

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Carlos Silva, Chair; Susan Brannelly, Co-chair; Angel dePara, Richard Paoletto

OTHERS: Richard Weiner, City of Bridgeport

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Silva called 6:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

158-11 (A) Proposed Integrated Prescription Drug Program Agreement with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. for the period of October 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2013.

158-11 (B) Proposed Medicare Part D EGWP Amendment with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2013.

Mr. Weiner said that on page 6 of Contract B, there was a change in one paragraph title 6. Terms of Agreement. He explained that if the City wished to extend the contract, it can be done. Medco has already agreed to the language change.

Council Member Silva asked why the terms were changed. Mr. Weiner explained the original language had an automatic renewal clause, and then Medco had changed it to an automatic termination. However, the City Attorney had requested that the City might wish to review the contract and upon review, renew it.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE EXHIBIT 1 TO REPLACE PAGE 6 OF CONTRACT B.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE EXHIBIT 1 TO REPLACE PAGE 6 OF CONTRACT B PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member dePara noted that there was a missing component on the new page 6 in Contract B. Discussion followed about the details of this.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO AMEND HER MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:**

6. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

THE TERMS OF THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE FROM THE JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND THEREAFTER WILL RENEW FOR SUCCESSIVE ONE (1) YEAR TERMS UPON SPONSOR GIVING WRITTEN NOTICE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS PRIOR TO THE END OF ANY SUCH TERM, TO MEDCO OF ITS INTENT TO TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT AS OF THE END OF THE THEN CURRENT TERM. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY TERMINATION NOTICE, MEDCO AGREES TO CONTINUE TO RENDER SERVICES HEREUNDER AND SPONSOR AGREES TO PAY FOR SERVICES OF MEDCO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS AMENDMENT WHILE THIS AMENDMENT IS IN FORCE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AMENDMENT, THIS AMENDMENT SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATE IN THE EVENT AND ON THE DATE THAT MEDCO'S STATUS AS A PART D SPONSOR UNDER 42 CFR 423 *ET SEQ.* TERMINATES.

FOR THE TERMS OF AGREEMENT CURRENTLY IN CONTRACT B ON PAGE 6.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Weiner then distributed an executive summary to the Committee members. He said that the reason it was retro dated to October was it saves the City money.

Medco is a prescription benefits managers and has merged with Express Scripts. Mr. Weiner gave a brief overview of how Medco and the pharmacies work. He added that the average wholesale prices also change frequently. When drugs come off of brand and moved into generics, there are rebates.

The definition of average wholesale prices has changed. Mr. Weiner explained how this was reflected on the Executive Summary and the difference in terms of the previous contracts and the proposed contracts.

Mr. Weiner said that the specialty meds were listed separately. The amount of the co-pay is determined by the unions.

Council Member dePara asked about the price variation in the formulary Rebates. Mr. Weiner reminded everyone that there were numerous drugs moving from brand to generic.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ENTER THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AS EXHIBIT #2.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Weiner went on to review the details of the RFP. He said that the State of Connecticut had also done an RFP during the same time, but the coalition had better terms than the State was able to offer.

The contract draft came in during March 2012 and then must be vetted by the City Attorney's Office.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 158-11 (A) PROPOSED INTEGRATED PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2013.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (SILVA, PAOLETTO, AND DEPARA) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BRANNELLY).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 158-11 (B) PROPOSED MEDICARE PART D EGWP AMENDMENT WITH MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2013 AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (SILVA, PAOLETTO, AND DEPARA) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BRANNELLY).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

158-11 (A) PROPOSED INTEGRATED PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2013; AND

158-11 (B) PROPOSED MEDICARE PART D EGWP AMENDMENT WITH MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2012 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2013 AS AMENDED.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (SILVA, PAOLETTO, AND DEPARA) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BRANNELLY).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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