

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Scott Burns, Co-chair; Maria Valle, Co-chair; Rosalina Roman-Christy, Tyler Mack

OTHERS: Thomas Gaudett, Mayor's Office; Melissa Oliveira, Central Grants Office; Joseph Katz, Central Grants Office; Amy Lehaney, Deputy Director of Health & Social Services

This meeting was conducted by Zoom/Teleconference.
The public was able to listen to this meeting by calling a conference line.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

• **October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

122-21 Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Year 4 (#23605).

Council Member Burns said that Mr. Katz had requested that this item should be withdrawn. Council Member Burns said that he had checked with Atty. Anastasi and Atty. Anastasi suggested the item be referred back to the Council and the Council would withdraw the item.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO REFER THE AGENDA ITEM 122-21 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT. YEAR 4 (#23605).BACK TO COUNCIL FOR WITHDRAWAL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

134-21 Grant Submission: re State of CT Department of Public Health FY23 Per Capita Funding Allocation (#23220).

Ms. Oliveira said that this was for community grant and was \$1.93 per person. There has been a carry-over of \$287,984.41 from last year. The total amount will be \$496,683.41. The performance period started in July 2022 and will run through June 30th. She listed some of the items that the grant covers.

Council Member Roman-Christy asked why there was funding from the previous grant that was being carried over. Ms. Oliveira explained that there was a period when Bridgeport did not have a Health Director and she added that during COVID, they chose to utilize the Federal COVID Funding. They do not expect to have excessive funds at the end of this grant period.

Council Member Valle asked for clarification on what the funding would be used for. Ms. Oliveira listed the ones shown in the information packet and explained what they would be using the funding for.

Council Member Valle asked if there was a report showing how many individuals received services or what type of health services were provided. She said that she had seen a homeless veteran who needed assistance with housing and food and she referred him to someone who might be able to provide assistance.

Ms. Oliveira said that she was only familiar with the financial aspect of the grant and that Ms. Lehaney would be able to provide Council Member Valle with the information.

Ms. Lehaney explained that the funding was for the ten essential functions of the Health Department and did not include particular programming. Council Member Valle asked if there was a staff member that was hired to address the ten functions. Discussion followed about the details, including the fact that portions of the Health Director and other staff members salaries were covered by the grant funding.

Council Member Burns asked who would decide the grant funding allocations for the salaries and fringes. Ms. Oliveira said that she works very closely with OPED on this and the public health nurse and the public Health Coordinator salaries and fringes were funded solely by the grant.

Council Member Burns asked about the enforcement of the ordinances. Ms. Lehaney said that they were actively working on a variety of ordinances to update them. Council Member Burns said that they should let the Council know if they need assistance.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 134-21 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE STATE OF CT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FY23 PER CAPITA FUNDING ALLOCATION (#23220)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

144-21 Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development - Youth Service Corps Grant Program (#23673).

Mr. Katz said that they had hoped to table this item for another month due to a conflict in scheduling.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 144-21 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - YOUTH SERVICE CORPS GRANT PROGRAM (#23673)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAN-CHRISTY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MACK SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services