

**A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Newburgh was held on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was performed in unison.**

**Present: Mayor Kennedy, presiding; Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Brown, Councilman Dillard, Councilwoman Lee-5**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 52 - 2012**

**OF**

**APRIL 23, 2012**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE THE NEXT PHASE OF SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH NEWBURGH BUILDS NEWBURGH PROGRAMS TO SERVE LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND PERSONS WITH IDENTIFIED BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 185-2011 of September 12, 2011, the City Council of the City of Newburgh authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with the Workforce Development Institute (hereinafter "WDI") to recruit and hire a Program Coordinator, establish a specific selection and assessment criteria within the Newburgh population, review caseloads and establish enrollment, engagement and reporting requirements and protocols with community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the initial contract for the first phase of such services was effective through December of 2011 and by Resolution No. 18-2012 of February 14, 2012, the City Council extended the term of this contract to April 30, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, WDI has completed the initial phase of the project and is ready to begin the next phase of the project with the delivery of services as set forth in Schedule "A" of the contract annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such service delivery shall be provided at a cost not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, such funds shall be derived from the unrestricted Section 108 Fund Balance, Account CD.0000.0200.0009; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council has determined that entering into such agreement for the next phase of this project is in the best interests of the City of Newburgh and its residents and citizens alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Workforce Development Institute to provide the next phase of services in connection with Newburgh Builds Newburgh Programs to serve low income families and persons with identified barriers to employment.

**Councilwoman Angelo remarked that she went through the entire brochure. Workforce Development Institute has many duties to follow through on. Previously she discussed the program with Mr. Herbek. A couple of former council members along with a few other people went to Troy, New York to see the program themselves. It is a proven program, so let's give it a shot. She realizes it is a lot of money involved. She intends to vote in favor of the resolution.**

**Councilman Brown stated that Community Voices Heard should be a shame of itself for protesting in front of City Hall the other day. This is not City Hall's problem. We did our part. We paid for Phase I, and we did not get what we paid for. This has been his argument from the beginning. WDI has had plenty of extensions. He feels that the council should grant WDI an extension through July 31<sup>st</sup> [which the organization asked for] and change the list that they currently have into a complete list. If we rush to get this done, then we are going to do it wrong. He does not understand why there is a big rush on it now if WDI needed an extension a few weeks ago. He feels that as a council they need to be responsible to the residents of the City of Newburgh.**

**He stated that now WDI is requesting an additional \$75,000 to really finish Phase I. Brown has no problem moving to Phase II, but he wants Phase I completed. He feels that we should extend this resolution beyond July 31<sup>st</sup>, go back to the table and have WDI complete Phase I at *their* cost. Also for \$75K he does not really see what we are getting. That dollar amount needs to be re-negotiated, we need to cut it down to six months instead of one year, and we need to work from there.**

**Mayor Kennedy stated that mostly everyone has heard what she had to say the last time around. She talked with Ms. Johnson, at length, the following day after the last council meeting. Kennedy re-read the contract. Also she talked to people who took the trip Upstate where WDI is headquartered. The thing that bothered her was that WDI needed an extension. Then two weeks later the organization talked about moving on to Phase II.**

**Kennedy understands that in consulting jobs, sometimes the boundary between two phases is hard to delineate. Some work from Phase II got pulled into Phase I. As new people come along and as other organizations come into**

the fold, you have to do more assessments on those people coming in. The problem is that WDI should have handled it that way in the first place instead of asking for an extension. This is where this thing really went off track.

The money set aside is specifically for these jobs. She looked at WDI's statement of work in that it will create twenty jobs with an allusion to additional jobs. She is willing to give this a shot for one year. She is going to be talking to WDI on a pretty regular basis. She is going to want to know progress as we go along. At the end of the year she is expecting people to have some additional jobs created from this work. She understands all of the doors, reasons and the problems that could arise. But she does not want to get to a place where we have only provided one more job and no other jobs for individuals.

Councilwoman Lee moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the resolution be adopted.

Ayes- Councilwoman Angelo, Councilman Dillard, Councilwoman Lee, Mayor Kennedy-4

No- Councilman Brown-1

ADOPTED

There was no further business to come before the council.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Lee moved and Councilwoman Angelo seconded that the meeting of the City Council be adjourned. The council voted *unanimously* to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

KATRINA COTTEN  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK