

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Paoletto; Co-chair, Silva; Co-chair
M. McCarthy, Lyons

ASSOCIATE
CITY ATTORNEY: Ron Pacacha

Co-chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Approval of Committee Minutes of July 5, 2011 (Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of Committee Minutes of July 12, 2011.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

126-10 (A) Proposed Agreement with Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Inc. to create a Youth Development Park

Co-chair Paoletto stated that there would be amendments to the agreement – *per Attorney Pacacha*.

Attorney Pacacha distributed copies of the amended agreement. He stated that the city was teaming up with the Cal Ripen Foundation to create a youth development park. He mentioned that it was important to develop the park for youth to have a place to go. He noted that information was attached to the development agreement. He further explained that the plan is to build a \$1.2 million park, noting that the city contributed will be \$500k in general obligation (GO) bonds. The park is under the auspices of the Board and Park Commission who will have control over what goes on there. There is a three party agreement with Wakeman Boys & Girls Club; Cal Ripen Foundation and the City of Bridgeport Recreation Department and everything will be coordinated for each entity to have use of the field. Wakeman Boys & Girls Club will be the day to day manager of the Cal Ripen Park. He also mentioned that Longfellow School will use the school during the day for recreational activities and there may be plans for a children's playscape and there will be a walking path for seniors.

Attorney Pacacha relayed that he was told by the bond council that there are certain prerequisites regarding city owned property; so language has been added to the agreement to reflect that. He further noted that construction is included in the agreement as hard costs.

Co-chair Paoletto clarified that two documents were distributed to the committee members and to the city clerk. He stated that three separate votes would be required to assure that the amendments were accepted and approved:

1. vote to approve the amendment to the resolution
2. vote to approve the resolution as amended
3. vote to amend and approve the entire documents

He clarified that the location of the park was in proximity to Shell Street and Ocean Terrace that consists of a portion of the street that will be abandoned and the playscape will be moved to a safer location, per Co-chair Silva's question.

Attorney Pacacha noted there will also be an abandonment of a paper street in proximity to Longfellow School. He stated that the Cal Ripen Foundation is currently going through the Zoning Board of Appeals process to obtain various waivers and the street abandonment's will go through the city council process. It will be an all purpose field with artificial turf that is suitable for the varied athletic activity that will take place, per Charles Carroll.

Council member Lyons commented that it will be good that the youth will have a place safe to play.

Attorney Pacacha commented that the park will have a durable astro turf field for the varied activity.

Council member McCarthy stated that the project falls in the 130th district and it's strongly supported by him and Council member Brannelly. He noted that the park will help alleviate additional stress on the fields that are currently used.

Co-chair Paoletto reminded the committee that three motions will need to be made as follows:

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AND THE REVISED RESOLUTION AS SUBMITTED FOR ITEM 126-10 (A) Proposed Agreement with Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Inc. to create a Youth Development Park**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AND THE REVISED RESOLUTION AS SUBMITTED FOR ITEM 126-10 (B) Proposed Management and Operations Agreement with Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Inc. and Wakeman Boys and Girls Club**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services