

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 22, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Co-Chair; Andre Baker, Co-Chair; Angel DePara; Anderson Ayala

ABSENT: Richard Bonney; Martin McCarthy

OTHERS: Robert Walsh, City Councilman; Joseph Ianniello, Chairman Ethics Commission

Co-Chair Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes: February 16, 2011 (Special)

**** CO-CHAIR BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011.**

**** MR. DEPARA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes: February 22, 2011 (Public Hearing)

**** CO-CHAIR BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2011.**

**** MR. DEPARA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

79-09: Request Concerning Personal Services Contracts and the Procurement Ordinance

**** CO-CHAIR BAKER MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 79-09 AS THERE WAS NO ONE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PRESENT.**

**** MR. DEPARA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Mr. Walsh said that in his opinion it was not appropriate for the City Attorney's office to respond to an FOI request quicker than to a request from the City Council.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

42-10: Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances to Amend Chapter 2.38 Code of Ethics

Mr. Ianniello said there were proposed changes to the front/cover page which had previously been distributed for everyone to review. The Ethics Commission felt the ordinance required clarification, an update and include best practices required by the State as well as other municipalities. A chapter 10 would be added to include training. In addition, the Commission felt it was important to add a “plain language” version of the ordinance.

Mr. Ianniello said there was a study done in 2004 of all 169 municipalities in the State and 100 of those 169 had Ethics commissions or ordinances. He said the Commission is currently in the drafting process and the format used by Milford, Connecticut would be followed.

Co-Chair Baker said he had further questions and wanted an opportunity to review the proposed amendments and thought perhaps the item should be tabled.

**** CO-CHAIR BAKER MOVED TO TABLE ITEM 42-10.
** MR. AYALA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Mr. Walsh suggested that a representative from the City Attorney’s office be present to discuss this item when it appeared on the next agenda; Mr. DePara said he agreed.

**** MOTION TO TABLE WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

Co-Chair Paoletto asked that the Minutes reflect the Committee’s request to have a representative from the City Attorney’s office present at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting where this item would be revisited.

Co-Chair Paoletto adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Graham for
Telesco Secretarial Services