

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jorge Cruz, Co-chair; Maria Pereira; Michelle Lyons; Fredrick Hodges

**OTHER:** Thomas Gaudett, Deputy Chief of Staff; Larry Shilling; Tammy Papa; Alyshia; Joseph Katz, Central Grants; Tyler Mack, Council Member; Su-Yun

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. There was a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2023 (REGULAR MEETING).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HODGES MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2023 AS SUBMITTED.**

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

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (CRUZ, LYONS, HODGES) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**63-22**

**GRANT SUBMISSION: RE CT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – 2023-24 SUMMER ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAM (#23681). NOTE: ITEM #63-22 LISTED ON THE AGENDA CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK’S WEBSITE UNDER: CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS/MINUTES; CITY COUNCIL; 2022-2023; FULL/AGENDA PACKAGE; 2023-05-15.PDF).**

Mr. Katz and Ms. Papa came forward to discuss this item. They have received this grant in the past. It is a two-year grant for \$50,000 each year for \$100,000 total. It will be used to hire additional janitors, counselors, and support staff at 13 locations. There is no match. Ms. Papa reported that they had received over 750 applications for youth employment this summer but can only support 280 jobs. This funding will increase that amount by 30.

Council Member Pereira asked if the number of sites had gone down. Ms. Papa responded that it had and explained why. Further discussion followed. The number of children and staff that will be present at each site was discussed and reviewed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 63-22 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE CT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – 2023-24 SUMMER ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAM (#23681). NOTE: ITEM #63-22 LISTED ON THE AGENDA CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK’S WEBSITE UNDER: CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS/MINUTES; CITY COUNCIL; 2022-2023; FULL/AGENDA PACKAGE; 2023-05-15.PDF).**

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

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

**71-22**  
**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**  
**APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANTS AND INITIATION OF DESIGN FOR JOHN**  
**WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE TO NEW PROJECT. NOTE: ITEM**  
**#71-22 LISTED ON THE AGENDA CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY CLERK'S**  
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**2023; FULL/AGENDA PACKAGE; 2023-06-05.PDF).**

Mr. Shilling came forward to discuss this item. They desire to apply for a grant, have the Bridgeport School Construction Committee labeled as the building committee for the project, and the preparation of the schematic design and preliminary specifications for the project. He provided details on the property for those present. He had received a list of schools that were not ADA compliant and were to be shut down or be repaired including Winthrop. He explained why Winthrop had the priority for the repairs. Further discussion followed. Council Member Lyons recounted her history with the property.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PEREIRA MOVED TO APPROVE 71-22 PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANTS AND INITIATION OF DESIGN FOR JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATE TO NEW PROJECT.**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

*The meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted

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Telesco Secretarial Services