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CITY OF NORWALK PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 1, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Livingston; Darlene Young (7:04pm); Dominique Johnson; Bryan Meek

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Interim Chief of Operations and Public Works/Principal Engineer; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer; Drew Berndlmaier, Senior Civil Engineer; Daniel Stanton, Senior Civil Engineer; Darin Callahan, Asst. Corporation Counsel

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Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll: Tom Livingston Darlene Young Dominique Johnson
Bryan Meek Barbara Smyth

At Roll Call there were five (5) Committee members present, Lisa Shanahan and Nora Niedzielski-Eichner were absent. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

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.)

There was no public input. Public participation was closed at 7:03p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022.

There was no report on this item.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. RE-AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PROPERTY, TEMPORARY WORK AREA AGREEMENT, SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH EVERSOURCE NECESSARY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EVERSOURCE WITH RIGHTS TO UNDERGROUND ITS ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES AT THE NORWALK POLICE STATION AND VETERANS PARK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALKBRIDGE PROJECT AND THE CITY'S COMPENSATION FOR SUCH RIGHTS, PER THE ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF VANESSA VALADARES DATED OCTOBER 26, 2022.

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She shared her screen and explained where the changes were made. She stated there was a slight change in the route which caused for the redesign of the transmission lines. One (1) of the acquisitions on the west side fell through. Ms. Valadares explained where the new route will be. This item will go before the Planning Commission and Harbor/Shellfish Commission prior to the full Common Council. There was a correction on the memo regarding the dollar amount. (Please see attached memo).

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS PARENT, INC. FOR THE EAST AVENUE ADVANCED UTILITY PROJECT NO. 0301-0515NP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000.00.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 12 4021 5777 C0471
 09 22 4021 5777 C0471
 09 23 4021 5777 C0471
 09 21 4021 5777 C0234
 09 22 4021 5777 C0234**

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. Items 3, 4 and 5 are for the same project. All three items need an agreement with the city. Ms. Valadares explained the utility component of the project.

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

4. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR THE EAST AVENUE ADVANCED UTILITY PROJECT NO. 0301-0515NP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 12 4021 5777 C0471
 09 22 4021 5777 C0471
 09 23 4021 5777 C0471
 09 21 4021 5777 C0234
 09 22 4021 5777 C0234**

There was no report on this item.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL FOR THE EAST AVENUE ADVANCED UTILITY PROJECT NO. 0301-0515NP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000.00**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 12 4021 5777 C0471
 09 22 4021 5777 C0471
 09 23 4021 5777 C0471
 09 21 4021 5777 C0234
 09 22 4021 5777 C0234**

There was no report on this item.

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

6. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL SALT FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$108.00 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2022-23 SNOW SEASON.**

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 25 5322

Mr. Torre reported on this. He reassured the Committee that the city has a shed full of salt they purchased last year at last years rate or \$87 per ton. A discussion ensued about the cost of salt and the environmental effects of the salt. Mr. Torre explained what the salt is treated with and answered all questions regarding the distribution.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. SNOWPLOWING NAME CONTEST

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/YL8HY2S](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yl8hy2s)

Ms. Valadares reported on this. She explained the contest rules. There are 26 snow routes which they divided into two (2) parts. Each truck gets three (3) names to choose from. The name with the most votes will get picked for that truck route.

B. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Sotnik gave an update on their tree planting events. Mr. Torre reported on tree removals.

C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this. He spoke about more education and outreach for the residents.

D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this. A discussion ensued about sustaining the programs and opening another drop-off at Cranberry Park. The site at the Transfer Station and Cranberry Park is a 5 day a week program. They would like to see them become fully funded City programs.

E. CURRENT / UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

1. CONSTRUCTION

- DRG2019-1 DREAMY HOLLOW STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
- PM2021-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
- RD2020-1 CONCRETE CURBS AND SIDEWALKS
- RD2021-2 CONCRETE CURBS AND SIDEWALKS
- DRG2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE
- RNP2022-2 CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
- BR2021-1 EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF ROWAYTON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER KEELERS BROOK
- STATE OF CT DOT PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

2. ADVERTISED FOR BIDS / PENDING CONTRACT

- BR022-1 REHABILITATION OF BONNYBROOK ROAD OVER HOLY GHOST FATHERS BROOK AND CANNON STREET OVER BETTS POND BROOK – DUE 9/28/22

3. DESIGN

- PROJECT 102-366 WEST CEDAR STREET OVER FIVE MILE RIVER
- STORM DRAINAGE EVALUATION AT SELECTED LOCATIONS
- DRG2022-1 LOCKWOOD LANE AND HEATHER LANE STORM DRAINAGE
- CHATHAM DRIVE AND COSSITT ROAD STORM DRAINAGE
- VETERANS PARK VISITOR DOCK REPLACEMENT

The Senior Civil Engineers each reported on their current projects status and answered all questions asked by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Member of the Commons Council
Members of the Public Works Committee
Members of the Planning Commission
Mayor Harry W. Rilling

FROM: Vanessa Valadares, Interim Chief of Public Works and Operations

CC: Mario F. Coppola, Corporation Counsel
Darin L. Callahan, Assistant Corporation Counsel

DATE: November 02, 2022

RE: Eversource Easements

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Dear Members and Mayor:

On September 13, 2021, at a Joint Special Meeting of the Public Works Committee and Planning Commission, followed by a meeting of the Common Council on September 28, 2021, the City, acting through its legislative process, approved certain permanent and temporary easements at the Police Station and Veterans Park and compensation to be paid for such rights in connection with a plan to have Eversources re-route its electrical lines off the railway and underground for purposes of the Walkbridge Project. This was done to avoid Eversource from re-routing the line *overhead* through South Norwalk.

The Approvals as well as the Memorandum issued by the Law Department can be found in the Meeting Minutes as the following links:

See PWC/PC Minutes at Pages 1-53 at the following link:

<https://www.norwalkct.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/17669>

See CC Minutes at Pages 2, 62-122 at the following link:

<https://www.norwalkct.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/17728>

Subsequent to this approval, it has become necessary for Eversource to revise the route by which the electrical lines would pass under the Norwalk River, and as a result, the path the lines need to take through Veterans Park. This in turn effects the footprint of the permanent and temporary easements through Veterans Park. Attached as **Exhibit 1-A** is the Veterans Park easement map at the time of the approval. Attached as **Exhibit 1-B** is the proposed new Veterans Park easement map. In consideration for approving this new route, Eversource has agreed to increase its compensation to the City. Specifically, Eversource has agree to increase its compensation to the

City from \$404,000.00 to \$ 416,000.00 and its compensation to the Norwalk Harbor Commission from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00, and further, to provide additional compensation to the Norwalk Shell Fish Commission in the amount of \$10,000.00.

I am providing for your consideration the following action item approving the easements as compensation revised as set forth above:

Re-Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to execute the Agreement for Use of Municipal Public Property, Temporary Work Area Agreement, Side Letter Agreement, and any and all other documents with Eversource necessary and for the purpose of providing Eversource with rights to underground its electrical transmission and distribution lines at the Norwalk Police Station and Veterans Park in connection with the Walkbridge Project and the City's compensation for such rights, per the enclosed Memorandum of Vanessa Valadares dated November 02, 2022.