

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: BOARD OF ALDERS REFERRAL: Resolution Authorizing Mayor to sign an amendment to an agreement with Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman, Inc. to provide on call mechanical services for movable bridges, Grand Ave. Bridge over the Quinnipiac River not to exceed \$109,929.65. (Michael Carter, CAO)

REPORT: 1500-06

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Currently the Department of Public Works contracts for On Call Mechanical Services for Movable Bridges with Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman, Inc (BAC) annually with an agreement that does not exceed \$100,000. Due to unforeseen mechanical failures, the City had BAC provide essential mechanical repairs to the Grand Avenue Bridge in order to keep it operational for water and vehicular traffic. The repairs that were required exceeded the \$100,000 cap. The CAO is requesting the Board's approval to enter into an amended agreement with BAC which will exceed the \$100,000 cap by \$9,929.65 and therefore requires the Board's approval.

The Grand Avenue Bridge required a new center bearing shaft. The bearing shaft allows the Bridge to turn for vessels to pass thru the waterway. This will be a final payment to the vendor for this fiscal year for services provided.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The additional services are necessary to keep this important transportation connection between the east and west banks of the Quinnipiac River open and operating to allow passage of vehicular traffic as well as river traffic.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Authorization to amend the Agreement in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: December 17, 2014
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director