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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: James Frayer, Chairman; Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn; Ann Wennerstrand, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Dajuan Wiggins

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works; James Meehan, Principal Engineer; Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer; Thomas Szabo, Waste Programs Manager; Benjamin Yeung, Senior Traffic Engineer TMP; Troy Deering, Road Construction Project Manager TMP; Jim Travers, Director TMP

OTHERS: Johan Lopez, Common Council Member; Nicole Eaddy, Common Council Member

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frayer called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn, Ann Wennerstrand, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Dajuan Wiggins

At Roll Call there were six (6) Committee members present constituting a quorum. Darlene Young was not present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC INPUT (GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS MAY SPEAK TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)

Ms. Diane Lauricella greeted the Committee. She stated she is interested in hearing the MSW report and the Food Scrap report. She encouraged the council to look to the future to include the assistance of the public to help the city. She suggested a blue-ribbon task force that will include interested citizens and businesses to help educate the public and not wait until the next Win Waste contract. She said they could recycle more with better education. She noticed the revenues in the food scrap program were down 20 to 30 percent. She doesn't understand the deal with Win Waste. The food scrap program needs to end the pilot program and reduce their prices. They need to rethink how they handle leaves. She said she looks forward to meeting with the Chairman to discuss things.

Chairman Frayer closed public participation at 7:07p.m.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting: November 12, 2024

There was no report on this item.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MR. WIGGINS ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF WOODWARD AVENUE FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO BURRITT AVENUE TO BE NAMED REVEREND RAMON FIGUEROA WAY.

Chairman Frayer stated that DPW has reached out to the church several times and he has also made several calls to Reverend Luis and received no response. A discussion ensued about whether they should table this item. The Committee reached a decision to acknowledge the receipt of the request and to table the scheduling of the public hearing until they hear from the Pastor/Church.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF WOODWARD AVENUE FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO BURRITT AVENUE TO BE NAMED REVEREND RAMON FIGUEROA WAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED HONORARY STREET NAMING AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION ON SAID NAMING THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 AT 7:00P.M. VIA ZOOM.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THEY HAVE SPECIFIC CONTACT WITH REVEREND RIVERA**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- C. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO MILLENIUM PRODUCTS INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 10 YEAR WANCO SERVICE PLAN, WANCO SETUP, FLEET PROGRAMS, AND CELLULAR SERVICE FOR FOUR (4) WANCO MESSAGE SIGNS OPERATED BY DPW AND REC AND PARKS DEPARTMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,980.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 45 5462

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She explained how the signs would work. Due to the procurement of the signs, a ten-year contract, the authorization from the committee is warranted.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairman Frayer read items D1 and D2 together.

- D1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG2023-3 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,071,063.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4062 5777 C0361
09 20 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4021 5777 C0302
09 25 4021 5777 C0302
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0440
09 22 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4021 5777 C0440
09 25 4021 5777 C0440
09 20 4027 5777 C0643
09 21 4021 5777 C0643
09 22 4021 5777 C0643
09 25 4021 5777 C0643
13 31 10 5796 ARP05
13 40 10 5796 APW05
13 40 10 5796 APW10**

- D2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AND M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PURCHASING PROJECT 4322, DRG2023-3 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$107,106.30.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 4062 5777 C0361

09 20 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4021 5777 C0302
09 25 4021 5777 C0302
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0440
09 22 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4021 5777 C0440
09 25 4021 5777 C0440
09 20 4027 5777 C0643
09 21 4021 5777 C0643
09 22 4021 5777 C0643
09 25 4021 5777 C0643
13 31 10 5796 ARP05
13 40 10 5796 APW05
13 40 10 5796 APW10

Ms. Valadares reported on these items. She stated that this is the drainage contract that goes before the paving they complete in the city. They use M. Rondano a lot for smaller projects. There is an option for two (2) one-year extensions.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 8, 2024 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE GRASSO COMPANIES, LLC FOR PROJECT 4359, RD2024-3 CURBS AND SIDEWALKS FOR BEACON STREET FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
09 24 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0318
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0440
09 22 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4021 5777 C0440
09 25 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4062 5777 C0361

Mr. Meehan reported on this item. Some pipes needed to be adjusted. This project is mostly sanitary lines. They are installing sidewalks on Beacon Street then it will be followed by paving. This will not delay any projects as paving will not resume for some time. It makes sense to put in the sanitary lines prior to paving.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- F. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR CITY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PROJECT 4402 - PROJECT BR2024-2 – STATE PROJECT 102-366 REPLACEMENT OF THE WEST CEDAR STREET #2 BRIDGE OVER THE FIVE MILE RIVER – BRIDGE NUMBER 04152.**

Ms. Valadares reported on this. This project is part of their federal bridge program. This bridge was considered to be in poor condition two years ago. It has been under design with their consultant Benesch to replace the bridge. The designs and permits were finalized. Then they advertised the project to bid. The State will reimburse the city a very good amount. In past years the split was 80 to 20 percent share now it may become 100 percent. To expedite the process, they are waiting for DOT to finalize and accept the bids. They are waiting for the acceptance letter. They would like to begin this project during the next construction season.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- G1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DAYTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CITY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PROJECT 4402 – PROJECT BR2024-2 – STATE PROJECT 102-366 REPLACEMENT OF THE WEST CEDAR STREET #2 BRIDGE OVER THE FIVE MILE RIVER - BRIDGE NUMBER 04152, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,463,188.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0642
 09 21 4021 5777 C0642
 09 22 4021 5777 C0642
 09 23 4021 5777 C0642
 09 24 4021 5777 C0642
 09 20 4021 5799 C0642**

Ms. Valadares stated there may be 100% reimbursed by the state for this project. There was a presentation given in October for that neighborhood explaining the project. There will be a closure during construction. The bridge will be wider and safer.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- G2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH DAYTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CITY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PROJECT 4402 – PROJECT BR2024-2 – STATE PROJECT 102-366 REPLACEMENT OF THE WEST CEDAR STREET #2 BRIDGE OVER THE FIVE MILE RIVER - BRIDGE NUMBER 04152, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$446,318.80.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0642

09 21 4021 5777 C0642
09 22 4021 5777 C0642
09 23 4021 5777 C0642
09 24 4021 5777 C0642
09 20 4021 5799 C0642

There was no report on this item.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- H. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND LANGAN CT, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 24 7100 5777 C0836

Mr. Meehan reported on this. He gave a brief background of the project. This is for the new SONO School. They are trying to resolve the flooding/drainage problem in that area.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- I. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND ALFRED BENESCH & COMPANY DATED DECEMBER 10, 2019, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT DESIGN OF THE WEST CEDAR STREET BRIDGE OVER THE FIVE MILE RIVER IN NORWALK, CTDOT PROJECT NO. 102-366, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$458,700.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0642
09 21 4021 5777 C0642
09 22 4021 5777 C0642
09 23 4021 5777 C0642
09 24 4021 5777 C0642
09 20 4021 5799 C0642

There was no report on this item.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- J. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT NO. 11.05-01(24) WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER STATE ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO. 3026270 FOR TREE PLANTING IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE**

**STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG RIVERSIDE AVENUE (STATE ROUTE 809)
AND THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL.**

Mr. Yeung reported on this item. He stated that they plan on planting 26 trees along the recently completed section of the NRVt between Belden Avenue and New Canaan Avenue. He said many people are using the trail on a daily basis. They noticed room for improvement alongside Riverside Avenue. There are sections that are a bit exposed and lack shade. They want to put in a buffer between the high-speed vehicular roadway and the trail itself. They want to use the City's on-call contract with Almstead, the tree planting contractor. They need approval from CDOT to do this because it is in the state's right-of-way. The maintenance agreement states the city will plant and maintain these trees going forward. He said that the maintenance of the trees would be part of the city's DPW operation crews like they do on other local streets. There are a variety of trees going in that area.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- K. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A EVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FLOOD REMEDIATION AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER 24-1 DATED AUGUST 22, 2024 AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER 25-1 DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2024, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 13 40 10 5796 APW06
09 24 4062 5777 C0361**

Mr. Meehan reported on this item. He gave a brief background. There are two (2) areas. The first area is in the Ponus area, to extend the current line in conjunction with the future sewer separation. The other area is by Lloyd St. The residents in that area have been complaining about flooding. Woodard and Curran are being retained to see if there is a remediation factor there. The residents have been updated. One of these areas came out of a resident meeting.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- L. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 8, 2024 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PURCHASING PROJECT 4378. RNP2024-1 CALF PASTURE BEACH ROAD REALIGNMENT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 25 6030 5777 C0365
09 22 6030 5777 C0588
09 23 6030 5777 C0588
09 24 6030 5777 C0588**

09 25 6030 4862 C0365
09 25 6030 5796 C0365
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She explained to the Committee what this project entails. They are trying to accommodate a bike lane at the beach and make the sidewalk a bit wider. Curb changes and widening of the sidewalk need to be done. They needed to excavate a bit more than expected. There is a bike lane there already but there have been safety concerns about where it is now. She explained where the bike lanes would be.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- M. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO RELIABLE EXCAVATING CO. INC FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$423,242.00 WITH 10% OF CONTINGENCY AT \$42,324.20 FOR SOUNDVIEW AVE SIDEWALK CONNECTION-PROJECT # TMP 2024-08.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 133110-5796-ATM01
133710-5796-AE23**

Mr. Deering reported on this item. This project will connect the three (3) schools on Highland Avenue.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- N. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO A VITTI EXCAVATORS. LLC FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$844,032.00 WITH 10% OF CONTINGENCY AT \$84,403.20 FOR PROJECT NUMBER SONO SCHOOL SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY # TMP 2024-09.**

ACCOUNT NO. 133710-5796-AE23

Mr. Deering reported on this item. This is related to the sidewalks around the SONO School. He gave a description of the areas. The goal of the project is to close all the gaps and install sidewalks for the entire corridor. The residents and students in the area would benefit from this project. There was a public meeting about the one-way roads, in the neighborhood at a church on Lexington Avenue and they were in support of this. Their biggest concern was wintertime. They were informed how things would be handled during the wintertime. They discussed the possibility of rehabilitating other sidewalks in the area the students may encounter.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- O. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE WESTON & SAMPSON AGREEMENT DATED MAY 20,**

2024, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4021-5777 C0021
 09 24 4021-5777 C0021
 09 25 4021-5777 C0021
 09 25 4021-5777 C0318
 09 21 4021-5777 C0440
 09 22 4021-5777 C0440**

Mr. Meehan reported on this item. He explained what they are going to do. He said that many residents have requested this work. This project is to repave and provide sidewalks around Highland and Washington. This is part of the Complete Streets project.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

P. APPROVE THE 2025 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

There was no report on this item.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS

A. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

They did not have many trees planting in the fall. They have been removing the tree of heaven in the right-of-way only.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT

There was no discussion on this item.

C. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT

There was no discussion on this item.

D. UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

There was no discussion on this item.

VII. DISCUSSION

There was no report on this item.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Smyth moved to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD**