

Special Meeting of the American Rescue Plan Task Force
January 19, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall West Meeting Room 1, 131 North Main Street Bristol CT 06010

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Caggiano, Glenn Heiser, John Leone, Thomas O'Brien, John Smith, Jennifer Van Gorder

Zoom: Mickey Goldwasser, David Maikowski, Howard Schmelder and Susan Sadecki, and Morgan Uργο

Absent: Mark Peterson, Cindy Bombard, Michael Dumas and David Preleski

Also present: Justin Malley, Ray Rogozinski, Robin Manuele, and Diane Waldron
Via Zoom: Martha McCabe and Sarah Goss from UHY

1. Call to Order

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. To discuss the use of ARPA Funds to construct a proposed 154 space parking garage to support City Hall/ Downtown Development to supplement existing CT DECD Urban Act Grant funding in the amount of \$4,692,000 and to take any action as necessary.

Ray Rogozinski, Director of Public Works discussed the request for the Parking Garage behind City Hall and the Police Department.

The Purchasing Department received two bids to construct the proposed 154 space parking garage. The low bid was submitted by D'Amato Construction at \$5,854,706.00. Exercising the alternate deduct for the elevator of \$498,020.00, the bid without the elevator is \$5,356,683.00. Current available grant funding is \$4,460,000, therefore, including a 5% contingency, an additional \$1,200,000 is required. The loss of the parking at Centre Square is the major concern. The City has made arrangements to lease parking at Immanuel Lutheran during construction. Most of the parking garage will be put together in precast units off site and brought onsite.

Commissioner Smith made a motion seconded by Commissioner Leone "To approve the use of ARPA Funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 to construct a proposed 154 space parking garage to support City Hall/ Downtown Development. ARPA funding will supplement existing CT DECD Urban Act Grant funding in the amount of \$4,692,000."

Mayor Caggiano stated this is one of many puzzle pieces for downtown development. The City subcommittee met this morning to discuss the request. This is a necessity, not something the City wants, as all the property across the street is developed employees need a place to park. Currently there are approximately 65 spaces on the surface, and this will add additional parking. Commissioner Smith questioned if this wasn't approved, would the price be affected. Ray confirmed it would be as delaying could affecting price and as a practical matter it would push it off a construction season.

Commissioner Leone questioned if the post office parking was part of this, which the Mayor confirmed they are rolled into the plan. Commissioner Heiser questioned the ADA requirements and no elevator, Ray explained the garage will be built to code for ADA requirements at a slope and will meet all the requirements.

3. Adjournment

Commissioner Smith made a motion seconded by Commissioner Heiser "to adjourn" at 4:50 p.m. Motion approved.

Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary