

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2024**

Attendance: Jenn McMurrer, Chair; Jalin Sead; Douglas Sutton; Josh Goldstein; Heather Dunn

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management; Paul Sotnik, Senior Engineer, DPW

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMurrer called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. McMurrer called the roll and all members that are listed were in attendance.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- MARCH 28, 2024

**** MR. SEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Department of Public Works

**AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HAVE EVERSOURCE
ELECTRIC INSTALL FOUR (4) NEW POLES AND THE ASSOCIATED WIRING FOR
FOUR (4) NEW STREET LIGHTS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COSSITT ROAD TO THE
INTERSECTION OF SCRIBNER AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED PLAN, AT AN APPROXIMATE ONE-TIME
COST OF \$10,000 TO BE PAID FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 014021-5241.**

Mr. Sotnik presented the proposed street lighting plan for Cossitt Road and said that DPW received a request in the form of a neighborhood petition from approximately 17 residents of Cossitt Road and Chatham Drive requesting that new streetlights be installed on Cossitt Road at the intersection of Scribner Avenue. He said there are no streetlights in the area today between Cossitt Road and Scribner Avenue, and the only existing light that is there today is at the entrance ramp on the northbound side ramp of I-95. He said they are requesting four new lights and after laying out the plan what they have requested makes sense.

Mr. Sotnik said that DPW will also be doing a curb and sidewalk project in the area in coordination with TMP and they have requested a bump out in the corner to align the intersection and straighten it up to a T-intersection, and an ADA ramp and new sidewalk will also be installed on the south side of Cossitt Road, and there is an existing pole that has no light on it and will be using the wires from there and the light pole will go just behind the existing curb line and will leave just enough space for people to get by until the bump out is done, and the new sidewalk is installed, and the ADA ramp is created. He said there is a onetime cost of \$2,500 for each of the four poles for a total of \$10,000 and the reoccurring monthly cost for the electricity will be \$100 per month.

Mr. Goldstein asked what the expected timeline of the project is since it will be preceding the sidewalk construction. Mr. Sotnik said if approved by the Common Council he will contact Eversource to create a work order and once their portion is completed it will just be a few weeks following that and TMP plans on doing the sidewalk project at the end of the summer.

Ms. Dunn asked if there was any investigation into using solar lights. Mr. Sotnik said they have asked Eversource several times and at this point they do not do solar lighting for the streetlights and one of the reasons is that there may not get enough sunlight to provide power to the lights. Ms. Dunn asked if that is consistent with other towns. Mr. Sotnik said he believes so.

Mr. Sead asked if there has been any thought into a light or three way stop for the safety of the intersection for the people coming out of Cossitt Road onto Scribner Avenue. Mr. Sotnik said he had not heard of anything but that would go through TMP. Ms. McMurrer said she has a call with Mr. Travers in the morning and she will ask Mr. Travers and report back.

Ms. Dunn said the bump outs for her are very difficult and asked why they are being installed. Mr. Sotnik said that while putting the curb and sidewalk plans together TMP had requested the bump out in this area, and it was his understanding they are trying to "T" the intersection to a conventional intersection. Ms. McMurrer said she will also get clarification on this from Mr. Travers and report back to the committee.

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VI. DISCUSSION

Ms. McMurrer said the Earth Day event will be held this Saturday, from 12:00PM to 4:00PM on the town green and thanked Mr. Sotnik and the entire committee for all the work they have done on the event.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd