

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: John Igneri, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; Thomas Livingston;
Eloisa Melendez; Michael Corsello (7:10 p.m.)

STAFF: Bruce Chimento, Director; Lisa Burns, Principal Engineer;
Christopher Torre, Superintendent of Operations

Mr. Igneri called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no members of the public present this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Igneri opened the public hearing.

1. PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF HANFORD PLACE ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE HANFORD PLACE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 13 DAY STREET (TAX LOT 2-58-46-0), IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL X-1 CONSISTING OF 92± SQ. FT. ON A MAP ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENTITLED "PROPERTY SURVEY DEPICTING STREET LINE REVISION & EXTINGUISHMENT OF EASEMENT AT 13 DAY STREET, PREPARED FOR TRINITY WASHINGTON VILLAGE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT," DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2016. THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN COMMENTING ON THE NECESSITY OF THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION ON SAID APPLICATION FOR ABANDONMENT THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 231, 2ND FLOOR IN NORWALK CITY HALL, 125 EAST AVENUE, NORWALK, CT.

Mr. Chimento explained this is a Housing Authority project and that the request is part of the Washington Village project.

Mr. Corsello joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. Burns gave an overview of the project.

There were no members of the public present and Mr. Igneri closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016.**

The following corrections were made:

Correct the spelling of Mr. Bonenfant's and Mr. Igneri's names.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

- 2. APPROVE THE NECESSITY FOR THE FOR THE ABANDONMENT/DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF HANFORD PLACE ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE HANFORD PLACE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 13 DAY STREET (TAX LOT 2-58-46-0), IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL X-1 CONSISTING OF 92± SQ. FT. ON A MAP ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENTITLED "PROPERTY SURVEY DEPICTING STREET LINE REVISION & EXTINGUISHMENT OF EASEMENT AT 13 DAY STREET, PREPARED FOR TRINITY WASHINGTON VILLAGE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND THE NORWALK HOUSING AUTHORITY, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT," DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 AND APPOINT FREEHOLDERS.**
- 3. SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE FREEHOLDER'S REPORT AND ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON SAID REPORT FOR THE ABANDONMENT/DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF HANFORD PLACE ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE HANFORD PLACE**

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

- 3. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT NO. PM2016-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000.**

**Account No. 0916 4021 5777 C0021
0917 4021 5777 C0021**

Mr. Chimento explained that this item is a continuation of the paving project. It is a unit price contract and increases the existing contract. Ms. Melendez asked if a list of sidewalks could be developed. Mr. Chimento said that the list will eventually be on line. Mr. Bonenfant asked if FGB Construction is good to work with. Mr. Chimento said that he received very good feedback.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT NO. RD2016-1 CONCRETE CURBS AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000.

Account No. 0917 4021 5777 C0318

Mr. Chimento said that the department has an open contract with Deering. He wants to get the curbs and sidewalks done this year.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS GROUP, INC. FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO MS4 PERMIT GAP ANALYSIS AND MOCK AUDIT.

ACCOUNT NO. 0916 4027 5777 C0425

Mr. Chimento reviewed the item. He said that effective July 2017, the DEEP is adding water quality based requirements in the new MS4 General Permit. He explained that this is an unfunded mandate, but will cost over \$500,000 per year. Ms. Burns said that the department teamed up with other municipalities and submitted a letter regarding the costs.

Mr. Chimento said that for \$7,500 Environmental Partners Group will review the overall program. Mr. Corsello said that this mandate sounds like a luxury that local municipalities can't afford. Ms. Burns said that water pollution is a regional problem. Mr. Chimento noted that this going on in all the coastal states.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Melendez left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED THE FOLLOWING:**

- 7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE F. A. BARTLETT TREE EXPERT COMPANY PER RFP #3708 FOR TREE REMOVAL/TRIMMING SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 PER YEAR.**

ACCOUNT NO. 0140 29 5296

Mr. Torre explained the item and reviewed the bidding process. He said that there was no clear cut low bidder. He recommended awarding the contract to F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- a. Monthly Solid Waste Report – September 2016

Mr. Chimento said that a notification will go out tomorrow for the leaf pick up program. Quarterly reports were sent to the State. Mr. Chimento will send those reports to the Committee members.

- b. Project Status Report

The status reports are in the meeting package.

- c. Customer Service Report - October 2016

Mr. Chimento reported that the Customer Service department had 372 calls; 303 were for Public Works. He said that the Customer Service department gets all of the customer service calls for the City of Norwalk.

Ms. Melendez returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Igneri said that he was in Stamford today and they put in speed tables; they are very effective. Mr. Chimento said that he is against speed bumps. Reports have shown that throughout the country, people speed up between speed bumps. Mr. Torre added that speed bumps increases emergency response time.

Mr. Corsello asked for a status update on engaging an engineer to oversee the WALK Bridge project. He said that this is very important and should not be delayed. Mr. Igneri agreed. Ms. Burns said that funding for the position is going into the budget request for July. Mr. Corsello suggested initiating a special appropriation; he said that Mayor Rilling is on board.

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services