

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Co-Chair; Carlos Silva, Co-Chair; James Holloway; Robert Curwen; Michelle Lyons (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

ABSENT: Howard Austin, Martin McCarthy

OTHERS: Councilmembers Robert Walsh and Lydia Martinez; Max Perez and William Coleman, OPED

Co-Chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011

**** MR. CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011.
** CO-CHAIR SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-Chair Paoletto said that unless there was objection, agenda items would be handled out of order.

41-10: PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS AFL-CIO, LOCAL 834 REGARDING THE FIREFIGHTERS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT AGREEMENT

**** MR. CURWEN MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 41-10.
** CO-CHAIR SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

24-10: PROPOSED LEASE – PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 485 HOWARD AVENUE TO BE USED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO RFP RESULTS

Co-Chair Paoletto said that Bill Coleman from Bridgeport's Office of Planning and Economic Development was available to discuss the item. Mr. Holloway said his comment(s) before Mr. Coleman spoke might save some time. Co-Chair Paoletto preferred Mr. Coleman to speak first; Mr. Coleman said that his office required additional time and asked that the Committee table the item.

**** CO-CHAIR SILVA MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 24-10.
** MR. CURWEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

27-10: PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GLORIA P. SANCHO FOR 1335 EAST MAIN STREET TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE EAST SIDE PRECINCT

Co-Chair Paoletto said that Max Perez from Bridgeport's Office of Planning and Economic Development was available to discuss the item. Mr. Perez said that his office sent out an RFP for a police substation on the East Side of Bridgeport, and Ms. Sancho's response was the only one received. He said he previewed the location and interviewed the respondent. An agreement was reached between the two parties for a one-lease year term at \$800.00 per month, with one month's security and last month's rent payable in advance. The City would have responsibility for light, heat and water and the tenant would have responsibility for the WPCA bill.

**** CO-CHAIR SILVA MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 27-10.**

**** MR. CURWEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Councilmember Walsh said he noticed a discrepancy in the term of the lease which differed from what OPED stated. Mr. Perez said there was a typo which would be corrected, and the actual begin date would be amended after the City Attorney's office final review. The lease term would remain at one year.

Councilmember Walsh felt there was already space available in the Department of Health's building. Utilizing other space that would cost the City money to retrofit would send the wrong message to the taxpayers and was a poor use of taxpayer money. Co-Chair Silva asked for clarification of the property location as well as why this site was chosen instead of using space at the Department of Health's building. Mr. Perez said the neighborhood was a heavily populated one, and police visibility on East Main Street was important.

Ms. Lyons arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Councilmember Martinez said she resented the comment from Councilmember Walsh. This item involved her district, and this was a high-crime, high-risk area. She said that a strong police presence was very important, and having a substation on a main street would offer greater police visibility. In addition, it was hoped that the community residents would feel more comfortable coming in to ask for help.

Co-Chair Paoletto said there was already a motion from Co-Chair Silva, seconded by Mr. Curwen, and now a vote was required.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. HOLLOWAY) AND ONE ABSTENTION (MS. LYONS, WHO SAID SHE MISSED MOST OF THE DISCUSSION).**

Co-Chair Paoletto said the item would not be placed on the City Council's consent calendar.

- ** MR. CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** CO-CHAIR SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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