

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 17, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeanette Herron, Co-chair; Matthew McCarthy, Co-chair;  
Jorge Cruz, Frederick Hodges, Ernest Newton, Maria Pereira

**OTHERS:** Atty. Michael Jankovsky, City Attorney's Office; Jon Urquidi, City  
Engineer; Ken Flatto, Finance Director; T. Gaudett, Mayoral Aide

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Herron called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

• **April 12, 2022 (Regular Meeting)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

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

**75-21 Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Fairfield  
concerning the Rooster River Watershed Project.**

Atty. Jankovsky said that the MOU is asking for the property agreement and the CGS requires an opportunity for Public Comment.

Mr. Urquidi said the Rooster River runs from Bridgeport to Fairfield and back into Bridgeport. He said they were working on identifying a retention area for the river. Fairfield has a few areas that could be used for retention. Bridgeport's potential retention area is in the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course.

Mr. Urquidi said they could take an existing wet land on the golf course and turn it into a pond. This will create an area where upstream water can be retained to prevent flooding downstream.

Council Member Pereira said that they have to vote on the MOU and she wished to know if there was a second item they would have to vote on. Atty. Jankovsky said that there was an attached property agreement.

Council Member Pereira said the land agreement was not noticed for the public and this was a Special Meeting.

Council Member McCarthy asked when it changed to a Special Meeting. Council Member Pereira said that when a meeting is rescheduled, it becomes a special meeting because it is not listed on the yearly calendar.

Atty. Jankovsky said that there were two separate documents. Council Member Herron said that when they schedule the Public Hearing, they can have a special meeting on the land agreement before the Public Hearing. This was agreeable to everyone.

Atty. Jankovsky said that it would be funded with ARPA funds.

Council Member McCarthy said that Bridgeport would be responsible for maintenance. Mr. Urquidi said that there was some discharge piping for high overflow. General maintenance items would be mowing the lawn and clearing out debris.

Council Member Newton said that he hoped that there would not be any problems with the golf course. He said that he would not want the golf course to be flooded. He also wished to know what Trumbull's part in this would be.

Mr. Urquidi said that there was a low lying area that has some invasive species that would be removed and the pond dug out. It would alleviate the flooding that happens on the course now.

Council Member Herron asked what would happen to those who were down river. Mr. Urquidi spoke about the grant funding for a project to evaluate the flooding areas in the City. Mr. Urquidi said that once they study the sections, they will be able to apply for FEMA funding. Once they can get FEMA funding, there will be more funding sources available for the project.

Mr. Flatto said that they have been working on this for the past nine months. The retention basins that are created in Fairfield will help to prevent flooding down river all the way to Black Rock. He said that Health and Safety was part of the Flood Prevention.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED AGENDA ITEM 75-21 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD CONCERNING THE ROOSTER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT.**

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member McCarthy asked about scheduling the Public Hearing. Council Member Herron said that was the next thing they would do.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 75-21 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD CONCERNING THE ROOSTER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Herron suggested the Special Meeting be scheduled for 5 and the Public Hearing at 6. Discussion followed about the date for the Public Hearing.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 P.M. ON ZOOM, FOR THE ROOSTER RIVER PROPERTY ACCESS AGREEMENT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 5 P.M. REGARDING THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD CONCERNING THE ROOSTER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services