very understaffed, and overtime is necessary. He said Mayor Fabrizi has vocalized his displeasure of this to the Chief, understanding that public safety should not be compromised.

Regarding community policing vs. aggressive policing, Mr. Roach said there are some “bad apples” in the department, and it seemed more prevalent in the newer recruits. He said the Board would not tolerate their unacceptable behavior and offenders would face disciplinary action. He said he was in favor of community policing, and didn’t feel it would be a drain on the budget. He said the public loses respect when there are too many frequent police personnel changes made within a neighborhood. There is a negative effect on stability, and the P.T. Barnum area in particular, was a prime example. Mr. Walsh felt there was too much “in your face” policing from the entire Department. He wondered if Mr. Roach knew if this was a national trend. Mr. Roach said that an officer needed to take control of a situation, but not overdue it. Many are sent for sensitivity training, and in his opinion, more emphasis should be placed on this during their initial training.

Council President Ayala asked if officers that had been discharged with committing a felony were allowed to collect their pension. Mr. Roach said it would depend on the circumstances, but usually Plan B was put into effect so that the officer could collect a nominal pension amount. Mr. Webb commented on the approach used by many of the officers, saying their foul language was disrespectful and unacceptable. Mr. Roach reiterated that disciplinary measures were in effect and that second offences were treated more seriously. He said that Internal Affairs recently hired Lt. Porter, whom the Department considered qualified and very professional to follow up on these types of issues. Additionally, it was important for the public to register a complaint as appropriate.

Co-Chair Valle said she supported Mr. Roach’s reappointment. He was cordial and helpful. Co-Chair Mulligan said he also supported the reappointment because he felt Mr. Roach did and would continue to do a good job in a sensitive manner.

Mr. Roach referred to the mounted police, saying they offered an impressive image for the Department, but it might be best to use them only for parades because they were a costly expense in a tight budget year.

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ROACH TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.**
- ** MR. RODGERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-Chair Valle said this item would be placed on the City Council's consent calendar.

**** CO-CHAIR VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** CO-CHAIR MULLIGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Graham for
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY of BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 5, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Councilmember's: Valle, Mulligan, Vizzo-Paniccia, Walsh

OTHERS: Councilmember's: Gomes and Andres Ayala

CALL TO ORDER

Council member Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes – March 1, 2005

** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCILMEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA_SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

61-03 Reappointment of David Hall, Sr. to the Police Commission

Mr. David Hall expressed that he was friends of the committee and recognized them as elective members of the City Council. He went on to say that they have made ground steps in the way the police commission has reorganized. And the standards are much higher. For example: at one time they had at least one-hundred active complaints from citizens; but recently, the numbers have drastically reduced to no more than three complaints. As far as the future, they intend to work together with all parties to reduce everything to written standards for reference on how the police commission operates. In addition, they took a giant step to add two legal people to their team and this has been a plus. Also, where audits for reviews have been denied in the past, they are now comfortable with the rapport they established with the police chief's office and staff. He noted that they have adopted an attitude of "*Can do!*"

Councilmember Mulligan mentioned that he thought Mr. Hall came up for reappointment just a short time ago. Councilmember Vizzo-Paniccia replied that he did, but his appointment time expired since then.

Councilmember Mulligan asked about the overtime initiative policy. Mr. Hall said that they work in an overtime bracket. When they get an overtime report, it's not a true picture. But if they subtracted debits and credits, they would be surprised how overtime is being controlled. He felt that if it was laid out how overtime was being accumulated, there would give a better sense of what's going on.

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Councilmember Andres Ayala asked if they ever received a report in regards to how overtime is being reported. Mr. Hall said they didn't get a breakdown of this. He relayed that during question and answer periods, they do get answers to any questions they may have regarding overtime. He further explained the situation that since the police commission doesn't run the police department, there was so much they could do, but they can't demand anything to be done. However, they can request an audit budget if necessary.

Councilmember Andres Ayala expressed that they were being told that overtime was running rampant. And if it was found the numbers were being misrepresented, they need to know they can get the information as needed.

Councilmember Gomes spoke to alertness of any officer on duty that has been working too much overtime. He questioned the number the hours he/she might be on duty, noting that it's important for an officer to be alert to public awareness. He expressed his concern that some officers might be putting in 80 hours or more in overtime. He thought that might be too many hours. Again, he said alertness was important. Mr. Hall noted that overtime probably resulted in excess of 60 hours not 80 hours.

**** COUNCILMEMBER WALSH MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:16 P.M.**
**** COUNCILMEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It was noted that Mr. Kanasky would remain during the executive session since he was also present for reappointment.

Executive Session ended at 6:32 p.m.

Councilmember Walsh stated that of the things discussed during executive session; he offered that if the police commission should ever need any assistance from the City Council on defining roles, they will work with them to see that happens.

**** COUNCILMEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID HALL, SR. TO THE POLICE COMMISSION**
**** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

52-04 Reappointment of Thomas Kanasky, Jr. to the Police Commission

**** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS KANASKY, JR. TO THE POLICE COMMISSION**
**** COUNCILMEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED**

Mr. Kanasky spoke about the federal orders the department operates under. He said it was his goal to get the police commission to operate as it should. And to get the department in a position to operate independently. He felt this was important due to costs and to prove that the department is as good or better than other departments.

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Councilmember Mulligan asked about the status of the compliance officer. Mr. Kanasky said the court appointed a compliance officer, but then he was changed. There was an issue that he wasn't getting the information he was entitled to, but the matter is still unresolved because of many issues that need to be addressed.

Councilmember Walsh commented that at times, the police department was too aggressive in their arresting techniques. He gave an example of seeing two to three police cars making an arrest for one person. He recalled some comments that Senator Newton made last year that this type of policing promotes a "*Them against mentality*".

Councilmember Gomes added that he also had problems with too aggressive policing. He noted incidents of this kind were still going on, but they are trying to work with the police force.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

53-04 Reappointment of Stuart Rosenberg to the Fire Commission

**** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE**

**** COUNCILMEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED**

63-04 Request that Union Avenue from the corner of Stratford Avenue to Orange Street be named James A. Hodge, Jr. Way

Councilmember Mulligan said he received a call from Associate City Attorney Howlett. She indicated that she wanted to be present to discuss this item, but she was unable to attend tonight. So he told her they wouldn't make a final decision tonight.

Councilmember Andres Ayala said he believed that the City Council ought to be the party to entertain the policy in regard to the naming of streets. He felt that the naming of a street should be reserved for persons who have made some sort of substantial accomplishment; otherwise, everyone could have a street named after them. He further stated this wasn't a reflection on the candidate, but he felt they needed some guidelines. He also questioned why someone other than a council person made the request.

Councilmember Vizzo-Pannicia said she wouldn't support the renaming of streets or naming honorary streets. She wasn't in support of the resolution.

Councilmember Gomes said when you start honoring people; he thought a person needed to be recognized for a deed of some magnitude. He gave an example of friends of his that died in Vietnam. Although he had compassion for those people's families, he thought the naming of a street should be dedicated to someone who has accomplished something great.

There was some open discussion regarding other means people in the community can be honored, such as dedicating a plaque etc.

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Councilmember Andres Ayala asked Councilmember Valle to find out who the maker of the resolution was. He repeated that if the naming wasn't done by a council person, it shouldn't be entertained.

Councilmember Valle said the request was made by a parent at Dunbar School. That parent works for the BOE.

Councilmember Valle said there was nothing in the books that said such a request had to be made by a council person. Councilmember Andres Ayala said he thought there was.

Councilmember Valle further expressed that there were other ways to honor someone, but she wouldn't support the resolution.

**** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCILMEMBER WALSH SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion Item: Clarification of Procedure for Abandonment Requests

Councilmember Valle said she requested this item to be tabled. But she asked everyone to think about the three items for road abandonment's. She explained that because the three items have been unresolved for so long, they needed to determine what to do. She also thought that the person, who initiated the items, should have been notified that they didn't take the right approach. She said that Associate City Attorney Howlett had something in writing that will be discussed at the next meeting and hopefully it will resolve the matter. But there is still the question of who will tell the three individuals that initiated the resolutions. Councilmember Andres Ayala said whoever the makers of the resolution were; they should probably submit something to the Mayor's office to withdraw the request.

Councilmember Vizzo-Paniccia asked if the committee members would be able to review Attorney Howlett's information before the next meeting. Councilmember Valle said she would find out.

Councilmember Valle stated that normally, the process of abandonment's goes through Mike Nidoh's office.

Councilmember Mulligan said Attorney Howlett would attend the next meeting. He offered to compose the letter that should be sent out to the people that requested the abandonment's and to also ask them to be present at the next meeting.

**** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCILMEMBER WALSH SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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ADJOURNMENT

- ** COUNCILMEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN
- ** COUNCILMEMBER WALSH SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
MAY 3, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chairman; Maria Valle, Co-Chairman; Amy Vizzo-Paniccia; Keith Rodgerson; Henry Webb; Robert Walsh, Andres Ayala; Rafael Mojica, Co-Chairman; Ed Gomes

STAFF: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney

OTHER: Ron Pensiero, Co-Executive Director, CT Against Gun Violence

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**81-04 SUPPORT OF PENDING LEGISLATION BILL #6657 AN ACT REQUIRING
REGISTRATION OF LONG GUNS AND MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST OR
STOLEN FIREARMS**

Mr. Gomes stated that he had testified for the Mayor on Mr. Pensiero's committee recently. He commented on a recent "60 Minutes" segment that showed a U.S. citizen had purchased over 500 50-caliber guns on the open market and shipped them overseas. The guns pierced armor and steel. He stated that these guns need to be registered because once they become second hand, they can't be traced and the owner can't be charged.

Mr. Walsh said that this gun registration requirement shouldn't be considered unconstitutional. It does not take away the citizen's right to bear arms. The mandatory reporting of lost or stolen firearms would eliminate the danger of having these guns out, unregistered, on the second-hand market.

Mr. Ayala said that currently long guns don't have to be registered.

Mr. Pensiero said that there is no waiting period to purchase a gun. An authorization number is issued, almost immediately, when an individual tries to purchase a gun. There are seven disqualifiers for long guns and four disqualifiers for hand guns. If you want to transfer ownership of a hand gun to anyone, you need to get an authorization number. You don't need an authorization number to transfer ownership of a long gun. There is no legislation currently in place for reporting a long gun lost or stolen. All gun sales start with a legal sale. The problem with gun trafficking is diversion, where a gun is bought by a trafficker or a straw purchaser, who won't be disqualified, and that person then sells the gun to an unregistered purchaser. In the period from 2000-2002, there were 169 murders, 2,000 aggravated assaults, and 4,500 robberies using a gun. 88% of those crimes were committed by people who were prohibited from owning

guns. Steps have to be taken to stop the illegal transfer of guns to people who commit crimes using those guns. All guns used in crimes committed in Connecticut are required to be traced to the original purchaser. The Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms follows that procedure. Since there is no requirement for the original owner to report their gun lost or stolen, the chain of possession stops there. That is the loophole that this organization wants to stop. The first offense is considered an infraction, with a \$500 fine, if the person didn't report the gun lost or stolen within 72 hours. The second offense is a misdemeanor, and the third offense is a Class D Felony.

There was some discussion regarding the placement of a gun in a glove compartment. Mr. Pensiero said that was allowed. Connecticut doesn't have conceal and carry rights.

Mr. Mulligan inquired about the registration transfer process. Mr. Pensiero said that the person transferring the gun is required to get the authorization number.

Mr. Pensiero stated that the criteria for criminal possession would now be made uniform for handguns and long guns. If a gun was used in a crime, the person can be charged with criminal possession.

Mr. Gomes clarified that there are now 7 disqualifiers for all guns.

After much discussion among the council members, it was determined that they didn't have the most current information regarding the existing laws and the pending legislation. It was agreed that some of the language would be changed. Mr. Pensiero said that the City of Hartford supported this bill in the original form. Last night, the New Haven City Council passed a resolution supporting the current bill. This is now a substitute bill that passed favorably out of Judiciary and now has to go to the Public Safety Committee before going to the floor.

**** MR. GOMES MOVED TO APPROVE BILL #6657 AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

“Be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of Bridgeport Supports Proposed Bill #6657, As Amended by the Judiciary Committee on April 26, 2005 and Encourages the General Assembly to Pass Said Bill #6657 As Amended.

Be it Further Resolved that a Copy of this Resolution be Sent to the General Assembly.

**** MR. MOJICA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION (MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA)**

**** MR. WEBB MOVED TO APPROVE BILL #6657 AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

“Be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of Bridgeport Supports Proposed Bill #6657, As Amended by the Judiciary Committee on April 26, 2005 and Encourages the General Assembly to Pass Said Bill #6657 As Amended.

Be it Further Resolved that a Copy of this Resolution be Sent to the General Assembly.

**** MR. WALSH SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION (MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA)**

**** MR. GOMES MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Chairman; Maria Valle; Amy Vizzo-Paniccia; Andres Ayala; Ed Gomes; Keith Rodgerson (6:15 p.m.); Henry Webb (6:22 p.m.); Robert Walsh (6:30 p.m.)

STAFF: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Michael Nidoh, Director of Planning

OTHER: Stuart Rosenberg; Rev. Dr. Simon Castillo

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**** CHAIRMAN MULLIGAN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO GO TO
AGENDA ITEM 53 04**

**** MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

53-04 REAPPOINTMENT OF STUART ROSENBERG TO THE FIRE COMMISSION

Chairman Mulligan asked Mr. Rosenberg to say a few words about his reappointment to the Fire Commission. Mr. Rosenberg stated he had done a good job, he knows the job thoroughly, and he has experienced everything. He has missed 1 meeting in 18 years. He has a lot to offer and will continue to do well.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF
STUART ROSENBERG TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**102-04 REAPPOINTMENT OF REV. DR. SIMON CASTILLO TO THE FIRE
COMMISSION**

Mr. Castillo stated he has been with the Fire Commission for one year. He considers it the most important department in the city, and the city benefits from their efforts. He will continue to do the best he can.

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF REV. DR. SIMON
CASTILLO TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mulligan stated that both items 53-04 and 102-04 are to be put on the consent calendar.

63-04 REQUEST THAT UNION AVENUE FROM THE CORNER OF STRATFORD AVENUE TO ORANGE STREET BE NAMED TO JAMES A. HODGE, JR. WAY

Mr. Jose Rivera and his wife Grace spoke on behalf of Edna Gutierrez, who couldn't be at the meeting. He read from the letter that Ms. Gutierrez provided. Mr. Hodge is the Principal of the Paul Laurence Dunbar school and has been an administrator of the East End for 20 years.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO DENY REQUEST TO RENAME UNION AVENUE FROM THE CORNER OF STRATFORD AVENUE TO ORANGE STREET TO JAMES A. HODGE, JR. WAY.**

Much discussion followed regarding this topic. This request was not honored by a Department Head, and the matter was procedurally out of order. The Board will retain it for further discussion. The Board was concerned that if the request was granted, a precedent would be set and there might not be the proper criteria in place to establish then all the streets/signs in the City would be renamed for various individuals. This could cause confusion for emergency service workers, fire and police personnel, maps, individual correspondence, etc.

Mr. Rodgeron arrived at 6:15 p.m.

A suggestion was made for the school to start a scholarship fund for the neighborhood and the children. Mr. Anastasi commented that it might be presumptuous of the Board to act on behalf of the Board of Education by suggesting the start-up of the scholarship fund. Mr. Rivera said that this denial would not hinder the school from bringing this request back to the Board again under the due process of the administrative procedures.

Mr. Webb arrived at 6:22 p.m.

**** MR. AYALA SECONDED THE MOVE TO DENY REQUEST.
** MOTION DENIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mulligan stated that this item is to be put on the consent calendar.

83-04 REQUEST OF OPED FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF COLORADO AVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chairman Mulligan said that several letters have been received, and no objections have been indicated. The police and fire departments have cleared it. Mr. Nidoh, the City Planning

Director, presented the report. The proposal is to close off 195 feet of Colorado Avenue for the school. This is part of the municipal development plan, Amendment #3. Construction will begin in the next few weeks. It has been presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and have received their approval. WPCA sent a letter that said they want to maintain the easement for the sewer line that will be serving the business that is still there. The City owns both sides of the street. There are no buildings in the way.

- ** MR. RODGERSON MOVED TO REQUEST OPED TO ABANDON A PORTION OF COLORADO AVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mulligan stated that this item is to be put on the consent calendar.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2005

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2005 MEETING.**
- ** MR. RODGERSON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION ITEM: CLARIFICATION FOR PROCEDURE FOR ABANDONMENT REQUESTS

- ** MS. VALLE MOVED TO TABLE DISCUSSION ITEM.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Ayala asked Mr. Anastasi to speak about the possibility of forming a subcommittee in order to form criteria for renaming the streets. Mr. Mulligan felt that it was a matter for the Miscellaneous Matters Committee. The Public Safety Commission selected 3 members to form the subcommittee, Mr. Rodgerson, Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia, and Mr. Ayala.

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
JOINT MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,
AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Chairman; Maria Valle; Amy Vizzo-Paniccia; Henry Webb; Ed Gomes; Robert Walsh

STAFF:

OTHER: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Frank D'Andrea, D'Andrea's Gun Case; Captain Chapman, Bridgeport Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m

**#81-04 – SUPPORT OF PENDING LEGISLATION BILL #6657 AN ACT REQUIRING
MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS**

Mr. Mulligan asked Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia to make the first comments, as she had made the motion to table this item from the previous meeting.

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia said that at the previous special meeting of both committees, some people felt they needed more information about the long gun bill issue. She invited Mr. Frank D'Andrea, of D'Andrea's Gun Case on Barnum Avenue in Stratford, to speak to the committees and present another view. She said he is very involved on the state and federal level.

Mr. Frank D'Andrea said that there is currently long gun registration, similar to handgun registration. He presented the state form that is required to be filled out if the owner doesn't have a pistol permit or hunting license. It takes two weeks for the form to clear and receive authorization from the Department of Public Safety. He then presented the handgun form, which is also a state form and is required to be filled out with the authorization number on it. The federal form was then presented, which is required to be filled out as well. If a gun trace was to be conducted, they call the manufacturer, then the distributor, then the dealer, and then the individual. He felt that the paperwork was redundant, and that this amount of paperwork will continue to overburden the system. This procedure doesn't make it any easier to trace lost or stolen guns.

There was discussion between Mr. Gomes and Mr. D'Andrea regarding the proposed legislation and the current law. Mr. Mulligan asked Mr. D'Andrea if the bill now before the legislature is that the person has to report his/her gun missing within a certain period of time. Mr. D'Andrea responded that they are requiring more paperwork to be done for long guns. Mr. Anastasi clarified that the issue is about the tracing of lost or stolen firearms, not about banning them.

Captain Chapman said that people don't go hunting with assault weapons. Assault weapons are used to kill people. The same criteria for the handgun should be in place for the long gun. Chairman Mulligan said that the bill now only contains the requirement that you have to report a lost or missing firearm. Mr. Anastasi confirmed that there are not greater restrictions for long guns vs. the hand guns that have been presented before the committees. Mr. Mulligan confirmed what was expected of the committee this evening. Mr. Gomes said it is to approve the legislation as amended by the Legislature. Chairman Mulligan asked if the resolution is to endorse both items – the registration of long guns and the reporting of lost or stolen firearms guns, or is it to endorse the reporting of missing guns. Mr. Walsh said that the legislation in Hartford was changed to the reporting of lost or stolen guns, both long guns and handguns. It was changed to say that the committee was in support of the legislation as amended. Chairman Mulligan said that what is before the committee tonight is the issue of reporting lost guns.

Miscellaneous Matters Committee

- ** MR. GOMES MOVED TO APPROVE 81-04 – SUPPORT OF PENDING LEGISLATION BILL #6657 AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS**
- ** NO SECOND.**
- ** MOTION DENIED WITH THREE OPPOSITIONS (VIZZO-PANICCIA, VALLE, MULLIGAN).**

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- ** MR. WEBB MOVED TO APPROVE 81-04 – SUPPORT OF PENDING LEGISLATION BILL #6657 AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS.**
- ** MR. WALSH SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION DENIED WITH THREE OPPOSITIONS (VIZZO-PANICCIA, VALLE, MULLIGAN)**

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Miscellaneous Matters committee lost the quorum to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr

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JUNE 7, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chairman; Maria Valle, Co-Chairman; Amy Vizzo-Paniccia; Ed Gomes; Henry Webb; Robert Walsh

STAFF:

OTHER: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney; Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney; John Cottell, United Illuminating; Sharman Summerville, United Illuminating; Captain Chapman, Bridgeport Police Department; David Cody, Director of the Division of Construction Management Services

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2005 AND
JOINT MEETING MAY 3, 2005
WITH MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2005 AND JOINT MEETING MAY 3, 2005 WITH MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**
- ** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#95-04 YOUTH AND POLICE WORKING TOGETHER PROGRAM (YOUTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE #95-04 YOUTH AND POLICE WORKING TOGETHER PROGRAM (YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#97-04 COPS SECURE OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FROM
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE #97-04 COPS SECURE OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FROM US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**
- ** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#110-04 PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE SECTION 12.60 STREETLIGHT
INSTALLATIONS**

Ms. Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney, presented a revised version of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Howlett said that Mr. Barry Skitter of the Engineering Department made changes to Items 1 and 2, and the City Clerk's office made changes to paragraph 4 on page 2. There was a request made to come up with a policy. Ms. Howlett and City Attorney Mr. Mark Anastasi researched whether or not the City Council can adopt a policy as opposed to a resolution or an ordinance. A policy cannot be adopted. If the situation is recurring and involves public participation, it has to be an ordinance. This is the format that is legally correct. They followed the procedure that's already in place.

If someone requests that streetlights be put in, by passing this ordinance it now becomes mandatory that there be money in the budget. There has to be either a letter from Public Utilities saying there is money in the budget, or it has to be moved to Budget Appropriations to get a transfer. This guarantees that the money is there; otherwise the approval gets tabled. Originally, the City Clerk's office would forward it, after it was approved, to United Illuminating. It now should be forwarded to the Utilities Manager.

The City Clerk now wants the Committee to issue a report favorably approving it and send it to Council. The Council will then refer it to the Ordinance Committee for their approval and a public hearing.

Mr. Walsh asked Mr. John Cottell of United Illuminating how much a lightpole costs. Mr. Cottell replied that it could vary from \$100-\$1,000. He said that the total budget for streetlighting is \$2.1M.

After some discussion, it was agreed not to go to ordinance on this item. Chairman Mulligan said that they needed more review of this item. Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia felt that there should be it should be more uniform for policy and procedure, so that it's even across the board for everyone. Chairman Mulligan suggested that they put a timeline of 30 days for each office to publish a report, and if they do not publish the report within 30 days, it will be automatically deemed approved. Ms. Howlett said she would provide the committee with more information.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED #110-04 PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE SECTION 12.60 STREETLIGHT INSTALLATIONS, TO GO TO FULL COUNCIL, THEN TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THEN TO A PUBLIC HEARING.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION (WALSH).**

**#111-04 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOT FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES RENDERED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MARCH 25,
2004 TANKER ACCIDENT AT BRIDGE NO. 00103, I-95 OVER HOWARD**

AVENUE. STATE PROJECT NO. 15-314 AND FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. BHI-ER-0951 (215).

Mr. Anastasi said he didn't have anything on this item.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE #111-04 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES RENDERED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MARCH 25, 2004 TANKER ACCIDENT AT BRIDGE NO. 00103, I-95 OVER HOWARD AVENUE. STATE PROJECT NO. 15-314 AND FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. BHI-ER-0951 (215).**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#129-04 INSTALLATION OF A NEW ELECTRIC SERVICE VAULT ALONG FAIRFIELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE AREA.

Ms. Howlett said that this is a State Road. She said there is an ordinance regarding the construction of underground vaults, but she needs a letter from the DOT saying they don't have an objection to this. Mr. Summerville of United Illuminating, representing Chris Hart, said that there is an increased need for service. They need to install an electric vault to house transformers on the south side of Fairfield Avenue, east of Lafayette Circle and Harrison Street, in the sidewalk area. The vault would be approximately 36 feet long, 9 feet wide, and 11 feet deep. There would be no cost to the City; United Illuminating would be responsible for all the work and the repairs. It would have steel doors and grating. Ms. Howlett said that they have denied requests like this from United Illuminating in the past. By statute, they are allowed to put poles in the public right-of-way but not construct facilities like this. It would be underground, in the sidewalk, 50 ft from the median. Mr. Anastasi said that sidewalks are the City's responsibility. Mr. Mulligan asked if United Illuminating does put this in, can a Hold Harmless Agreement be received. Ms. Howlett said that if this is allowed to go through, you would be setting a precedent for others. She said that she will have more information by the next meeting. She said the DOT has to be notified.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO TABLE #129-04 INSTALLATION OF A NEW ELECTRIC SERVICE VAULT ALONG FAIRFIELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE AREA.**

**** MR. WALSH SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#133-04 THE BRIDGEPORT INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER BUS TERMINAL & PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, DRIVEWAYS, MEDIANS AND CROSSING OF CITY RIGHTS OF WAY.

Mr. David Cody, Director of the Division of Construction Management Services, said he is seeking a variance to driveways near the bus terminal on Water Street. There are two new openings for the buses, two lanes for the buses to exit near the North end of the site, and one lane

for the entrance, for a total of 38-40 feet. They are requesting permission to construct the pedestrian connectors within the public right-of-way, above ground. In paragraph two, Ms. Howlett said that this can be done only if the property is not owned by a private developer. Mr. Cody confirmed that it would be owned by the State of Connecticut and maintained by the State Department of Transportation. Mr. Anastasi said that the City retains the air rights. In paragraph 4, Ms. Howlett said the language has to be clarified. It is not a variance. It is a permit application for a certain width. The next Planning & Zoning meeting is July 28. Ms. Howlett suggested that they get an A24 report.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE #133-04 THE BRIDGEPORT INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER BUS TERMINAL & PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, DRIVEWAYS, MEDIANS AND CROSSING OF CITY RIGHTS OF WAY. NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT APPROVES THE PERMIT APPLICATION OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES DIVISION FOR A DRIVEWAY OF A WIDTH IN EXCESS OF 24 FEET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS ON FILE WITH THE CITY ENGINEER.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO OPPOSITIONS (MR. WEBB AND MR. WALSH).**

#134-04 DRIVEWAYS IN EXCESS OF 20 FEET 1000 PARK AVENUE, WALGREEN'S DRUGSTORE #9521.

Mr. Ray Rizzio, an Attorney, said that there is a Walgreens Drugstore being built on the corner of Fairfield Avenue, Washington Avenue, and Park Avenue. There are four driveways that are seeking the permission of the Council to exceed 20 feet. Mr. Rizzio said this plan was the result of the City Traffic Engineer. The plan gives plenty of access and it doesn't require any kind of cueing or congestion on Fairfield Avenue, Washington Avenue, and Park Avenue. Mr. Anastasi said that safety is definitely the key. It would be a benefit to the neighborhood as well as a commercial benefit to the property.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE #134-04 DRIVEWAYS IN EXCESS OF 20 FEET 1000 PARK AVENUE, WALGREEN'S DRUGSTORE #9521.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION (MR. WALSH).**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 5, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Councilmembers Tom Mulligan, Chair (130th);
Keith Rodgeron (133rd); Amy Vizzo-Paniccia (134th);
Andres Ayala (137th); Henry Webb (139th)

STAFF:

ABSENT: Councilmembers Robert Walsh (132nd); Maria Valle (137th);
James Holloway (139th)

OTHER: Councilwoman Marilyn Santacroce (134th);
Mike Feeney, Chief Administrative Officer

Chairman Mulligan called the special meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**111-04 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOT FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES RENDERED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MARCH 25,
2004 TANKER ACCIDENT AT BRIDGE NO. 00103, I-95 OVER HOWARD AVENUE.
STATE PROJECT NO. 15-314 AND FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. BHI-ER-0951 (215)**

Mr. Mike Feeney, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the previous contract between the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport for the reimbursement of the I-95 bridge tanker accident on March 25, 2004 had Section 5 crossed out. The committee had then received the revised contract. Section 5 had bound the municipality from any future accidents and put the City liable for the bridge. The DOT had agreed to remove that section. Mr. Feeney said they are seeking the Committee's approval for the reimbursement of \$361,000 for this fiscal year. Chairman Mulligan asked if that was the nature of the need for an emergency immediate suspension of the rules so that the money can be funded for the past fiscal year. Mr. Feeney said that it was. Chairman Mulligan asked whose idea was it for the City to be responsible for the Howard Avenue bridge. Mr. Feeney said that it was in the previous contract, and the Attorney caught it. Chairman Mulligan asked if the amount requested to be reimbursed would be enough to cover their expenses. Mr. Feeney said that it would, and that it's broken down to Public Safety, Fire Department, Public Works, and Police Department.

Remove section 5 on page 2 original agreement

**** COUNCILMAN RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED
RESOLUTION ON FILE WITH THE CITY CLERK TO SUBSTITUTE
PARAGRAPH 5, ON PAGES 2 & 3, WITH PARAGRAPH 5, PAGES 2 & 3, ON THE
DOCUMENT BEFORE THEM, NOW MARKED EXHIBIT A FOR THE PURPOSE
OF THIS MEETING.**

**** COUNCILWOMAN VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

Councilman Ayala asked for a clean copy so they could submit it with their records to the City Clerk's office. Chairman Mulligan suggested it should be amended to read that the document that is marked Exhibit A will be substituted for the document that is presently on file before the City Clerk.

Councilman Rodgeron withdrew the motion.

**** COUNCILMAN RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF EXHIBIT A FOR THE DOCUMENT PRESENTLY ON FILE UNDER 111-04 WITH THE CITY CLERK.**

**** COUNCILWOMAN VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCILMAN RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE DOCUMENT MARKED EXHIBIT A.**

**** COUNCILWOMAN VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCILMAN RODGERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCILWOMAN VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JULY 14, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chairman; Maria Valle, Co-Chairman; Robert Walsh; Henry Webb; Keith Rogerson; Amy Marie Vizzo-Paniccia; James Holloway; Elaine Pivirotto; Ed Gomes.

STAFF:

OTHERS: Charles Carroll, Rina Bakalar, Kelly McDermott, John Cattell, City of Bridgeport; Melanie Howlett, Associate City Attorney; Steve Tyliszczak, Planning & Economic Development; John Cottell; Dave Cote; State Senator Ernest Newton; State Senator Robert Keeley; Christopher Hart; Len Burteau, Roger Kilcoyne, Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority; John Garnett, Paul Kachevko, Passenger Ambassador Committee.

NOTE: Due to the traffic situation, the secretary did not arrive at the meeting until 6:10 p.m. The meeting was already in session and the first three agenda items had already been discussed. The fourth agenda item was in the midst of discussion when the secretary arrived.

During discussion of Agenda item 150-04 Reappointment of Jonathan Klein to the Fire Commission, two Committee members left the meeting and went out into the hallway where an altercation broke out. This resulted in a number of Committee members and others leaving the room for approximately 5 minutes. The meeting continued to run with Mr. Mulligan calling on these Committee members to return in order to have a quorum.

**#151-04 REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN TO THE
POLICE COMMISSION**

**** MR. HOLLOWAY MOVED TO TABLE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN TO THE POLICE COMMISSION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

**** MR. WALSH SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#152-04 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS' GRANT PROGRAM

Kelly McDermott, Grantwriter, City of Bridgeport reported that this grant was for the purpose of funding a new fireboat for the City. The grant funding would provide a total

of \$250,000 for the purchase of the boat, \$200,00 of which would come from the grant itself and \$50,000 which would come from the City as matching funds from the capital plan from Central Funds which had been appropriated several years previously and would leave an approximate total of \$98,000 in the Central Funds. Ms. McDermott reported that the City currently has a 35-year-old aluminum boat, a 21-year-old boat which is out of service, and a 7-year-old launch, none of which have the capability of fighting a fire from the water. The new fireboat would supplement the other three and has the capacity to fight fires from the boat. Ms. McDermott reported that the City was eligible for the grant funds because of its deficiency to fight fires from the water.

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$200,000 GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIREBOAT.**
- ** MR. ROGERSON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH 1 OPPOSED (MR. WALSH).**

**#166-04 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM**

Ms. McDermott, Grantwriter, City of Bridgeport, reported that this grant has already been applied for and that pending the approval of the Committee the State will accept the grant application for funds to replace a broken van used to shuttle seniors. She reported that the funds come from the DOT where the money comes Federally and goes to the State. Ms. McDermott said that the City has a 20% cost share to match the amount. The State is giving \$35,000 and the van costs \$43,000. The balance of the money will come from the City. Ms. McDermott said that the City will have to go through the State bidding process for the van and will have to accept the lowest price given for the type of van they want to purchase. She said that the current van was very old and since its breakdown the City hasn't been able to shuttle the seniors.

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$35,000 GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VAN TO SHUTTLE SENIORS.**
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH 1 OPPOSED (MR. WALSH).**

**#172-02 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ROGERSON
AND CURWEN THAT THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT ON MAY 10, 2005 AT HARDING HIGH SCHOOL**

**AND REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL AND IF NECESSARY, THE ETHICS
COMMISSION**

Mr. Mulligan stated that this item would not be discussed at this time. There was no vote taken.

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177-04 COPS INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Kelly McDermott, Grantwriter, City of Bridgeport reported that this project came to the Committee in 2004 for approval and will be used to facilitate communications between the Police Dept., Fire Dept., Health Dept., etc. into a main dispatch center. She said the grant would fund a large number of radios as well as interoperability boxes for the I-95 corridor to be used in the event of disasters. She said the suggestion came from the Federal guidelines, state requirements, disaster responses, etc. in the wake of September 11 and that it was considered a cross-disciplinary/cross-jurisdiction project. Ms. McDermott said the reason it was coming back to the Committee was to update them and to put the item back into the capital plan because the City will have to match twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost. She reported the total project cost to be around six million dollars, but that the City will be able to ask for more reimbursements from the federal government under the 9/11 Reimbursements.

Ms. McDermott said there was an additional \$20,000 in reimbursements that the City was currently not eligible for because they didn't have this technology. She said the goal was to position Bridgeport as a hub in Connecticut for disaster preparedness and cautioned that the monies may not be available in future years so the City should act now. Ms. McDermott said that the matching funds had been approved in the capital budge and that there is a line item in the budget for it.

- ** MR. ROGERSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE COPS INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT.**
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**110-04 PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE SECTION 12.60 STREETLIGHT
INSTALLATIONS**

John Cattel, General Manager, Dept. of Public Facilities reported on the ordinance. Mr. Walsh wanted to know if the streetlight installations were subject to a budget and asked if

there were funds to do the installations. Mr. Cattel said that the installations were subject to a budget but that if there was money in the budget and the Committee opted to have streetlights installed, then the money could be used for the installations. Mr. Holloway asked how the locations of the streetlights to be installed was determined. Discussion followed as to the procedure of placing streetlights.

Mr. Walsh said that he felt the ordinance should not be adopted as it was a budgetary question and the Council has complete control over the budget. Mr. Holloway said that he thought the item should be tabled until further information could be provided.

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**** MR. HALLOWAY MOVED TO TABLE THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE SECTION 12.60 STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION.**

**** MR. WALSH SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH 1 OPPOSED (MR. ROGERSON)**

#129-04 INSTALLATION OF A NEW ELECTRIC SERVICE VAULT ALONG FAIRFIELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE AREA

Christopher Hart presented the item to the Committee and said that it was coming back for a second time. Mr. Walsh said that it was clear that the service vault falls into the public right-of-way according to State statutes and that the equipment must be vented with a grate to keep the public from falling in. Mr. Walsh said he wanted a hold-harmless agreement for the City.

Mr. Hart provided a color-coded diagram showing locations of other similar electric service vaults. Mr. Walsh asked if similar requests for the installation of additional vaults would be needed every year. Mr. Hart said that the need for the electric vault was great, as the current equipment in the area was antiquated and that the national safety code governs what the City does, depending on the existing load. Mr. Walsh said he couldn't understand why Mr. Hart can't tell whether future vault installations would be needed from year to year. Mr. Hart said that if they don't make changes now, customers have no alternatives to getting power and that in this area there is no pole line. Mr. Webb was concerned about the grates in the public right-of-way. Mr. Hart said that the City engineers say the vault is not part of the City's sidewalks and would be below the sidewalk and pose no threat.

- ** MR. WALSH MOTIONED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO GIVE THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT A HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT WHERE THE WORDING IS SATISFACTORY TO THE CITY.**
- ** MR. ROGERSON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. ROGERSON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#133-04 BRIDGEPORT INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER BUS TERMINAL & PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, DRIVEWAYS, MEDIANS AND CROSSING OF CITY RIGHTS OF WAY

Mr. Steve Tyliczszak, Planning & Economic Development, asked for time to make a lengthy presentation to the Committee on the progress of the project. He was joined by Mr. Len Burteau, the project architect, and Mr. Roger Kilcoyne of the Greater Bridgeport

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Transit Authority. Mr. Tyliczszak reported that there were three phases of the project. He said that on July 6, 2004 the Public Safety & Transportation Committee adopted a resolution for the project and that in October 2004 the City of Bridgeport created a handbook.

Mr. Tyliczszak distributed a 3-part report to the Committee. He stated that the Post Office site had been examined as well as the existing site with parking garage owned by Mr. Trefz. The information was evaluated and criteria developed. He said that sometimes sites included green sites, meaning property not developed previously, but that all topics were evaluated as part of the environmental assessment. It was determined that there would be no impact on the complete 3-phase intermodal project.

Mr. Len Burteau presented an overlay of the project. He reported that Phase 2B was not funded yet. He said that this project would expand the footprint of the downtown proper and shift transportation activities northward. Mr. Burteau said that they want to tie a boardwalk together with a floating dock to make ferry crossings as part of the total project. He said they would need City approval for an oversized driveway which would then go to a Site Plan Review. He hoped to get a building permit in the fall.

Mr. Burteau said that the third step of the project was beginning to happen with housing added to the mix which would generate more people using the bus terminal seven days a week. He said this is how the transportation element fits into the overall plan.

Mr. Walsh said that he had a question on homeland security, specifically about the pedestrian walkway proposed to go from Fairfield Avenue all the way down and wanted to know if there had been any formal directives. Mr. Kilcoyne said that there was a new focus on transit with Homeland Security.

Mr. Rogerson asked what was the approximate length of the pedestrian walkways and had there been any discussion of motorizing the walkways. Mr. Kilcoyne said the walkways would have to be fully enclosed, be heated and cooled, sprinklers would be installed according to the building code. Mr. Walsh asked why they had not opted to build the terminal at the location of the present terminal since the City owns the majority of the property there. Mr. Burteau said that they were attempting to relocate the transportation activities and create a transportation hub north of the present location. Mr. Walsh wanted to know shouldn't the Council authorize the sale of the property before a shovel hits dirt and he was told that had already been done.

Mr. Kilcoyne said that one of the plans in the project was to restore two-way bus service on Main Street which was currently only one-way. He said that 1.5 million went into the design of the new terminal and that the FDA and the government will not fund the project if they do not build.

Ms. Valle asked if the existing bus service will be disrupted during the building of the new terminal as she has received a significant amount of telephone calls at her home from concerned residents asking her not to support the project. Mr. Walsh asked why there wasn't two-way service on Main Street now. Mr. Kilcoyne said that the former

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mayor had directed the GBTA to get off Main Street entirely and that the GTBA had added one-way service as a compromise. Mr. Walsh said the new terminal would take available property away from the City and said that Mr. Kilcoyne seems to be saying that there is far more value in the property than is being shown.

Mr. Kilcoyne said that they are hoping the new terminal will be operational in early fall/winter and that it is a long-term visionary project which was started eight years ago. He said there would be covered walkways, lots of visibility, lots of public safety, state-of-the-art cameras and security systems.

Mr. Ed Gomes said that he has ridden the City buses and that he has heard complaints from people who ride the buses on a daily basis. He said that a problem exists where riders are required to have exact change for the fare but there is no way to make change at the current bus terminal and have to walk to a store and make a purchase in order to have correct change for the bus fare. Mr. Gomes said they need to have the ability to give the

public the ability to make change. Mr. John Garnett of the Passenger Ambassador Committee said that several other states do not have change machines even though exact change is the policy and the transit norm. Mr. Garnett said that many areas do inform riders how to get change.

Mr. Walsh said he wants the City to tear down the old terminal and rebuild in the same place. He said they could put the office space up above the parking garage and have that large piece of property for other uses. Ms. Pivirotto asked if the old terminal space was going to be used for parking only and said it reminded her of what happened at the Trumbull Shopping Center when they restructured the bus access area by moving it away from the building down a long sidewalk, forcing riders to brave the elements. She said it showed no consideration for the riders. Mr. Paul Kachevko of the Passenger Ambassador Committee thought that the new terminal is in a good spot and the old terminal is outmoded and has no heat. Mr. Gomes said Bridgeport should be first with a full intermodal center and should provide the riders with the opportunity to make change.

Senator Ernest Newton asked if Mr. Trefz increased the rent he was charging. Mr. Kilcoyne said that the rent has quadrupled and they are now paying almost double. Mr. Mulligan said that this will further delay the new terminal while the City determines and reviews the language. Mr. Kachevko said that he was afraid that this item would take so long to pass that the money to build the new terminal would no longer be available and he urged the Committee to pass it. Mr. Tyliczszak said that they would continue to bring this item to the Committee and would continue to update them on the progress as it proceeded.

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**** MR. WALSH MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION BY ADDING
“AND FURTHERMORE ANY AND ALL CONSTRUCTION ON THE
PROJECT MUST BE PERFORMED IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH
THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT’S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE AND
MINORITY CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE
RECENTLY COMPLETED DISPARITY STUDY. NO FURTHER
CONTRACTS WOULD BE ADOPTED NOR SIGNED UNTIL THIS
DISPARITY STUDY IS ADOPTED AND THE FINDINGS ADDRESSED
IN THE CITY’S PURCHASING PROCEDURES.”**

Ms. Howlett said that the diversity study isn't finished and they couldn't change the current policy until the diversity study is finished so by putting the entire project on hold to amend it wasn't going to work. Mr. Walsh said that don't the City's procurement ordinances, unless it is considered a Federal project, don't they have to be followed anyway. Ms. Howlett said they did. Mr. Tyliczszak said that the other suggestion is to wait and include the findings of the disparity study when it has been completed. Mr. Holloway said that in 1996 the City passed an ordinance regarding construction that was already law right now. Ms. Howlett said that they were trying to modify that and get some different set-asides. Mr. Walsh said the City Attorney has said that he could not defend that in court. Ms. Howlett said unless they do the study to back it up. Mr. Mulligan said the study has not been completed. Mr. Walsh said it has and there are printed copies of the study that he can provide for the Committee should they want them.

Mr. Tyliczszak said that as he stated earlier the project is funded by Federal dollars and by State dollars and it may be that the City accepting the same dollars' procurement was in regulations established by the funding sources. Mr. Walsh said that these were not arbitrary limits, that's why we have to do it in compliance with the disparity study. Ms. Howlett asked if she could answer the question legally. She said this means that legally the criteria that has been set by the Federal government and the State government for the money they are giving will take precedence over the local ordinances because they are spending Federal tax dollars and State tax dollars. Mr. Mulligan said that the laws that are in place require minority participation anyway and perhaps cause the resolution that is before them to become further delayed while the City attorney analyzes this language. Mr. Walsh said that it was up to this Council to determine whether they want to delay it for another month or so if that's what it takes for the City's Attorney's Office to review this and get back to the Council, that was the Council's prerogative and what it should be doing.

Mr. Holloway said we should either vote it up or vote it down with the amendment that Mr. Walsh has stated and the City attorney come back with a no or yes, just vote. Mr. Mulligan said that would have to be done on the floor and that Mr. Walsh would have to withdraw his present motion to allow for that mechanism. Mr. Webb said that there was no second for that motion. Mr. Mulligan said they had not gotten to it but it was on the floor. Mr. Walsh agreed that he did not want to withdraw it after Mr. Holloway's comments. Mr. Mulligan said there was a motion on the floor by Mr. Walsh and asked if there was a seconding.

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**** MOTION BY MR. WALSH FAILED AS THERE WAS NO SECONDING.**

- ** MR. HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS ORIGINALLY STATED TO PROCEED WITH THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER, BUS TERMINAL, PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, ETC.**
- ** MR. ROGERSON SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OBJECTION (MR. WALSH)**

Mr. Mulligan asked if the Committee would like to take a five-minute break before continuing. Members of the Committee stated they would continue without a break.

#172-04 RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ROGERSON AND CURWEN THAT THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE INCIDENT ON MAY 10, 2005 AT HARDING HIGH SCHOOL AND REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL AND IF NECESSARY, THE ETHICS COMMISSION

Ms. Howlett asked the Council to table this item as she hasn't had time to research it fully. She said she will do the research and bring it back to the Committee at a later date.

- ** MR. ROGERSON MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED REGARDING THE MAY 10, 2005 INCIDENT AT HARDING HIGH SCHOOL BE TABLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCI SECONDS.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Howlett asked the Council to table the minutes of both meetings.

- ** MS. VALLE MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2005 AND JOINT MEETING JUNE 7, 2005 WITH MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Mulligan said there was a motion to recess the Committee to take up agenda items #150-04 and #151-04 on the night of August 1, 2005 at a time to be designated by the City Clerk.

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- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO RECESS THE COMMITTEE TO TAKE UP AGENDA ITEMS #150-04 AND #151-04 ON AUGUST 1, 2005 AT A TIME TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE CITY CLERK.**
- ** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda J. Hayes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Thomas Mulligan; Co-Chair;
AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia; Henry Webb.

STAFF:

OTHERS: Andres Ayala, Council President.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mulligan said he didn't think the Committee needed to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2005 Regular Meeting and the June 7, 2005 Joint Meeting at this time. Mr. Ayala said that, in regards to meeting minutes, he had held a conversation with the City Clerk and that, to the City Clerk's office, it was a very important issue to have all meeting minutes approved whenever possible. He suggested that the Committee look into approving said minutes and try to make it a part of each Committee meeting because it is an important matter to them for their recordkeeping and for the Committee as well. Mr. Mulligan agreed with Mr. Ayala, saying the only reason he wanted to move the approval of the minutes to another meeting was because he hadn't gotten a chance to read them yet and he didn't want to approve minutes that he hadn't read. He acknowledged that they had only recessed the meeting to take up the matter of the two appointments that appeared on the agenda, and that, going forward, the minutes would be approved at the next full Committee meeting.

**#150-04 REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN KLEIN TO THE FIRE
COMMISSION**

- ** MS. VALLE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
JONATHAN KLEIN TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**
- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#151-04 REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN TO THE POLICE
COMMISSION**

- ** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF THERESA A. BROWN TO THE POLICE
COMMISSION.**
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. MULLIGAN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** MR. WEBB SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Hayes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Tom Mulligan, Chairman; Maria Inez Valle, Amy Marie Vizzo-Paniccia, Robert Walsh

OTHERS: Mark Anastassi, City Attorney; Brian Williams, Deputy CAP;
Peter
Keogh, Director of Parking Enforcement.

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 7, 2005 JOINT MEETING.

Chairman Mulligan pointed out that in the motion regarding rifles on page 2, there was no second. Because of that, the motion automatically failed. Therefore, he wished to see the motion amended from:

“ MR. GOMES MOVED TO APPROVE.**

**** THERE WAS NO SECOND.**

**** MOTION DENIED WITH THREE OPPOSITION, VIZZO-PANICCIA,
VALLE AND MULLIGAN.”**

Chairman Mulligan wished to have the last sentence read simply “MOTION DENIED.”

**** MR. MULLIGAN MOVED TO DELETE THE WORDS “WITH THREE
OPPOSITIONS , VIZZO-PANNICIA, VALLE AND MULLIGAN.
FROM THE MOTION AND HAVE IT READ “MOTION DENIED”**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 7,
2005 AS AMENDED.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 5, 2005 AND JULY 14TH 2005.

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JULY 5,
2005 AND JULY 14TH 2005 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MS. VALLE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

190-04 - PARKING METER FEE INCREASE.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Keogh distributed two handouts to the Commission and made a brief presentation about the overall plan to increase the current parking meter fee from fifty cents an hour to one dollar an hour. Mr. Williams indicated that they are seeking approval for this fee increase because the City of Bridgeport has not raised its fees in fifteen years. Other local cities are charging much more for metered parking. He also stated that this was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Mr. Mulligan questioned as to whether or not the fee increase would have to be standard through out the city. Mr. Williams replied that he was not sure, but that one of the plans was to have parking zones through out downtown with free parking for fifteen minutes for quick errands in areas where fast food restaurants and delis were located.

Mr. Mulligan expressed concern about the impact of parking meters on business development downtown. It was indicated that the worse offenders were store owners and employees who prefer to park very close to their places of employment, leaving customers searching for convenient parking. Meters with shorter time periods would force turnover of the space for customers.

Ms. Vizzo-Paniccia mentioned that Montreal has parking meters all over the place, and she mentioned the combination residential/commercial areas. She felt that the program might be a good one to use as a model. Mr. Keogh stated that putting parking meters in residential areas was not a current priority. He noted that the Chief Traffic Engineer received complaints about St. Vincent hospital employees parking in the residential areas around the block. Someone approached St. Vincent's about their employees parking in the garage. The response was that the employees would have to pay to use the garage. Bridgeport Hospital does not appear to have the same problem.

Ms. Valle expressed concerns over the addition of new parking meters downtown. She specifically cited a hair cutting business, which would require more than 15 minutes. Mr. Keogh explained that there would be a variety of different time limits on the meters, determined by their location. He indicated that currently there was no free parking in the particular area where the business was located.

There was some discussion about Bank Street, which the Fire Department has declared it a Fire Zone because of its narrowness and the size of their vehicles. Therefore, there is no parking allowed at all on that street.

Parking for CHCP will be created around John Street. It was suggested that perhaps additional parking might be available on the roof of the Annex. Mr. Keogh said that he believed that Chase Bank has a contract on those spaces and was not willing to give them up even though they are not being used. He stated that was some time ago. The Police Academy has also requested additional parking because of the number of out of town attendees.

A portion of the handout that showed meters in currently free parking areas was raised. Mr. Williams explained that the areas in the packets were where more meters were going to be added. Mr. Walsh requested more details about the eleven parking meters around St. Vincent Hospital and an additional 124 meters around Bridgeport Hospital. Mr. Williams explained that in order to put meters on residential streets, an ordinance must be created and that was not part of the current proposal, but something that was projected for the future. A residential plan would be required with stickers for the home owners and a systematic plan.

Mr. Walsh stated that he was concerned that parking meters would start appearing in areas beyond the Council's control. Mr. Williams explained that New Haven has a residential parking plan in place that Bridgeport could use as a model.

Mr. Williams stated that while the increase would raise revenue, the real reason for the changes was traffic flow. Currently, the meters are not revenue producing, but the parking tickets make up some of that loss.

**** MS. VALLE MOTIONED TO INCREASE PARKING METER FEES FROM 50 CENTS TO ONE DOLLAR PER HOUR.**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSING VOTE (WALSH).**

Mr. Walsh had some questions about some additional items that had been on the agenda originally but not on the amended agenda. Mr. Mulligan said that he was aware that the WPCA item had been tabled for the time being. Mr. Walsh asked about the street light ordinance and Ms. Valle said that she believed it was a pending matter. There was also an incident at Harding High School which was tabled. Mr. Mulligan said he did not know why that was not on the agenda.

**** MS. VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Thomas Mulligan, Maria Valle

The meeting was cancelled by Mr. Mulligan due to a lack of a quorum at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2005

ATTENDANCE: COUNCIL MEMBERS: HOLLOWAY, VALLE, VIZZO-PANICCIA

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: MULLIGAN, RODGERSON, WALSH ,
WEBB

ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY: MELANIE HOWLETT

It was announced that due to no quorum the meeting would not be held tonight. The matter will be referred to the clerk's office for rescheduling.

ADJOURNED

**** COUNCILMEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCILMEMER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOULSY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 1, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-Chair; Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chair; AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Andres Ayala, Council President

OTHERS: Melanie Howlett , Associate City Attorney; Michael Nidoh, Director of Planning, City of Bridgeport

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Valle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. She stated that Council President Ayala would be acting as an alternate for this meeting.

281-04 Abandonment of a portion of Lower Main Street by the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Mr. Nidoh presented a brief overview of the project including an aerial photograph of the general area. Attorney Howlett explained to the Committee that Mr. Holloway had concerns about the project being approved by Planning and Zoning. She stated that she had given a favorable legal opinion on this matter. Attorney Howlett reported that the project had been approved by the Planning and Zoning at last night's meeting. She also reminded the Committee that Bridgeport does not actually own their streets, so that this is actually a statutory easement and the State will pay for the project.

- ** **MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE 281-04 ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF LOWER MAIN STREET BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT).**
- ** **MR. AYALA SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

286-04 Communication from Public Facilities re: Street Acceptance for portion of Hallett Street and Waterview Avenue associated with the construction of the New Barnum Elementary School.

Attorney Howlett explained that while she had given a favorable opinion on this matter there was a problem with the title of the motion, which should read "**286-04 Communication from Public Facilities re: Street Alteration**" rather than **286-04 Communication from Public Facilities re: Street Acceptance**". This is a change on an existing street, not the creation of a new street. She reported that the Planning and Zoning had handled this by having two votes, the first to amend the document title and the second to approve the resolution. The resolution was passed by Planning and Zoning last night.

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO AMEND THE TITLE OF RESOLUTION 286-04 FROM "286-04 COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES RE: STREET ACCEPTANCE FOR PORTION OF HALLETT STREET AND WATERVIEW AVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BARNUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL." TO "286-04 COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC FACILITIES RE: STREET ALTERATION FOR PORTION OF HALLETT STREET AND WATERVIEW AVENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BARNUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL."**

**** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE 286-04 AS AMENDED.
** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** MS. VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services.