

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Livingston; Darlene Young; Dominique Johnson; Nore Niedzielski-Eichner; 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; Michael Yeosock, Principal Engineer; Greg Pacelli, Transportation Planner

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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
Nora Niedzielski-Eichner Bryan Meek Barbara Smyth

At Roll Call there were six (6) Committee members present, Lisa Shanahan was absent. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

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Diane Lauricella stated her name for the record. She spoke about various waste streams and the goal in Connecticut to keep those numbers down. She urged the council to allow her and the members of the Zero Waste Coalition to meet with them and help with the pre-interviews for the waste and recycling coordinator. She would like them to invoke a blue-ribbon panel on recycling and reuse. She wants to optimize the city's programs with more education.

Tanner Thompson stated his name for the record. He is the Chair of Norwalk's Bike Walk Advisory Commission. He spoke about the item regarding signage for the Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant and his support of it. He urged the Common Council to include bicycles in their electric car plans. He said they are a much more affordable option and outsell electric cars 2 to 1. He mentioned the State is offering a \$500 rebate to those who meet the income requirements toward the purchase of an electric bike.

Chairwoman Smyth closed public input at 7:09p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.

There was no report on this item.

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

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO C.N. WOOD ENVIRO, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PELICAN NP THREE-WHEEL BROOM STREET SWEEPER FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$275,345.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Torre explained how the sweeper works. This sweeper comes with cameras all around it. Mr. Torre said the last sweeper was purchased six (6) years ago. He said in their five (5) year master plan for fleet, they will request one (1) this year, one (1) next year and one (1) the year after.

Mr. Meek asked about electrical vehicles.

Ms. Valadares stated they have a plan for the electrical vehicles. She said right now they are not compatible for bigger equipment trucks like the sweeper.

Mr. Torre replied that the electrical sweepers often times can only run half a day without recharging and the extra batteries cost approximately \$10,000 each with half of the capacity of the pelican sweepers.

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

3. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TOTAL FENCE LLC – STATE CONTRACT 18PSX0147 FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ABOUT 165 LF OF MERRITT PARKWAY GUIDERAIL ON AIKEN ST. FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$25,790.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4120 5777 C0581

Ms. Valadares reported on this. She said there have been many accidents occurring in that area. They want to put up a guardrail to help prevent accidents. She said it is a combined project with TMP. They discussed the location of the guardrail and its measurements that would be installed on the City's ROW.

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

Chairwoman Smyth read items 4a. & 4b. together.

- 4a. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NY-CONN CORPORATION FOR STATE PROJECT 102-364 WEST AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE, FAP 1102-124 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$870,914.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. FHWA LRARP GRANT (90%)
09 22 4120 5777 C0232
09 23 4120 5777 C0232

- 4b. **AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH THE NY-CONN CORPORATION FOR STATE PROJECT 102-364 WEST AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE, FAP 1102-124 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,091.**

ACCOUNT NO. FHWA LRARP GRANT (90%)
09 22 4120 5777 C0232
09 23 4120 5777 C0232

Mr. Yeosock reported on this. He gave a brief description of the project. It is 90% State Funded with a 10% City match. A discussion ensued about if this work was done already and how far south does it go. There is a total of six (6) intersections; West Avenue at Maple Street, West Avenue at Elm Street, West Avenue at Leonard Street, West Avenue at Wall Street and Belden Avenue at Burnell. The whole corridor will be adaptive.

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

5. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 MACK GR42F PLOW TRUCK NOT TO EXCEED \$265,043.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Torre gave a brief explanation about the purchase. He answered all questions.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 MACK GR42F PLOW TRUCK NOT TO EXCEED \$290,801.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4031 5777 C0313
 09 23 4031 5777 C0313

There was no report on this item.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairwoman Smyth read items 7a. and 7b. together.

- 7a. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC FOR PROJECT BR2022-1 (SITE 1 AND SITE 2) – BONNYBROOK ROAD OVER HOLY GHOST FATHERS BROOK (SITE 1) AND CANNON STREET OVER BETTS POND BROOK (SITE 2), FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$654,365.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0315
 09 22 4021 5777 C0315
 09 23 4021 5777 C0315
 09 19 4021 5777 C0617
 09 20 4021 5777 C0617
 09 21 4021 5777 C0617
 09 22 4021 5777 C0617
 09 23 4021 5777 C0617
 09 21 4021 5777 C0440

- 7b. **AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC FOR PROJECT BR2022-1 (SITE 1 AND SITE 2) – BONNYBROOK ROAD OVER HOLY GHOST FATHERS BROOK (SITE 1) AND CANNON STREET OVER BETTS POND BROOK (SITE 2), FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$65,436.50.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0315
 09 22 4021 5777 C0315
 09 23 4021 5777 C0315
 09 19 4021 5777 C0617
 09 20 4021 5777 C0617
 09 21 4021 5777 C0617
 09 22 4021 5777 C0617
 09 23 4021 5777 C0617
 09 21 4021 5777 C0440

Ms. Valadares explained the project. She said the project was designed last year and this year will be the construction. The bids were significantly higher than the engineers estimate due to the price of materials.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairwoman Smyth read items 8a. and 8b. together.

- 8a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,052,138.80.**

ACCOUNT NO.	134010 5796 APW05
	09 20 4062 5777 C0361
	09 22 4027 5777 C0302
	09 22 4021 5777 C0021
	09 23 4021 5777 C0021
	09 20 4027 5777 C0643
	09 21 4027 5777 C0643
	09 22 4027 5777 C0643
	09 23 4021 5777 C0315
	09 23 7100 5777 C0583
	09 21 4021 5777 C0440
	09 22 4021 5777 C0440

- 8b. AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$105,213.78.**

ACCOUNT NO.	134010 5796 APW05
	09 20 4062 5777 C0361
	09 22 4027 5777 C0302
	09 23 4021 5777 C0302
	09 22 4021 5777 C0021
	09 23 4021 5777 C0021
	09 20 4027 5777 C0643
	09 21 4027 5777 C0643
	09 22 4027 5777 C0643
	09 23 4021 5777 C0315
	09 23 7100 5777 C0583
	09 21 4021 5777 C0440
	09 22 4021 5777 C0440

Ms. Valadares described the project. A discussion ensued about the funding. Part of the funding will be with ARPA funds. They are using the ARPA funding to do the work. Some of the work is related to WPCA regarding sewer and drainage and WPCA funding will be used as well.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 2ND AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AHNEMAN KIRBY, LLC. FOR PROJECT NO. 4048 ON-CALL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 21 4021 5777 C0302
09 22 4021 5777 C0302
09 21 4021 5777 C0315
09 22 4021 5777 C0315
09 23 4021 5777 C0315
09 21 6030 5777 C0365
09 22 6030 5777 C0365
09 23 6030 5777 C0365
09 21 4021 5777 C0318
09 22 4021 5777 C0318
09 20 4021 5777 C0643
09 21 6030 5777 C0643
09 22 4021 5777 C0643
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
09 20 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 23 4021 5777 C0021
01 40 30 5258

Ms. Valadares reported on this. This is the second-year option extension. They do not have a surveyor in the office due to retirement, so they are using this company. They pay on an hourly rate and the company has asked for a 10% increase on the hourly rate. Their priorities will not change.

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

Chairwoman Smyth read items 10a. & 10b. together.

- 10a. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH K5 CORPORATION FOR PROJECT TMP 2022-3 FURNISHING AND INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNS – CT COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,600.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 363751 5258 G0017

- 10b. **AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH K5 CORPORATION FOR PROJECT TMP 2022-3 FURNISHING AND INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNS – CT COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,760.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 363751 5258 G0017

Ms. Valadares stated that this is for the bike routes. She gave them the routes.

Mr. Pacelli gave a brief background. The bike route is about 17 ½ lane miles. It will be the longest in the state. 100% state funded project and the funds have been received. They received

the notice to proceed by ConnDOT and hoping to get the signs installed and the striping done for the project over the next year.

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

Chairwoman Smyth read items 11a. & 11b. together.

- 11a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 1ST AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND SAFETY MARKINGS, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP2020-2 PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKING, SYMBOLS AND LEGENDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$71,494.50.**

ACCOUNT NO. 363751 5345 G0017

- 11b. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE A 1ST AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND SAFETY MARKINGS, INC. FOR PROJECT TMP2020-2 PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKING, SYMBOLS AND LEGENDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$7,149.45.**

ACCOUNT NO. 363751 5345 G0017

Mr. Pacelli explained the project. Safety Markings will complete the striping for the bike lanes.

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

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. ELECTRIC/HYBRID VEHICLE PLAN

Ms. Valadares reported on this. A discussion ensued about future plans with the electric/hybrid vehicle plan.

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 – AUGUST 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this.

D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT – AUGUST 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this.

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. Niedzielski-Eichner moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:48p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022**
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD