

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 3, 2006

ATTENDANCE: COUNCILMEMBERS: PAOLETTO, MULLIGAN, COLON,  
PIVIROTTO, dePARA, RODGERSON,

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER: CURRAN

OTHER(s): CITY ATTORNEY ANASTASI, CHARLES CARROLL,  
COUNCILMEMBER ANDRES AYALA

Councilmember Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**29-05 Proposed Amendment of Funding Agreement Between The City of  
Bridgeport and The Bridgeport Port Authority**

City Attorney Anastasi stated that they submitted a one paragraph proposal to indicate that they were looking to extend the city's option date by one year. The proposal is to preserve the status quo and afford the port authority additional rights, as well as the city's rights to extend the option. He further noted that the port authority sought exceptions from the city, but the city wasn't inclined to pay for the option extension. So again, they were only looking to maintain the status quo.

Council member Pivirotto asked if there was a signed note in existence. City Attorney Anastasi said there wasn't one that he was aware of.

Council member Pivirotto asked if there was any consequent to not having a signed note. Attorney Anastasi clarified they were only extending the date and the matter wasn't before them to address the full relationship between the city and the port authority.

Council member Pivirotto asked if it would be in the city's interest to have a signed note. Attorney Anastasi said they were taking the position that the obligations were fixed by the agreement, but that wouldn't discourage them from taking a closer look at the documentation. He reiterated that the port authority was just looking to maintain the status quo.

Council member Pivirotto asked if they pursued getting the note signed, were there any changes that should be made. Attorney Anastasi said doing so would affect the time constraint of exercising the city's option.

Councilmember Pivirotto asked what would happen if someone came in to pay the port authority a substantial amount of money to develop the land. Attorney Anastasi said they would then need to determine the indebtedness to pay the city, but the only revenue stream was a tenuous surcharge and he wasn't aware of any other revenue stream coming in.

Mr. Carroll said that the port authority couldn't sell or develop the property without city council permission. But if the option wasn't exercised, they could sell the land and the city wouldn't have any recourse if that happened.

Council member dePara felt that if the port authority had to come back to the city council, he thought was contradicted them getting the Mayor's approval. Attorney Anastasi said that the Mayor's approval was required. But the city council needed to be satisfied that it's a viable relationship.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER RODGERSON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent Calendar**

**ADJOURNED**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 10, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Jr., Co-chair; Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chair;  
Leticia Colon, Keith Rodgerson, Elaine Pivirotto,  
Angel dePara (6:05 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** E. Winterbottom, labor Relations; Janet Finch, Human Relations;  
Ronald Pacacha, Associate City Attorney; Attorney Bruce Barth,  
Robinson and Cole.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 12, 2005 MINUTES**

- \*\* MR. RODGERSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE  
OCTOBER 12, 2005 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**
- \*\* MS. PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2005 MINUTES**

- \*\* MR. RODGERSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE  
NOVEMBER 7, 2005 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**
- \*\* MS. COLON SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**05-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT LEASE  
(G.E. CAPITAL - TORO).**

Co-Chair Paoletto announced that at the Common Council, Mr. Ayala had requested that this item be tabled. The Council is waiting for an opinion from the City Attorney and also there is a possible change with a lower rate from another bank.

**27-05 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
AND THE NURSES, LOCAL 1199, CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THEIR  
EMPLOYMENT.**

Mr. Winterbottom introduced himself to the Committee and proceeded to review the contract for the Committee members. Prior to this contract, the nurses were some of the lowest paid in the City. With this agreement, their salaries will be in mid range. When asked about the undergraduate incentive, Mr. Winterbottom explained that it encouraged the nursing staff to pursue graduate degrees, which benefits everyone. He also stated that there was standard language in the contract regarding bidding, which is consistent with all of the Municipal Employee Retirement Funds (MERF). Mr. dePara stated that he felt that the increases were fair and that the nurses do a great job.

**\*\* MR. DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 27-05 - TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND THE NURSES, LOCAL 1199, CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND REQUESTED IT BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**\*\* MS. PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**

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

**30-05 PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN UNDER I.R.C. SECTION 457**

Ms. Finch introduced herself to the Committee along with Mr. Pacacha and Mr. Barth. She distributed copies of Amendment No. 2 and also a copy of the full compensation plan with the proposed amendment included. Mr. Pacacha explained that the amendment simply brings the City up to date with the required IRS code. The City does not and will not be making any financial contributions to these plans. All the funds handled are from the employees contributions through their paychecks. Every year, the IRS sets a new maximum and that change is reflected here in the Amendment. Ms. Pivirotto had a question about the change reflected in 3.07 and Mr. Barth explained that it was covered by the SARAH provision, which basically allows someone who is involved in military service to replace the amount of dollars into his or her retirement following his or her return to City employment for up to three times the length of time they were in the service to make up that contribution. Mr. Barth further explained that the City sets up a trust so that all of the funds are protected from litigation. The funds are held by three separate providers. The Trustees of the Fund are the Director of Finance, the Assistant Director of Finance and the Treasurer.

**\*\* MR. RODGERSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED THE FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED CITY OF BRIDGEPORT DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN UNDER I.R.C. 457. EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2005, WHICH INCORPORATES ALL OF THE CHANGES WHICH WERE SUBMITTED THE COUNCIL AND TO BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**\*\* MR. DEPARA SECONDED.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. MULLIGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MR. DEPARA SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services.

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 14, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Councilmembers Richard Paoletto, Chairman (138<sup>th</sup>); Elaine Piviroto (132<sup>nd</sup>); Donna Curran (130<sup>th</sup>); Thomas Mulligan (130<sup>th</sup>); Leticia Colon (131<sup>st</sup>) (6:04 p.m.)

**OTHER:** John Ricci, Sikorsky Airport Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2006**

- \*\* COUNCILMAN CURRAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2006.**
- \*\* COUNCILMAN PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilman Colon arrived at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2006**

- \*\* COUNCILMAN CURRAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2006.**
- \*\* COUNCILMAN PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**05-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT LEASE  
(G.E. CAPITAL-TORO).**

Chairman Paoletto read into the record a letter from Mr. Phil Handy, the Director of Parks & Recreation, that he wished to withdraw council item #05-05, the Proposed Agreement for Golf Course Equipment Lease (G.E. Capital - Toro) as a new lease for equipment through city capital is being submitted to the council as a substitute for #05-05.

- \*\* COUNCILMAN PIVIROTTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE WITHDRAWAL OF #05-05.**
- \*\* COUNCILMAN CURRAN SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**46-05 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT SIKORSKY  
AIRCRAFT AND URS CORPORATION AES FOR RUNWAY 6-24 PAVEMENT REPAIRS AIP 3-09-0002-22.**

Mr. John Ricci, Airport Manager, said this is a contract to get runway 624 constructed. The project was started 1 years ago This is to provide professional services to do the design work necessary to do a slurry seal and some patchwork to extend the life of the existing runway. This will add 5 years of life to the runway.

Ms. Curran why the design cost is \$2800. Mr. Ricci explained that the runway was reconstructed in 1982, but it wasn't a total reconstruction. The design costs will take into consideration core sampling and all related labor.

Mr. Mulligan asked how URS was selected. Mr. Ricci said that this is really an amendment to the original contract due to the way the FAA is funding it on categorical grants. This is not fully paid for by the FAA; it's 90% federal, 7 1/2% State, and 2 1/2% local. They do have the local funds.

**\*\* COUNCILMAN PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT SIKORSKY AIRPORT AND URS CORPORATION AES FOR RUNWAY 6-24 PAVEMENT REPAIRS 3-09-0002-22.**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN COLON SECONDED.**

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

This item will be placed on the consent calendar.

**\*\* COUNCILMAN CURRAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCILMAN MULLIGAN SECONDED.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr  
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 22, 2006

ATTENDANCE: COUNCIL MEMBERS: PAOLETTO, RODGERSON,  
MULLIGAN, CURRAN, PIVIROTTO, DEPARA (arrived at 6:15  
p.m.)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER: LYONS

Councilmember Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval of Committee Minutes February 14, 2006**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE  
MINUTES
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**62-05 Proposed Agreement for Golf Course Equipment Lease (City-Capital-Toro)**

Mr. Phil Handy, Director of Parks and Recreation stated there were prior problems with leasing and GE Capital. So now they were using Citi-Capital-Toro. They will lease six (6) lawn mowers and the lease is for five years that would end in the year 2009. He noted this was a budgeted line item.

Council member Paoletto asked if they were able to get a better rate. Mr. Handy said yes, they got a better rate from Citi-Capital-Toro.

Council member Pivirotto thanked Council member Rodgeron for his persuasiveness in urging for a lower bid.

- \*\* COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE

Council member Curran asked why the contract was not filled out. Mr. Handy said it would be filled out when the item was approved. He pointed out there were additional details at the back of the contract. But the rest would be filled out by the attorney.

\*It was noted that the lease term for the year 2010 should be deleted from the contract.

- \*\* COUNCILMEMBER CURRAN SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*Consent Calendar

## **70-05 Proposed Agreement between the City of Bridgeport Health Department and Health Net of Connecticut, Inc. for School based health services**

Ms. Christy Ally, Bridgeport Health Department explained this contract was for school based health centers for Medicaid and Husky patients. And in turn, Health Net pays them.

Council member Paoletto asked if the contract was the same as in was in effect currently. Ms. Ally said yes, it was for third party billing to bill Health Net for claims under the Husky program.

Council member Pivrotto asked if Health Net were good payers and if they had any problems with them. Ms. Ally said they were good payers and no problems. They provide the fee schedules that are negotiated and there is a 90-day turnaround on payment.

Council member Mulligan asked if the agreement was the same as it was for a private doctor, who would sign an agreement with other health care providers. Ms. Ally said yes.

Council member Mulligan asked if the contract was arranged by the State of Connecticut and Health Net. Ms. Ally said yes, the contract was between the state and Health Net and other insurance companies that pay for services under the Husky program and Medicaid. But they were the provider of services who enter into a particular contract with a health care provider.

Council member Mulligan asked how they had a contract with Health Net and not others. Ms. Ally said they had contracts with others. The matter of who pays them depended on which company the child was covered under.

Council member Rodgeron asked about children not covered under Medicaid or private insurance and how that was handled. Ms. Ally said they provided services to them as long as they were members. But they don't provide services for private insurance because it's not feasible due to deductibles etc. She noted their primary source of income was from the state.

*Council member DePara arrived at 6:15 p.m.*

Council member Curran asked the term of the agreement. Ms. Ally said she wasn't sure but that she would verify that. She thought it was for one year though.

Council member Mulligan asked about income received on billings and the cost of services provided, what the amounts were. Ms. Ally said \$75k had been collected to-date. She expected that by year end it would be \$150k. She noted the turnaround period

was 90-days, noting that during the summer minimal services were provided. The bulk of services were provided during the fall/winter season.

Council member Mulligan asked the cost of services rendered. Ms. Ally estimated that it cost \$250k per year to run ten (10) clinics.

*Ms Ally offered additional informational details regarding others they provided services to.*

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent Calendar**

**73-05 Proposed Assignment of Tax Liens for Fiscal Year 2006**

Mr. Mike Lupkas, CPFO, Director of Finance approached. Also present was Kelly Linz. Mr. Lupkas stated the Robert Tetreault, Tax Collector was retiring next month and that Kelly Linz would take over his position.

Mr. Lupkus referred to the resolution that he said Mr. Tetreault would normally present. He said it was a standard resolution to allow them to auction off tax liens for newly lien properties; they would be sold through a tax lien sale. So the resolution was a formality to say that they would be entering into a contract.

Council member Paoletto clarified that the resolution was being submitted to say it was okay for them to go out to bid, it wasn't the final bid.

Council member Pivrotto recalled that a couple years ago, there was a proposal to stop the practice of auctioning tax liens per the ULI report. Mr. Lupkus said there had been talk in the past concerning this, but many of the legal issues were cleared up as the pertained to economic development etc. He pointed out that the company that has won the four sales have been aggressive in collecting and have had an expeditious turnaround collecting and putting the properties back on the tax roll. But the prior concerns have been resolved.

Council member Pivrotto said her other concern was that it didn't seem there was any criterion as to what property was sold or not. Mr. Lupkus replied that everything available to be sold was sold, except for environmental and OPEG.

Council member Pivrotto said she could think of ten years of delinquent tax cases that have not gone out to sale. Mr. Lupkas thought there was probably a good reason why

they haven't been included in the sale. Council member Pivrotto noted she would provide him with more information on this later.

Council member Paoletto asked what the final outcome was as far as collections. Mr. Lupkus said the outcome was under \$3 million that affected approximately 1,200 properties.

Council member Mulligan asked if he was talking about the October 2005 list. Mr. Lupkus said no, they were working off the 2004 grand list for tax bills 2006, for anyone that was delinquent for their July 2005 payment.

Council member Mulligan asked if they received \$1.06 for every dollar of delinquent tax. Mr. Lupkas said that was correct. And they were now looking to get \$1.18.

Mr. Lupkus clarified that the liens would be sold with no recourse to the city.

Council member Mulligan asked what budget year the income from the sales would be. Mr. Lupkas said it would be for budget year 2006.

Council member Mulligan asked if the \$3 million estimated been factored in yet. Mr. Lupkas said yes.

Council member Mulligan referenced the ULI study as to whether they were talking about past history of properties. Mr. Lupkas said yes, at the time, there was a stall in development.

Council member Curran asked why the properties weren't put up at public auction. Mr. Lupkas said because they had to foreclose on them first and then, they have to be valued at less than \$100k; he noted it's a 6 to 9 month process to do that. He explained that by doing through a tax lien sale, they get the money in their hands and can avoid any collection efforts.

Council member Rodgeron asked if there were any limitations on foreclosures by state statute. Mr. Lupkas said yes, but he didn't know which statute it fell under.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER RODGERSON SECONDED**

Council member Pivrotto thought that she should abstain from this vote due to her profession of being a state marshal; noting this could present a possible conflict.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE  
ABSTENTION (COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO)**

**\*Consent Calendar**

## **74-05 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Rehabilitation Associates of Connecticut Inc.**

Mr. Rich Weiner, Benefits Manager approached. He said this contract was to hire a job analyst/physical therapist that would analyze job descriptions. This would be done for jobs that require physical skills, such as for police officers, fire fighters etc. They would analyze each occupation in a particular field, and then identify and quantify, the skills required to carry out the job and provide the fundamental job duties. When that is completed, they will be shown to the city and filed with doctors that do pre-employment examinations. This will empower health professional to decide the best people to do the work.

Council member Curran asked how the job descriptions were devised. Mr. Weiner said the job descriptions were old and hasn't been updated. But they won't change the descriptions in terms of duties; they will only gather information about what skills were required to do a specific job.

Council member DePara asked if they would implement this procedure to be in place down the line. Mr. Weiner said yes, they intend to give the description to the health provider. And they will also use a physical therapist to do job testing to assure that they get qualified candidates.

Council member DePara asked what the time line was to do this. Mr. Weiner said it could probably be done in 3-months and the entire project could be completed by January 2007.

Council member Mulligan asked what job descriptions would be drawn up. Mr. Weiner said they couldn't change the job description, because they are collectively bargained by the union. They will however, expand the job description duties. For example: if there is a job to operate a buffing machine, they will add the skills details required to operate the machine.

Council member Mulligan asked if that person's work might be hampered by the expanded job description. Mr. Weiner said he expected there might be some complaints, but as long as they don't change the specific job description, they had the responsibility to fill the right person for the job. He pointed out though that the union had no say in who they hired.

Council member Mulligan asked about someone returning from worker compensation leave. Mr. Weiner said they would funnel those claims to St. Vincent's Hospital who will lower their fees. They will also use St. Vincent's for pre-employment services. He felt St. Vincent's will become quite knowledgeable in handling workers compensation claims.

Council member Mulligan asked if the maximum claim was \$26k. Mr. Weiner said yes. Council member Mulligan asked if that cost was budgeted. Mr. Weiner said yes.

Council member Rodgeron asked if this new procedure would have an impact on workers compensation reviews. Mr. Weiner said it would eventually, it will depend on who was making the recommendation that someone can return to work or not.

Council member Rodgeron expressed that some departments may be more thorough in tracking workers compensation claims than others. Mr. Weiner said that was one of his department's duties and the matter is policed regularly.

Council member Curran asked if the process would prevent abuse of workers compensation system. Mr. Weiner said he expected it would curtail it.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER DEPARA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent Calendar**

**87-05 Proposed Parking Ticket Enforcement Systems Service Agreement with MVP Enterprises, LLC**

Council member Paoletto said it was requested by Brian Williams to table this item.

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO TABLE  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER CURRAN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNED**

**\*\* COUNCILMEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCILMEMBER CURRAN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport  
Contracts Committee  
March 22, 2006  
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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 11, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Thomas Mulligan, Angel dePara, Leticia Colon, Donna Curran, Elaine Pivirotto

**OTHERS:** Edward Winterbottom, Director of Labor Relations, Chris Reale, Barry McLaughlin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2006**

**\*\* MR. DEPARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2006 AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* MR. MULLIGAN SECONDED.**

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

**87-05 PROPOSED PARKING TICKET ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM SERVICE  
AGREEMENT WITH MVP ENTERPRISES, LLC.**

Chairman Paoletto announced that a letter from the engineering department dated April 10 withdrawing the agreement had been received at the City Clerk's Office. Chairman Paoletto read the letter into the record.

Dear Ms. Murray, Please withdraw the above referenced matter from the Contract Committee agenda.

**105-05 PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF  
BRIDGEPORT AND CHIEF OF POLICE, BRYAN NORWOOD.**

Mr. Winterbottom provided copies of the contract to the Committee to those who did not have one and reviewed the salient points for the Committee. He indicated that the one difficulty was in transferring Mr. Norwood's pension plan from New Haven to Bridgeport. Because the Bridgeport Police and Fire Department have their own separate retirement plans, the City will have to enroll Mr. Norwood into the Municipal Employees Retirement fund (MERF) as a single member. If MERF agrees to this, an amendment to the contract would be necessary. *Mr. Winterbottom then distributed copies of the amendment to the Committee and reviewed it for them.* Mr. Mulligan expressed concerns about the defined benefit plans in the contract. After a discussion regarding particular points of the original contract and the amendment to the contract, Chairman Paoletto called for a vote.

**\*\* MS. CURRAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND CHIEF OF POLICE BRYAN NORWOOD AS FOLLOWS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, A MUNICIPALITY AS DEFINED IN 7-425 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED ACCEPTS PART II OF CHARTER 113 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, AS AMENDED, FOR PARTICIPATION IN FUND B OF THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS TO THE NON-UNION CHIEF OF POLICE, BUT THIS ACCEPTANCE SHALL NOT REPEAL, AMEND OR REPLACE, OR AFFECT THE CONTINUANCE OF, ANY PENSION SYSTEM ESTABLISHED IN THIS MUNICIPALITY BY OR UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY SPECIAL ACT.**

**\*\* MS. PIVIROTTO SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MS. CURRAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.**

**\*\* MS. PIVIROTTO SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**104-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM.**

Ms. Reale addressed the Committee and gave a brief overview of the state grant for \$7,800 which has already received approval. This particular grant is focused on providing abstinence based sex education for fifth graders in the public school system. The schools participating would be Read, Roosevelt, Columbus, JFK, Blackham and Marin. When asked if this program would be appropriate for ten year olds, Ms. Reale replied that the City already has a number of pregnant eleven year olds. Ms. Reale was then asked to provide the members of the Committee with the percentages of 10 year olds that were sexually active and the number of 11 year old that were pregnant. She stated that she would send the information to the Committee members.

*Ms. Pivirotto left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

**\*\* MS. COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM.**

**\*\* MR. MULLIGAN SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**102-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST TEE OF  
METROPOLITAN NEW YORK AND THE FIRST TEE OF CONNECTICUT.**

Mr. McLaughlin introduced himself to the Committee and gave a brief overview of the program which involves a junior program to introduce the city students to golf. He stated that the focus of the program is to give the students some life skills via teaching them the game and the etiquette that accompanies it.

*Ms. Pivrotto returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.*

Mr. McLaughlin went on to explain that the program does charge the participants a small fee and requires them to arrange transportation to the golf course on their own. Students who are old enough to play on the course are often mentioned with an adult.

**\*\* MR. MULLIGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT  
WITH THE FIRST TEE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK AND THE FIRST  
TEE OF CONNECTICUT.**

**\*\* MS. COLON SECONDED.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. PIVIROTTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. CURRAN SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
MAY 9, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Richard Paoletto, Co-chair, Thomas Mulligan, Co-chair; Angel dePara; Elaine Pivorotto, Letitia Colon, Keith Rodgerson, and Donna Curran

**OTHERS:** Robert Walsh (7:00 0-p.m.); Christine Reale, Health Department; Ned Winterbottom, Director of Labor Relations; Bill O'Brien, City Assessor, Mark Anastasi, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2006**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2006 AS SUBMITTED.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**127-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT HEALTH CARE DEPARTMENT AND YALE UNIVERSITY.**

Ms. Reale reviewed this contract which has to do with Yale University allowing some of their medical students to work with the Bridgeport Health Care Department for training. Since they are students, Yale's insurance will cover them. This program will not cost the City any finance outlay.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 127-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT HEALTH CARE DEPARTMENT AND YALE UNIVERSITY.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Co-chair Paoletto requested that the item be put on the consent calendar.

**128-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND WELLCARE CONNECTICUT, INC.**

Ms. Reale reviewed the details of the contract for the Committee members. She stated that this would allow for reimbursement from the CT HUSKY program and informed the Committee that the provider companies were chosen by the State. There were some questions about the terms of the Contract, which were duly noted.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 128-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGEPORT HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND WELLCARE CONNECTICUT, INC.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**

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

Co-chair Paoletto requested that the item be put on the consent calendar.

*Attorney Anasasti left the room at 6:20 p.m.*

**115-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY'S, LOCAL 1303-272 CONCERNING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP.**

Attorney Winterbottom reviewed the details of the contract to the Committee and explained that the previous contract has expired in 2005. He also pointed out that this contract covered a longer time period than the previous one. Council Member Curran had several questions regarding the benefits outlined in the contract, which Attorney Winterbottom reviewed with her. There were several other questions from the Committee about the contract terms, which Attorney Winterbottom answered and explained. In answer to a question about what would happen if the Committee did not approve the contract Attorney Winterbottom explained that the next step would be binding arbitration. Once that judgement was handed out, the City could appeal the decision and return for a second round of arbitration. However, when that second decision is handed down, it is final.

Council Member Pivirotto stated that the Committee needs to be more pro-active regarding the contracts for the unions. Co-chair Paoletto agreed and stated that he would arrange a meeting with Attorney Winterbottom, Council Member Mulligan and himself to discuss how that could be done. Following that, Co-chair Paoletto stated that he will schedule a Special Meeting for the Committee that focuses on this issue. He also commented that these concerns arose not from the contract before the Committee but from the recently concluded Budget meetings in which the contractual costs of union workers was clearly delineated.

*Council Member Walsh arrived at 7:00 p.m.*

Council Member Curran suggested inviting the Budget and Appropriations Committee to the Special Meeting. Co-chair Paoletto considered the idea and then said he would discuss this with Council President Ayala for further input. Council Member Mulligan stated that he wished to go on record as being concerned about future contracts and containing the costs for the City.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 115-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY'S, LOCAL 1303-272 CONCERNING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

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

Co-chair Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the consent calendar.

*Attorney Anastasi returned to the room at 7:15 p.m.*

**125-05 REVIEW OF CONTRACT FOR (CAMA) COMPUTER ASSISTED MASS APPRAISAL DATA AND SOFTWARE CONVERSION.**

*Mr. O'Brien distributed two copies of the proposed contract for the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal Data and Software Conversion (CAMA) project to two of the Council Members who did not have their copies with them.*

Mr. O'Brien reviewed the report with this, including the RFP process and the number of responses the City received. Council Member Curran was concerned about the fact that only two ads were taken out in local newspapers. Mr. O'Brien reassured her that the copies of the ads in the report was to satisfy the legal requirements and that the ads had appeared in professional journals and other papers as well. There were a total of six responses from companies and three were disqualified for various reasons. After due consideration, Vision Appraisal Technology was selected for the contract.

One major consideration, Mr. O'Brien pointed out, was that the City main frame was overburdened with data and failed at least once a day, sometime more. This project would move the information off the main frame and onto a separate server. He also informed the Committee that the State had recently passed some legislation that will require the municipalities to do a property re-evaluation. When the system is tied in with the GIS system, all the properties in Bridgeport will be accounted for accurately.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 125-05 REVIEW OF CONTRACT FOR (CAMA) COMPUTER ASSISTED MASS APPRAISAL DATA AND SOFTWARE CONVERSION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

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

Co-chair Paoletto complimented Mr. O'Brien on an accurate and well presented report. He stated that Mr. O'Brien may have raised the bar for department reporting and thanked him for a job well done.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 13, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Co-Chair; Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chair; Leticia Colon; Donna Curran; Elaine Piviroto, Angel dePara; Keith Rodgerson

**OTHERS:** Ned Winterbottom, Director of Labor Relations; Rafael Mojica, Council Member; Robert Walsh, Council Member; Melanie Howlett, Assistant City Attorney; George Estrada, Director of Public Facilities, J. Cottell, Utilities Director, James Holloway, Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. He then called the roll and announced there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Committee Minutes of May 9, 2006**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2006 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.**

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

**148-05 - Proposed Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and LIUNA Local 200 regarding their bargaining unit contract.**

Mr. Winterbottom introduced himself to the Committee and distributed a copy of a document for the Committee members.

Council Members Piviroto and dePara arrived at this point.

Mr. Winterbottom stated that this was a tentative agreement with LIUNA for a four year contract, from July 2004 to June 2008. He reviewed the pay increases and informed the Committee that the percentage was less than most of the other unions. This is the only bargaining unit in the City with their own pension. Any increase in the pension will be deducted from the pay increases. He also reviewed other contractual changes in contract.

Council Member Rodgerson arrived at this point.

Several of the Council Members had questions regarding the details of the contract, which Mr. Winterbottom answered.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE 148-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND LIUNA LOCAL 200 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the consent calendar.

**166-05 - Proposed Lease Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Building Trades Council regarding their bargaining unit contract.**

Chairman Paoletto noted for the record that the agenda was incorrect in stating that Item 166-05 was a "Lease Agreement". It is a contract between the City and the Bridgeport Building Trades Council.

Mr. Winterbottom offered copies of the agreement to any Council Member who did not have one. The Building Trades Council represents the skilled construction trades in the City such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters and others. This contract does not contain wage negotiations. The wages are set by whatever the outside construction trades negotiate for their positions, with a City cap limitation. Mr. Winterbottom then reviewed the benefits for the Committee.

Several of the Council Members had questions regarding the details of the contract, which Mr. Winterbottom answered.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO APPROVE 166-05 - PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND BRIDGEPORT BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DE PARA SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the consent calendar.

**176-05 Proposed Lease Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and Omnipoint Communications Inc. (T-Mobile Wireless).**

Attorney Howlett was in another meeting. Chairman Paoletto stated that the Committee would return to this agenda item later in the meeting when Ms. Howlett was present.

**177-05 (A) - Proposed Contract between the City of Bridgeport and NxeGen, LLC. for Energy Efficiency Implementation Services.**

**177-05 (B) - Proposed Contract between the City of Bridgeport and NxeGen, LLC. for Energy Monitoring and Reporting Services.**

**177-05 (C) - Proposed Contract between the City of Bridgeport and NxeGen, LLC. for Lease of Light.**

Chairman Paoletto reminded the Committee members that these three contracts were all related but would be voted on as separate items. Mr. Cottell, the Utilities Director, introduced himself to the Committee. Mr. Cottell offered copies of the contracts to any Committee member who had not received one. He stated that the City had gone through an extensive process in order to reduce the electrical costs by initiating efficiency items. The contract being presented are focused on increasing the efficiency of the lighting. This includes sensors that shut off the lights when the room is empty. These items will be installed in five locations: The Police Department, Congress Street, The City Hall Annex; parts of City Hall, and the gym at the Eisenhower Center. During the asbestos removal project at the Police Department, parts of City Hall and the Eisenhower Center, the lighting can be replaced easily. This will cost about \$361,000, but the Energy Conservation Fund from UI will provide half the cost by credit. This makes the final cost \$180,000. By doing the work while the asbestos removal is in progress, there will be additional savings.

The second contract covers Real Time Metering will also be installed, which will help with cost management. By tracking energy peaks and spikes, the information can be used to pinpoint problems.

The final contract provides financing for the project itself. Mr. Cottell reviewed the two payment options for the Committee. He stated that with all three contracts, it would actually yield a positive cash flow for the City by saving more than what it would cost each year.

Mr. Cottell then reviewed the cost line items for the Committee.

Council Member Pivrotto asked about the asbestos abatement including removing the lights. Mr. Cottell explained that the contractor was able to do this. When ask if the contracts had gone out to bid, Mr. Cottell replied that they had gone out on an RFQ in December. Council Member Pivrotto stated that in the complex where she lives, UI had come in years ago and replaced the fixtures for free. Mr. Cottell explained that UI had come in and indicated what could be done, but no longer provide the fixtures free. The contractor has worked with UI for many years.

Council Member de Para stated that he's been waiting for at least a year for the City to implement this type of program. He then asked about the timetable. Mr. Cottell stated that the police station project was scheduled to start very soon. Portions of these projects are also involved in the CMS projects, which means they will be done on the CMS timeline. Council Member de Para suggested that it would be good to start with the highest consumer. Mr. Cottell agreed and stated that the largest consumer outside of the street lights is City Hall Annex and the second larger consumer is City Hall. City Hall

has some retrofitting done approximately four or five years ago. However, the abatement process is already underway at the Police Department, which is the third largest user.

Council Member Curran asked about the advantages of leasing over outright purchases and Mr. Cottell reviewed those reasons for her. She also asked about the type of light that would be installed. Mr. Cottell gave her a list of the replacement light bulbs and pointed out some cost saving measures that were already in effect. Council Member Curran asked why six sites were listed on the document, but only four were being monitored. Mr. Cottell explained that there were actually five sites, but two of the monitoring sites were in City Hall.

Council Member Colon asked about the shut off sensors. Mr. Cottell reviewed the list of number of shut off sensors and their locations with the Committee. Council Member Rodgeron had some questions about the sensor details, which Mr. Cottell explained.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DE PARA MOVED TO APPROVE 177-05 (A)  
PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND  
NXEGEN, LLC. FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER RODGERSON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the consent calendar.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DE PARA MOVED TO APPROVE 177-05 (B)  
PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND  
NXEGEN, LLC. FOR ENERGY MONITORING AND REPORTING SERVICES.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the consent calendar.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DE PARA MOVED TO APPROVE 177-05 (C)  
PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND  
NXEGEN, LLC. FOR LEASE OF LIGHT.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER RODGERSON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto requested that the item be placed on the consent calendar.

#### **181-05 - Review and Audit of current school construction contracts.**

Council Member James Holloway addressed the Contracts Committee and stated that he felt it was important for the Contract Committee and the entire City Council to be aware of a letter that there would be an audit of all the contracts that have been awarded in the this project. He mentioned a news article published two weeks earlier where a City

employee was accused of performing a change order on a contract for over \$104,000. Council Member Holloway reviewed the details of this situation. He also expressed deep concern about the remaining four schools that would be constructed in the City. Council Member Holloway stated that the Contracts Committee needs to scrutinize all the contracts. Council Member Holloway stated that he was not trying to prevent the school from being built in the West End. He informed the Committee that O&G Industrial have a consultant who works inside the schools. Council Member Holloway stated that this was, in his opinion, a major conflict of interest. He reiterated that he wished to bring this to the Contracts Committee's attention and now that he had, it was the responsibility of the Committee to follow up in some manner.

Council Member Pivrotto stated that she appreciated Council Member Holloway's concerns and was glad that Council Member Holloway had reported to the Committee activities that were reported in the paper. She then asked why Council Member Holloway was only concerned with the school construction and not other areas of construction. Council Member Holloway replied that he was concerned with all the construction in the City.

Council Member Rodgeron asked for clarification about the status of the employee involved in this situation. Council Member Holloway replied that the newspaper said a City employee took a bribe on the school construction project.

There was some discussion on the impact an audit would have on the school building program. When asked again about his concerns about this issue, Council Member Holloway stated that he had nothing to do with the West Side School project. He then went on it reiterate that the Contracts Committee should examine the contracts, who they are being awarded to, and who is involved in the project.

Council Member Mojica addressed the issue of how the contracts in the City of Bridgeport are awarded. He also stated that if the FBI and the federal government were investigating, they would uncover the problem. He stated that in his opinion, the paper chase would obscure anything that the Committee would look at it. He also stated that having the Bridgeport taxpayers pay for an audit, which the FBI was already investigating. He pointed out that there was a schedule which would affect the budget. Council Member Mojica reminded the Committee that this particular contract has been signed in 2003. He said that if the Contract Committee wanted information from O&G or from the schools as far as contracts were concerned that he was positive that the information would be provided.

Mr. Estrada applauded Council Member Holloway's vigilance and passion for the project. He then distributed a few hand outs to the Committee. He reminded the Committee that the School Building Committee has representatives from the Board of Education (BOE), elected representatives from the Council and City staff. He pointed out that Council Member Pivrotto was the chair of the School Building Committee and that Council Member Mojica was on the Committee as well as Council Member Dye.

This was to maintain transparency and to report back to the Committee about any concerns or actions that needed the Council's attention. Mr. Estrada then named the three members from the BOE who also are on the committee. These six people have been reviewing the contracts concerning the school buildings. Mr. Estrada reminded everyone that nothing is forwarded to the School Budget Sub-Committee. He then named the parties involved in that review board. The School Finance Committee meets before the full School Budget Committee. Therefore there are many reviews that a contract is involved in before the approval process is completed. Mr. Estrada reviewed the documents he distributed and the process for approval. Every step of the way, the Council is informed on the contract's progress via the Council Members appointed to the various committees. Mr. Estrada stated that there were a number of letters in the papers about this matter and expressed his personal concerns because the letters were politicized. Since the school construction directly effects the City's children, he was concerned and was the reason he wished to address the Committee about this matter. Mr. Estrada stated it was fine to question and ensure that the oversights are in place and functioning, but it is equally important to protect the City's children. Mr. Estrada stated that staff from O&G and the City were available to answer questions and concerns.

Mr. Cody introduced himself to the Committee. He reviewed the role of O&G, which are not actually a construction company but managers who then subcontract the actual construction. He then reviewed the process used for the Committee.

Mr. Skinner, the City Engineer spoke next. He stated that those involved in the project were working hard to keep to the schedule.

Council Member Curran had several questions about the details of the situation, which the staff present answered. One comment by the staff was that the change order involved in this issue was for a set amount of linear feet of pipe, which had been specified in the contract but had increased in price between the time the contract was signed in 2003 and the pipe was purchased. The staff member stated that there may have been many reasons for the change in price and the involvement of a subcontractor in this particular phase of construction. He stated there was no manipulation on the part of the contract but confirmed that a change order was written. Mr. Estrada stated that this appears to be an arrangement with a City employee and a subcontractor. Council Member Curran commented that while the City staff does an excellent job, it was well known that with the former administration, contractors would submit a lower bid and buy themselves back up to their original costs during the construction with change orders. She stated that forensic audits are very expensive, but suggested that perhaps a limited audit would be in order to build up some confidence in the project.

Council Member Holloway informed the Committee that he would be making a statement at the General Meeting of the Council that something should be done. He stated that when the Federal Government comes in, they might shut all the school building projects down.

Attorney Anastasi commented that while Council Member Holloway was free to make what ever statement he felt appropriate, Attorney Anastasi urged Council Member Holloway not to suggest that anyone has committed a crime. Council Member Holloway stated that the paper indicated that a crime had been committed and that it is what it is.

*Council Member Holloway left the meeting at this point.*

Chairman Paoletto recapped the issue by stating the that the City staff was claiming that the system was working because of the number of policies and procedures that were in place as safeguards. He then asked if something was done and revealed in court, it would be on a personal level between one person and another. This, Chairman Paoletto reminded everyone, is something that no Committee can control. The Committee and the staff were in agreement with this.

*Attorney Howlett arrived at the meeting.*

Council Member Pivrotto stated briefly that she hoped that the Committee would listen to Council Member Mojica and Mr. Skinner. She stated that spending money on an audit would take away the money from the children. The money was budgeted for the school construction. But, she conceded that Council Member Curran had a viable suggestion of a limited audit. Council Member Pivrotto stated that there is only a two year time period from when the State issues a grant for construction. One deadline is June 30th for the Barnum school. A contract must be signed by the end of the month, otherwise the City will lose the grant. She also pointed out that there are verbatim transcripts of the meetings. If someone was going to perform an audit there is plenty of information available.

Chairman Paoletto expressed his appreciation for Council Member Mojica's presence at the meeting specifically regarding this issue. He also stated that he himself had been on the Council for six years and had followed the Council work for the twelve years that Chairman Paoletto's predecessor was on the Council. He stated that he honestly felt that the school building committee takes their job very seriously. He stated that many of the people around the table appreciated the hard work that the School Building Committee has done. Chairman Paoletto stated that he did not believe that the system is broken and that this incident has not come to fruition yet. It has not gone to court yet. He believes that Council Member Holloway's resolution will hurt the City right now.

Council Member Mojica stated that the City needs the West Side School Project and pointed out that four of the members of the Committee were present. The members of the Committee review the change orders and keep checking to see if the contractors are on schedule. Every third Thursday of the month, the School Buildings Committee meets. They also review the change orders. He reviewed the process.

Council Member de Para stated that he commends everyone who works on the School Building Committee and appreciates the time and dedication that the members devote to

the projects. He stated that he understood what Council Member Holloway wants and how he does not want any taint of impropriety to be involved. However, he does not agree that having an audit is the best way to go about resolving the problem is bringing the project to a halt. If the contract is not signed by the end of the month, the City will lose the money from the State.

Council Member Rodgeron stated that he did not believe that stopping the project would be a positive move as it would not be productive for the City's children. He suggested that the City allow the FBI auditors to do their job of gathering the information.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER RODGERSON MOVED TO TABLE 181-05 - REVIEW AND AUDIT OF CURRENT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED THREE IN FAVOR ( DE PARA, RODGERSON, AND PIVIROTTO) AND TWO OPPOSED (CURRAN AND MULLIGAN).**

Following the vote, Chairman Paoletto stated for the record he did not know what Council Member Holloway will state on Monday but now that this issue has been tabled, Chairman Paoletto deemed inappropriate. The issue is still in committee and a formal ruling has not been made.

As a point of personal privilege to Council Member Mulligan, the other Co-Chair of the Committee, Chairman Paoletta turned the floor over to Council Member Mulligan. Council Member Mulligan stated that there were some of the Committee member that had waited an hour to speak and had not had the opportunity to do so because of the tabling of the issue. He stated that he hoped the Rules Committee will do something about the forbidding of discussion once an item has been tabled. Chairman Paoletto stated that the point was well taken and referred the comment to Council Member Mojica, who is the chairman of the Rules Committee and present in the room.

**176-05 Proposed Lease Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and Omnipoint Communications Inc. (T-Mobile Wireless). CONT'D.**

Attorney Howlett presented the Lease Agreement for the Committee, which involves installing a wireless component on one of the light fixtures at Kennedy Stadium. When asked if there had been an RFQ issued, Attorney Howlett replied that the City had been approached by T-Mobile Wireless and that there were only six companies in the State that were allowed to do wireless communications.

Council Member Rodgeron had several concerns about the size and shape of the fixture. Attorney Howlett said that she did not have the plans and computer generated drawing with her at the meeting, but that she would be happy to show them to Council Member Rodgeron at his convenience. She also suggested that he be present at the Planning Commission when the proposal was presented to ask any additional questions about the details from the T-Mobile Wireless representatives. Attorney Howlett assured Council

Member Rodgerson that the component would most likely resemble one of the light fixtures that was already located on the pole.

There was some question about liability issues in the even that the lighting pole fell. Attorney Howlett directed the Committee's attention to the appropriate paragraphs in the contract that deals with this. She also commented that on page 2, there was some language in the brackets that was supposed to have been deleted before the copies of the contract were printed out for the Committee members.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN MOVED TO APPROVE 176-05 PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC. (T-MOBILE WIRELESS) WITH THE CLARIFICATION ON PAGE TWO OF THE CONTRACT FROM ATTORNEY HOWLETT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Chairman; Thomas Mulligan, Elaine Pivrotto, Donna Curran, Angel dePara, Letitia Colon (6:09 p.m.), Keith Rodgerson (6:15 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Helen O'Brien, Dental Hygiene Supervisor, Christine Reale, Financial Manager School Based Health Centers, Valerie Sorrentino, Deputy Director, Human Services, John Ricci, Sikorsky Memorial Airport Manager.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2006**

Chairman Paoletto stated that the Committee had approved the minutes of May 9th at a previous meeting. The minutes under consideration were the June 13th minutes.

**\*\*COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2006 MEETING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.**

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

**250-05 Proposed Contract with Bridgeport Community Health Center for School Based Health Center Services.**

Chairman Paoletto announced that he had received a phone call from BCHC asking that this matter be tabled.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN MOVED TO TABLE 250-05 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER SERVICES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

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

**269-05 Tentative Agreement with Bridgeport City Supervisors Association (BCSA) regarding their bargaining unit contract.**

Chairman Paoletto announced that he had received a phone call from BCSA asking that this matter be tabled.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN MOVED TO TABLE 269-05 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEPORT CITY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION (BSCA) REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**274-05 Proposed Agreement with University of Bridgeport Fones School of Dental Hygiene for professional services.**

Ms. O'Brien introduced herself to the Committee and gave a brief history of the program. She stated that the program would be located at the Jettie Tisdale School, in an portion of the building that had direct outside access.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE 274-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT FONES SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**243-05 Proposed Contract with Bridgeport Hospital for 2006-2007 regarding Senior Housing Health Screening.**

Ms. Sorrentino introduced herself to the Committee and gave a brief history of the program. She explained that the scope of the program involved Elderly Health Screening which would be done on a daily basis but in different locations. Ms. Sorrentino listed the various sites around the City where these services would be offered. Council Member Pivrotto suggested that the program consider adding the Sycamore, Laurelwood and Tower Two to the sites. Ms. Sorrentino said that she would discuss this with Bridgeport Hospital and that the Hospital had been very flexible with regards to the locations in the past. Chairman Paoletto asked if the contract contained language that would allow these additions. Ms. Sorrentino stated that she believe it did. Council Member Mulligan wished to know about the funding. Ms. Sorrentino stated that it was a \$40,000 Elderly Health Care grant and had previously been used to fund a part time LPN at Eisenhower, but the situation changed and now it would be used to fund a full time RN from Bridgeport Hospital. She also mentioned that Bridgeport Hospital has a Geriatric Podiatry Center, which would be available to the program participants. Ms. Pivrotto stated that she thought this was a great idea and was in full support of the program.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE 243-05 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL FOR 2006-2007 REGARDING SENIOR HOUSING HEALTH SCREENING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**248-05 Proposed Contract with Family Services Woodfield for the Implementation of Positive Youth Development and Clinical Services to Bassick Teen Health Members.**

Ms. Reale introduced herself explained that this contract is part of the FAST program and is a renewal for \$7,800. It provides mental health assessments for the teens. Council Member Curran asked if the effectiveness of the program was being tracked. Ms. Reale stated that Connie Catrone, who is the Social Services Coordinator, has numerous documents that she would be happy to review with anyone who asked. The statistics indicate that the program is successful. Council Member Colon asked if the underserved population had access to these services. Ms. Reale explained that the school populations had been assessed by an outside agency and then the School, Based Health Care Centers were located in the areas where the population was underserved. Council Mulligan wished to know if the funds were coming out of the City budget. Ms. Reale replied that the funds were from the State Department of Children and Family Services.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 248-05 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH FAMILY SERVICES WOODFIELD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CLINICAL SERVICES TO BASSICK TEEN HEALTH MEMBERS  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**249-05 Proposed Contract with the Center for Women and Families for the Implementation of Positive Youth Development.**

Ms. Reale explained that this program is part of the same grant as the Bassick Teen Health program. It is a renewal for \$1,680 and focuses on bring the parents and teens together for dinners and problem solving sessions.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 249-05 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH THE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**251-05 Proposed Contract with Wendy S. Levine, M.D. for Consulting Psychiatric Services.**

Ms. Reale reviewed the details of this contract renewal for the Committee. Dr. Levine handles all the referrals from the Social Workers. The grant which is provided through the Department of Health is \$5,000. Council Member Colon asked about undocumented students. Ms. Reale explained that there are some non-profits who will provide funds for medications of undocumented students and frequently, the staff will provide money from their own pockets.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 251-05 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH WENDY S. LEVINE, M.D. FOR CONSULTING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**

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

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**252-05 Proposed Contract with Lisa Caporaso, DDS for Professional Dental Services.**

Ms. Reale explained that Dr. Caporaso has been working with the City for many years to provide preventative and restorative dental care to those students who need it. Most of the work that she does is fillings, but there are occasionally more extensive measures needed. This is the only contract that is paid with City funding. Dr. Florio, who is an oral surgeon, does extractions and root canals pro bono from the Health Department for those students who are in need.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 252-05 PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH LISA CAPORASO, DDS FOR PROFESSIONAL DENTAL SERVICES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

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

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**262-05 Proposed Lease Agreement with the United States of America Re: Lease No.: DTFANE-07-L-00009 UHF Remote Transmitter Receiver (RTR).**

Mr. Ricci introduced himself to the Committee and explained that this lease agreement is for the maintenance of the navigational aids at the Airport. No money is exchanged, but the agreement allows the Government access to the equipment and requires that the

Airport secure the equipment from vandals. When the tower is closed, the RTR allows an incoming pilot to activate the runway lights by clicking on his microphone.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE 262-05 PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RE: LEASE NO.: DTFANE-07-L-00009 UHF REMOTE TRANSMITTER RECEIVER (RTR).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.**

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

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

**263-05 Proposed Lease Agreement with United States of America Re: Lease No.: DTFANE-07-L-00008 Runway End Identification Lights (REIL) R/W 6.**

Mr. Ricci stated that this agreement is similar to the one regarding the runway lights, but this one covers the flashing lights that demarcate the end of runway.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE 263-05 PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RE: LEASE NO.: DTFANE-07-L-00008 RUNWAY END IDENTIFICATION LIGHTS (REIL) R/W 6.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.**

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

Chairman Paoletto stated that this item should be placed on the consent calendar.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURRAN SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members: Mulligan, Colon, Pivrotto, DePara

**OTHER ATTENDANCE:** Council member Walsh

**OTHERS:** Mike Feeney, CAO; Alana Kabel, Housing & Community Development; Ed Winterbottom, Director of Labor Relations, William Minor, LUCR

Council member Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Approval of Committee Minutes of June 13, 2006**

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Committee Minutes of September 12, 2006**

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**250-05 Proposed Contract with Bridgeport Community Health Center for School Based Health Center Services**

Ms. Christine Reale stated this was a renewal contract for services provided at Dunbar School.

Council member Mulligan asked if it was a 1-year term. Ms. Reale said yes. She said it was funded with a grant through the State Department of Public Health in the amount of \$67,683.00

Council member Mulligan asked if the services consisted of providing medical and psychological services. Ms. Reale said yes.

Council member Pivrotto asked if Dunbar was the only school holding the program and if they considered having it at other schools. Ms. Reale said they decided to do the school based health services independently to keep the continuum of services. She noted the services were overseen by their staff.

Council member DePara asked how the program compared to services at the Bridgeport Community Health Center. Ms. Reale said the services were comparable because they were supervised by her department, but they provide the same supervision as the Bpt. Community Health Center does, noting they also had professional practitioners on board.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO APPROVE

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED

\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*Consent calendar

### **269-05 Tentative Agreement with Bridgeport City Supervisors Association (BSCA) regarding their bargaining unit contract**

Mr. Winterbottom distributed copies of the agreement (*entered into the record – attached to city clerk's book*). He reviewed the agreement that he said represented supervisory persons in the city and the Board of Education. It's a 4-year deal and there is a \$275.00 sign on bonus when they are approved, but that amount is not part of the base salary. He further reviewed the COBRA contribution as it was outlined in the agreement. He noted the agreement included mandatory drug testing for personnel.

Council member Mulligan asked the number of personnel. Mr. Winterbottom said there were (130).

Council member Mulligan asked about point #2 outlined in the agreement. Mr. Winterbottom explained that the language went back years and it has been a bone of contention due to the Nichols case and the fact that her job was being eliminated. She felt that she should have been transferred instead of being laid off. Subsequently, as a result of arbitration, the city determined that she should have been transferred. He further explained that although the language was problematic, because it doesn't indicate how a person could prevail, it needs to be fixed.

Council member Mulligan asked the status of the Nichols case appeal. Mr. Winterbottom said it was in Superior Court.

Mr. Winterbottom explained that reimbursement for retiree's contract language, provides for reimbursement of Medicaid part-B when a person is retired at \$88.00 per month, but this will result in a lot of money.

Council member Mulligan asked if that was deducted from social security. Mr. Winterbottom said he wasn't sure, but he thought it was paid to the person directly.

Council member Pivrotto said there was a concern about not inserting language for drugs and alcohol, she asked if this was due to the union contract. Mr. Winterbottom said that wasn't the case. He said they could put a reasonable drug testing policy in effect, noting they will proceed with that. Council member Pivrotto questioned if they could add more language due to the recent

instances regarding those issues. Mr. Winterbottom said it could be submitted to the committee for review that may or may not be approved. But if not, the arbitration process would apply.

Council member Walsh asked what the pay increases were. Mr. Winterbottom said they consisted of 2 ½ > 2 ½ > 3 %. Council member Walsh asked which ones were retroactive. Mr. Winterbottom said the dates July 1, 2004 at 2 ½ %; September 1, 2005 at 2 1/2 % and July 1, 2006 at 3%.

Council member Walsh asked if he was included in the retroactive pay increase of 8%. Mr. Winterbottom said yes, if past practice applied, that was correct.

Council member Mulligan asked what persons the retroactive pay specifically applied to. Mr. Winterbottom said it applied to the custodial and maintenance departments.

Council member Mulligan asked if there were others at high levels it would affect. Mr. Winterbottom said normally under the ordinance, unsupervised employees follow the supervisors contract and receive the same raise.

Council member DePara asked who negotiated Mr. Winterbottom's contract. Mr. Winterbottom said he did, noting that someone had to do it.

Council member Pivrotto asked if other contracts were at 2 ½ and 3%. Mr. Winterbottom said that was the pattern.

Council member Walsh questioned if the language was relative to privatization of work. Mr. Winterbottom said the city would not subcontract work covered by custodial, the general clerical group and public facilities. However, he said he would verify that information and relay it to the committee.

Council member Mulligan asked which group was affected in public facilities by this. Mr. Winterbottom said maintenance level persons, foremen etc. were affected.

Council member Mulligan questioned for example, if the city hired someone outside to fill in potholes. Mr. Winterbottom said the contract had a similar subcontracting clause.

Council member Pivrotto asked about the \$275.00 sign on bonus. Mr. Winterbottom said they traded it for the compensation contract that reads that between weeks three and fourteen, the person gets paid the differential between workers compensation, so the differential comes out of the city's pocket. By moving the differential, this will create an incentive for people to return to work sooner, because there will come a point when the money will come out of their pocket.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLON SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

## 277-05 Proposed Agreement with the United Way of Connecticut Inc. regarding the 2-1-1 General Services Agreement

Mr. Feeney introduced Linda Morber to present this item.

Ms. Linda Morber stated she was in charge of the 2-1-1 United Way call center. She explained that the city has been grappling with the call center to increase efficiency of operations, so it was suggested that they implement the 3-1-1 line, but it was found to be too costly. She mentioned the costs that the City of Hartford invested in their call center, noting that it was quite costly and a big investment for the city. She stated that New York had a 3-1-1 line and they reached out to the United Way who had the 2-1-1 system in place, so they partnered with them. She further explained that the 2-1-1 was very successful and she was present to discuss it tonight. She went on to say the system consisted of 24-hour service, 7 days per week to answer all questions and provide referrals to all departments. There is also a multi-lingual component with seven (7) languages available.

Council member Mulligan asked where the interpreters were located. Ms. Morber explained that a person dials in and then selects the language they are looking for; they are then connected to someone. She noted this was all done through new phone technology.

Mr. Feeney reviewed the maintenance option in the database that covers street sweeping and sanitation services. He explained the information is forwarded back and forth over the Internet where they provide quality control for the telephone calls. They also have the ability to track complaints and follow up. They will also provide statistical reports. He pointed out this system will be a good management tool going forward and the link between the two was very good.

Mr. Feeney referred to page 3 that outlined a review of how the system will work. Ms. Morber commented that the center takes in approximately 20,000 calls from Bridgeport annually and it recognizes any Bridgeport exchange. When a call comes in, the system will direct the call and give instructions to access a city service request or the caller will get a prompt for other assistance to report a problem etc. She noted the hours were Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. She added that if a person just wants regular information or a referral, they will be able to get that information also. She noted that anonymous calls would also be accepted, should someone be leery of leaving their name. Overall, people will have real time access to the database.

Ms. Morber estimated that there would be approximately (220 calls per day, noting this number didn't include normal health and human services calls. Mr. Feeney added the actual number of calls will depend on the marketing of the 2-1-1 service.

Council member DePara asked what would happen if the calls get up to say 1,200. Ms. Morber said the calls would then roll over into voice mail, but they will have the ability to divert as many calls as possible. However, if they experience a very large influx of calls, they will have to readdress the matter.

Council member DePara asked where the 220 calls on the city side, fell into the estimated range. Ms. Morber said that number fell in the middle range that was previously agreed upon with the city and predecessor. It was also based on prior historical data.

Council member DePara stressed that with the promotion of the 2-1-1 service, he questioned whether the estimate of (220) calls was a low projection. Mr. Feeney said he thought that number of calls was significant, but that will be determined once the system is up and running.

Council member DePara admitted it was a good idea, but he reiterated that anticipating (220) calls was low, he felt that number would probably double.

Council member DePara asked if they would be able to e-mail the tracking results indicating the effectiveness of the service. Mr. Feeney said yes, they will provide a monthly report outlining the nature of the complaints. Ms. Morber added that they will also receive a daily performance record the content of the calls.

Council member DePara asked how aggressively the city would promote the service. Mr. Feeney said they planned to mirror what Hartford did by advertising on buses and through the media (radio announcements).

Mr. Feeney reviewed the funding for this service and referred to the second to last page of the document. He said the cost would be \$33k for the software and to get the system up and running. He noted it would be a basis system. The total operating cost will be \$269,705 with partial funding from CDGB. He said the cost would be built into the budget for the following fiscal year. And they will also seek sponsorship from established businesses, such as the Bridgeport Regional Business Council.

Council member Pivrotto concurred it was a great idea also. She recalled that she has on occasion used Info Line and found that service to be great. She asked if they still published a book. Ms. Morber said the real goal of 2-1-1 was the database, noting they found there is still a small percentage of the population that still utilizes the phone.

Council Pivrotto asked if they wanted to access the service in Bridgeport, could it be done via the Internet. Ms. Morber said that might be possible to do.

Council member Pivrotto agreed with Council member DePara, in that (220) calls was a low estimate. Ms. Morber said if that was found to be the case, it could be addressed by customizing a message in instances of an emergency. She repeated that calls would also roll over to the voice mail system.

Council member Pivrotto commented that complaints or calls should be broken down by district, noting it will be good information for the council members to have.

Ms. Morber said for the information requested they were in the process of customizing an e-newsletter that will give a listing of the city service requested and possibly access to names. She noted the first newsletter would be issued in three week, with information on energy assistance.

Council member Pivrotto asked if the waiting period could be included in the information. Ms. Morber said that the abandonment rate for calls was currently between 1 and 2%, which was low and generally involved people that weren't willing to wait to get a response.

Council member Colon asked if they were currently using the service in Hartford. Ms. Morber said Hartford implemented their own system.

Council member Colon asked if a person would be able to bypass a message they don't want to hear. Ms. Morber said no, explaining that the messages are very short, so it really won't be necessary to bypass one. She noted the system will also be hearing impaired compatible and will have rotary line assistance.

Ms. Morber extended an invitation for the committee members to visit the Rocky Hill Center to get an idea of how the system worked.

Council member Walsh asked what other cities in Connecticut had the service in place. Mr. Feeney said he was only aware of Hartford having it, noting that Stamford has a web-based service.

Council member Walsh questioned with the 2-1-1 line handling 30,000 calls, how could they be sure the 3-1-1 line won't cut those calls in half. Ms. Morber said the calls are coded in the database. For instance, if someone calls about food or shelter, those calls aren't logged in as a city service request. She said another example would be if someone was facing eviction, that's not a city service request; the call specialist will be trained to pass that type of call immediately to the health and human services office.

Council member Walsh asked if they looked at other sources to serve the city in the same manner. Mr. Feeney replied no, they looked at the basics to upgrade the current phone system but determined it was too costly to do.

Council member Walsh questioned what would happen if the service was implemented and people ended up never getting responses. He wondered then if the problem wouldn't be ten times worse. He went on to stress that they should have better metrics to anticipate what will be seen. Again, there is no way to assure that calls won't be ignored. He thought this was an important point especially in view of the costs involved. Mr. Feeney said they were just trying to benchmark at this point. And although it could get overwhelming, that would be the reason for reviewing the reports. He emphasized that this service will ultimately alleviate a lot of foot traffic to offices,

Council member Walsh asked what would happen if for example, Mr. Minor's office received a call. He questioned whether or not his office tells a caller that they need to phone 2-1-1. Mr. Feeney said that if it was a simple answer, he would expect Mr. Minor's office to answer the question or

there is a feature called warm transfer that could be utilized. He reiterated that the goal was to reduce foot traffic to offices.

Council member Walsh thought they could also be accomplished by people being able to access services on-line more.

Council member Mulligan asked how the United Way got involved in this project. Ms. Morber explained that the United Way was not a fundraising arm. She said that years ago the movement of 2-1-1 went into the hands of them that took the place of Info Line. But they are not a profit service and it's only a service to run the operation.

Council member Mulligan asked if it turned out there was more than (220) calls, would the price go up. Ms. Morber said if they found they had say 1,000 calls at 90-days and they weren't able to handle them, they would have to come back to address that. Council member Mulligan questioned if they came back, where would the money come from. Mr. Feeney said they should know in the first three to four months what the base was, but he didn't think they have to hire more than six or 8 additional staff.

Council member Mulligan asked if they got a call for a pothole issue, would the person that made the complaint be able to check the progress of the report via the Internet. Ms. Morber didn't think it would be a good idea to have people access the database of DPW. But she said that might be a question for the technical support people.

Council member Colon questioned if this service would improve the attitude among citizens in the city that complaints aren't addressed in a timely manner and that Bridgeport doesn't care. Mr. Feeney said he hoped communication would be improved through this service. Council member Colon felt that when they start to troubleshoot calls and people start to see results, she thought there would be lesser calls down the line.

Council member DePara stressed that it was short-sighted planning estimating such a low calls volume. He felt that once word was out there would definitely be an influx of more than (220) calls. He thought it was inevitable that they would end up coming back. Ms. Morber replied that the infrastructure was in place, noting that the volume was only tied to people.

Council member DePara questioned the millions invested in the system. Ms. Barber clarified that the system had been invested in for a long time and Bridgeport would only be adding lines to an already existing system.

Council member Pivrotto questioned if the service is done and it works out, this will result in staff having less foot traffic to their offices. She said she hoped when that happened, all offices could be open at the same time and not the varied hours they currently operate.

Council member Mulligan asked if the contract would interfere with the bidding ordinance. Mr. Feeney said no.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*Consent calendar

### 289-05 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Software Corporation for Consulting Services (Permit Management Software)

Ms. Kabel referred to the contract between Municipal Software Corporation and the city for the consolidation of the permitting process. She explained that the main objective was to provide increased services to the public and create greater efficiency to make it easier to apply for permits. And to provide an investment on the city's return in the process.

Mr. Minor gave an overview of the agreement. He stated that he checked his notes to see how long this has been in process and he found it went back to the fall of the year 2000 when there was a lot of interest in Total Quality Management (TQM). This involved teams being set up to look at problem areas in the city and he was on a one-stop permitting team where the mission was to develop a process of good building plans. So they set about researching how the permitting process could be improved. He further explained that part of the report was to consolidate permitting agencies located on the second floor of city hall, those agencies consisted of Planning & Zoning, Building and Engineering, Fire Marshal, Public Facilities and Environmental Health. As part of that, they also looked at improving the system because it was viewed as being broken and not an effective tool for developers and homeowners. Subsequently they looked at the New Haven and Stamford systems and they found that they implemented software into their permitting process. This resulted in determining that the Bridgeport system was very inefficient and they thought it could be more efficient if they used technology to develop a system to track permits. They thought by doing this, they could be more responsive to the need and demand. So now they are at the point to enter into a contract to make things more efficient.

Mr. Minor said they were here tonight seeking approval of the tracking software that will aid a contractor to go on-line, locate a file and check the status of a permit. Overall, the system will help provide a better operation.

Steve gave an update on the contract that will provide two phases (*as outlined on the handout attached*). He referred to and reviewed Phase-1, steps 1, 2 and 3. He said they were proposing out of the box pre-built applications tailored to specific needs and requirements. Phase-II won't start until the requirements are accepted and once that's done, Phase-II will involve the physical collection as it pertains to fees, taxes paid etc. He explained step-3 involved the configuration of the system to ensure that names are entered and that will be done by their firm. He stated that there will be some level of customization for the forms etc. He said that since the city doesn't have the service in place, the intent was to align pre-builts that will result in less customization. He indicated that the system would also integrate with the GIS system. The final step will be installation of the software and refresher training will be done before the system is rolled out to the general users.

They will then work with the ITF staff to assure the infrastructure is in place. Then they will have end user training and go live to roll out the application and people can start using it. He further noted there will be key information for council members to access, for instance, how many sign permits were requested for a certain district.

Steve also referred to the document outlining the progress and turnaround times of applications in other markets. Overall, there will be a number of benefits, such as allowing inspectors to perform more inspections and for people to have the ability to access information on-line.

Ms. Kabel stated that this was a significantly funded training piece, but they capped customization of the pre-builts because it was more cost effective. And at the same time, they will make sure that staff is fully trained.

Steve said they will provide city staff the tools to manage, create and expand the use of the system without having to come back to them.

Council member Pivrotto said she liked the idea of implementing processing of building permits on-line. She asked if there was a selection committee to chose the software. Mr. Minor said they had the assistance of Camp Dresser Mackey who prepared the RFP. However in-house staff consisting of LUCR, P&Z, OPED, Mike Feeney's office, Adam Heller and members of the public were all involved in the selection.

Council member Pivrotto said she would have liked to see the scoring completed. She asked the number of proposals that were evaluated. Mr. Minor said they had eleven (11) vendors that were processed by a rating system and each submission was evaluated by a rating system. He read the names of the people that sat on the selection committee, noting how they rated the candidates and ended up with three finalists. They had a software demonstration and from there, they rated the three candidates and Municipal Software Corporation was their first choice. Mr. Minor said he then went before the Board of Public Purchasing and they accepted the process and they received approval on July 12, 2006, then the contract was drawn up by the city attorney.

Council member DePara asked what the timeline was between approval and the system being fully integrated. Ms. Kabel said they would start the first or second week in November, with a six to eight month implementation period that includes training for the staff.

Council member DePara asked if there would be any updates to the software and what the cost would be. Steve said the system was part of annual software maintenance for \$26,000.00 and there is a one time licensing fee. The software maintenance fee covers unlimited technical support. He pointed out they were implementing the system with the most current version-9. He noted the cost also included all subsequent upgraded versions.

Council member DePara asked the difference between Phase -I and Phase-II cost wise. Steve said Phase-1 involved a review of the business process and pre-builts designed to meet 99% of the needs.

Council member DePara questioned what if the city found the demand was overwhelming. Steve said then they would have to devise a priority list indicating the items need to go live with.

Council member DePara asked if the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor were involved in the selection panel. Mr. Minor said no, but they were involved in the departmental process concerning permits.

Council member DePara commented that those parties should be involved in the future since those are key services in the city. Ms. Kabel said they would be involved in Phase-I.

Council member DePara asked what the top five priorities were. They were stated as follows:

1. Ensure the process runs smoothly
2. Assure the staff recognizes the process implemented and make sure they are provided with adequate training to do effectively
3. Get a return on the investment to the city

Council member DePara asked if they would have to hire someone to manage the system. Mr. Minor said that would be done through Mr. Minor's office.

Council member Mulligan asked how the system was paid for. Mr. Feeney said it would be through city bond funds under the ITS Department. He noted they had \$1.9 million set aside that was approved and it covers the costs.

Council member Walsh asked if the bonding would include all aspects of the software etc. Mr. Feeney said they would try to include as much as possible. It was stated that a discounted rate would apply for two to three years of maintenance. Mr. Feeney noted the information.

Council member Mulligan asked if it was a public company. Steve said yes and they have been in existence for 25-years.

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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**ADJOURNED**

\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE:** Richard Paoletto, Co-chair; Thomas Mulligan, Co-Chair;  
Elaine Pivirotto, Angel dePara; Keith Rodgerson (6:25 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Ned Winterbottom, Labor Relations; Lynn Haig, O.P.E.D; Barbara Gerrity, School Health Services; Michael Nidoh, O.P.E.D.: Robert Walsh, Council Member, David Cote, Construction Management Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and announced there was a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2006**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2006 AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**

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

**303-05 - Proposed Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Quinnipiac University Department of Nursing.**

Ms. Gerrity presented the proposed plan to the Committee members. She stated that this would allow the students to do observation only. Dr. Evans was requesting that the University supply her with insurance forms for the program, which is being done. Chairman Paoletto stated that he had visited Quinnipiac recently and was impressed with the facility. Council Member Pivirotto concurred, saying that she, too, had found the program very comprehensive.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA MOVED TO APPROVE 303-05 - PROPOSED CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF NURSING.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**

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

**307-05 Tentative Agreement with (NAGE) National Association of Government Employees, Local RI-200 regarding their bargaining unit contract.**

Chairman Paoletto stated for the record that in order to have a quorum present for this presentation, he could not leave the room. Therefore, he stated that he would continue to chair the meeting but would not make any comments or vote on this contract.

Mr. Winterbottom presented the details of the contract to the Contracts Committee. He also reviewed the savings for the City from the benefits concessions agreed to by the union.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE 307-05 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH (NAGE) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, LOCAL RI-200 REGARDING THEIR BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN SECONDED.**

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

**306-05 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with Buckhurst Fish & Jacquemart, Inc. for consulting services regarding updating land use policies.**

Mr. Nidoh and Ms. Haig presented the proposal to the Committee. Council Member Pivirotto asked if this had been posted as an RFP. Mr. Nidoh replied that it had. Council Member Pivirotto then asked who was on the selection committee, and Ms. Haig listed the members of that committee for Council Member Pivirotto. Council Member dePara wished to know where the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZs) would be. Mr. Nidoh explained that the target areas were located around the new school buildings. He then reviewed the details of the plan for the Committee members. Council Member Mulligan asked if this was a comprehensive listing of expenses. Mr. Nidoh replied that \$100,000 would be held in reserve for unforeseen expenses as a contingency fund. Council Member Mulligan has several questions about the details of the contract and how Buckhurst Fish & Jacquemart, Inc. (BFJ) would manage this. Mr. Nidoh reviewed the details with the Commission. *Mr. Nidoh also distributed an organizational chart to the members of the Commission.*

*Council Member Rodgerson joined at the meeting at 6:25 p.m.*

Council Member Pivirotto commented that having the Master Plan available during the planning of the school construction was invaluable. She has several questions regarding how the Master Plan will be implemented and whether it would be followed by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Nidoh reminded her that the ZBA had sued the City and won when the City had limited their ability to grant variances. He stated that the plans included having members of the ZBA involved in the Master Plan to prevent this from happening in the future.

Council Member Rodgerson had several detailed questions about the selection process and the contract details, which Mr. Nidoh answered. One concern was whether regarding

the Neighborhood Recommendation Plans would be incorporated into the Master Plan. Ms. Haig state that she believed BFJ would incorporate these plans but also stated that the focus was on the commercial areas.

A discussion followed regarding the details of the proposal, including the qualifications for BFJ, the extent of the project and the overall plan for the City.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO APPROVE 306-05 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BUCKHURST FISH & JACQUEMART, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING UPDATING LAND USE POLICIES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER DEPARA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR ( MULLIGAN, DEPARA, PIVIROTTO) AND ONE AGAINST (RODGERSON).**

**308-05 Proposed Professional Services Agreement with BSC Group, Inc. regarding landscape architect services.**

Mr. Cote presented the overall plan to the Committee. Council Member Pivirotto asked about the funding for this project. Mr. Cote explained that three and a half million had been set aside in 2005 as a line item for this project. Some of the money has been used for some sidewalk projects. Mr. Cote then reviewed the financial details with the Committee. He also explained that the project will include some traffic studies and traffic calming measures. Mr. Steward Sacks, a Bridgeport architect who is familiar with the city and very knowledgeable will be consulting on the projects.

Council Member Walsh wished to know if minority contractors would be involved in the project. Mr. Cote said that two minority companies had already been selected as subcontractors, but there were still more contracts to be awarded. Council Member Walsh expressed concern that the full details of the contract had not been finalized. Mr. Cote explained that without doing this study, it was difficult to project the size or the cost of such a project. The result of this study is to have construction plans that will go to bid in March of 2007. The contract before the Committee was the initial Task Order and Mr. Cote expected that there would be at least two more, if not three task orders that would come before the Committee before the construction begins in the summer of 2007.

*Council Member Rodgeron left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.*

There was a discussion as to whether or not the Committee wished to have the details of the contracts come to the Committee for a vote. Mr. Cote said he was willing to bring the contracts back for a vote, if the Commission wished to have that done.

Council Member Pivrotto asked for a detailed explanation of the funding left in the 2005 account. Mr. Cote reviewed the general numbers with her. There was also a brief discussion regarding whether trees, garbage receptacles and parking meters would be included the in the street scapes.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO APPROVE 308-05 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BSC GROUP, INC. REGARDING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SERVICES.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**309-05 Proposed Agreement with the State of Connecticut concerning rebuilding the Long Island Sound Lobster Population.**

There was no one present to present this proposal to the Committee.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO TABLE 309-05 PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONCERNING REBUILDING THE LONG ISLAND SOUND LOBSTER POPULATION.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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