

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeanette Herron, Co-chair; Matthew McCarthy, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy, Ernest Newton, Jorge Cruz, Frederick Hodges

**STAFF:**

**OTHER:** Thomas Gaudett, Mayor's Office; James Maye, Associate City Attorney; Council Member(s): Scott Burns, Aikeem Boyd & Tyler Mack; Barbara

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. There was a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**AUGUST 4, 2022 (RESCHEDULED MEETING)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2022 AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

**119-21**

**PROPOSED BLACK ROCK SENIOR CENTER LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH  
THE FRANK HABANSKY  
FOOD PANTRY INC. (NOTE: THIS ITEM CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK'S  
WEBSITE: CITY COUNCIL  
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Atty. Maye came forward to discuss this item. They have been providing food pantry services at a variety of locations over the last 10 years and is looking to provide the same services at Black Rock Senior Center. He reviewed what the group was looking to purchase to provide this service as well as their planned hours of operation.

Council Member Newton asked how similar it was to an operation going on in the east edge. Atty. Maye said he did not have the information to answer that question. Further discussion followed regarding the operation details.

Council Member Roman-Christy asked if they were merging the Food Pantry and the Senior Center and if this was why a licensing agreement was needed. She was informed that this was not a merger. Council Member Roman-Christy asked why they needed the space then. The lease for their current location has expired and they're hoping to relocate to provide better services to the elderly.

Council Member Burns asked if the director of the Black Rock Senior Center had been consulted regarding the plans. He noted that the building needed a lot of repairs. Atty. Maye said that he was not in a position to answer that but assumed that, if this was going forward, everyone involved had been consulted.

Council Member Cruz said he was still confused as to the licensing issue. He voiced his full support for the Black Rock Pantry.

Council Member Newton voiced his support for the project due to how it helps the people of Bridgeport. Further discussion followed regarding the Council Members voicing their support and positive opinions of the Black Rock Pantry and Sister Eileen.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 119-21 PROPOSED BLACK ROCK SENIOR CENTER LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANK HABANSKY FOOD PANTRY INC.**

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

*The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted

Ian A. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services