

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Matthew McCarthy, Co-chair; Jeanette Herron, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy; Maria Pereira; Ernest Newton

OTHER: Council President, Aidee Nieves; Council Member(s): Aikeem Boyd & Tyler Mack; Thomas Gaudett, Deputy Chief of Staff; Curtis Denton, ITS Director; Brian Calhoun; Cathy Fletcher; Atty. Deborah Garskof; Atty. James Maye; Sumit Sharma, Acting Director of Health & Social Services

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:18 P.M. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES: MAY 9, 2023 (REGULAR MEETING)

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2023 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

74-22

**PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIVEWIRE SOUND
AND IMAGE LLC, FOR AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AND WHEELER ROOMS LOCATED AT CITY HALL, 45 LYON
TERRACE.**

A representative came forward to discuss this item. He outlined the changes that would be done in order to upgrade the Council Chambers and Wheeler Rooms. They have sent out an RFP with the goal of integrating the current AV system into the current AVS, and specifically the microphones, and to integrate a system that will allow meeting organizers to access the system through microphones present and show that imagery and show those presentations both to the public and to Council Members, Board Members, and utilizations of these rooms. He further reviewed what would be changed.

Council Member Newton commended the upgrade and voiced his positive opinion of it.

Council Member Herron asked if the system would be able to handle other languages. The initial scope will not include translations and that had not been discussed prior.

Council Member Pereira said that the lack of translation services was a problem and felt the upgrades were very expensive. Further discussion followed regarding the cost of the project. Council Member Pereira noted that the acoustics in the Council Chambers were terrible and described how hard it was to hear people and wanted to know why that was not a priority. It was noted that there was a limit to the design of the room. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Gaudett provided a brief history of the project for those present. He has led prior efforts to update the rooms. Further discussion followed regarding the proposed upgrades.

Council Member Newton said that they should do the project right and bring the Council Chambers into the 21st century. It would also help Council Members who come along in the future. Further discussion followed.

Council Member Pereira asked if it would interrupt usage of the rooms. She was told there was a potential that it would which was why they were trying to do it as quickly as possible. She requested to know where the funding was coming from, which was reviewed for her. Further discussion followed regarding the funding for the project.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 74-22 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIVEWIRE SOUND AND IMAGE LLC, FOR AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND WHEELER ROOMS LOCATED AT CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

83-22

PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC FOR A CLINIC LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE. (NOTE: ITEMS #74-22 & #83-22 CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK'S WEBSITE: CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS/MINUTES; CITY COUNCIL; 2022-2023; FULL/MINUTES/SIZE; 2023-06-05PDF)

Atty. Garskof came forward to discuss this item. The building is currently dilapidated, blighted, and mostly vacant. There have been efforts to renovate other buildings that have become infeasible. This location will not require a lot of work and was a behavioral health clinic prior. She reviewed some of the changes that would need to be done. She stressed that this would save money by making the switch. Further discussion followed regarding the property and value of the clinic. The cost of the staff for the building was reviewed. The need for the building was restated.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO AMEND THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT ADDICTION MEDICINE LLC FOR CLINICS LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED THE MOTION**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 83-22 PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC FOR A CLINIC LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE. (NOTE: ITEMS #74-22 & #83-22 CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK'S WEBSITE: CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS/MINUTES; CITY COUNCIL; 2022-2023; FULL/MINUTES/SIZE; 2023-06-05PDF) AS AMENDED**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

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