

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Angel dePara, Co-chair; Robert Curwen, Co-Chair; Lydia Martinez, Anderson Ayala, Council President Thomas McCarthy

OTHERS: Atty. Ed Lavernoich, OPED Deputy Director; Max Perez, Sr., OPED Economic Development Assoc.; Valerie Sorrentino; A. McGoldrick, Grants Writer, Central Grants

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member dePara called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of March 1, 2011 (Special Meeting).

Approval of Committee Minutes of March 7, 2011 (Special Meeting).

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes of March 22, 2011.

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes of March 23, 2011.

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes of March 24, 2011.ECDCE

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT THOMAS MCCARTHYT MOVED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2011 (SPECIAL MEETING).

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2011 (SPECIAL MEETING).

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2011.

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APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2011.ECDCE

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

20-10 Disposition and Redevelopment of City Owned property located at 167 Steuben Street and 95 Gilmore Street former Waltersville School.

Atty. Lavernoich came forward and said that this was the second presentation on this proposal. He said that the issue about the space in facility was the reason that this was tabled last time. Council Member Martinez had some concerns about allocating the East Side Senior Center at Waltersville.

Mr. Perez then distributed an updated agreement with the developer to the Council Members. Atty. Lavernoich said that there was also a letter to Council Member Martinez about this issue.

****COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT ENTER THE UPDATED RESOLUTION AS EXHIBIT A**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

****COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LETTER DATED APRIL 11, 2011 FROM JOHN OLSON, OF THE CT AFL-CIO TO COUNCIL MEMBER LYDIA MARTINEZ.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION EXHIBIT A AS THE NEW RESOLUTION**

****COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President then complimented Council Member Martinez on her idea to move the East Side Senior Center to the Waltersville School to save the City money in terms of rent. Council Member Martinez said that she would like to thank Council President McCarthy for his help in bringing this project forward.

Ms. Valerie Sorrentino pointed out that she had not been aware of this proposal, which would directly impact her department. Council Member Martinez said that one of the staff members had been present at the meeting that had taken place. Ms. Sorrentino said that she would look into this and thanked Council Member Martinez for that information.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR AGENDA ITEM 20-10 DISPOSITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF CITY**

OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 167 STEUBEN STREET AND 95 GILMORE STREET FORMER WALTERSVILLE SCHOOL AS AMENDED.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member dePara requested that this be put on the Consent Calendar.

45-10 Grant Submission: re: 2011 Medical Reserve Corps Grant.

Ms. McGoldrick came forward and said that this was part of a grant that was granted for the Westport/Weston Health District and Bridgeport will be receiving \$7,500 towards capacity building for training Medical Reserve Corp. volunteers. There are no matching funds required.

Ms. Sorrentino came forward and said that recruitment has been going on and there are fifty volunteers who have signed on for the training. The goal is to sign on 10 volunteers per month in order to have a solid 200 trained volunteers at the end of two years.

Council President McCarthy asked what the relationship was between the Westport/Weston Health District and Bridgeport. Ms. McGoldrick said that Westport was acting as the fiduciary only and that the State Department of Health would be overseeing the program.

Council Member Martinez said that she had some concerns about the Senior Centers and that the community centers could be utilized more. Ms. Sorrentino said that the program will work with the seniors who wish to be trained. Discussion followed.

Council Member Curwen said that he would like to make a recommendation that Ms. Sorrentino speak with Mr. Appleby at the EOC about this. It will be important to insure that Mr. Appleby has an updated list of the training volunteers.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 45-10
GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: 2011 MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS GRANT.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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