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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
October 3, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: John Igneri, Chair; Thomas Livingston; Eloisa Melendez; Richard Bonenfant; Michael Corsello

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

Mr. Igneri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public present this evening. However, the Chairman, Mr. Igneri read an email from Diane Lauricella regarding Norwalk River Valley Trail Phase II Project, it reads as follows:

Chairman Igneri and Director Chimento, Committee Members and Staff; I was not able to attend your last public meeting due to a family matter and cannot attend the DPW Committee meeting tonight but wanted to submit the following idea that I and other neighborhood leaders had mentioned back in 2011 at the initial NRVt meetings. As the public comment period is closing today, I wanted to propose that the city consider creating a small public park area at the bend in the river just after the proposed pathway emerges northward out from under Super Seven. This bend was approximately the location of a fishing pier that afforded a regular fishing tournament years ago prior to the highway construction. Historically, several citizens and I found that before the Route 7 highway removed their neighborhood that had existed on both sides of the River, there used to be a small park along this stretch, included a location where regular fishing tournaments took place. I believe that this park would be quite attractive for corporate sponsorship and attractive for grant writing. A park would fit nicely with the NRVt and the City's plans and the purpose of this great trail! I also propose, when appropriate, the future possibility of dedicating at least a part of this riverside park to a wonderful neighborhood leader for that area, Diane Witkowski, who died about 5 years ago due to a brain aneurysm. Diane had recounted the wonderful neighborhood visits to the park years before. There is also a rich history to review relating to what the river basin area looked like before Route 7 was built. As some of you know, I was the founding President in the mid-1990's of the Norwalk River Watershed Association. I have organized and participated in years of riverside cleanups over the years and at various locations along the River in addition to my support of this trail venture. The River is a great natural resource and the continued basis trail will be a great way to exercise, commute and enjoy the peace that a natural habitat such as this can bring. As such, I heartily support the funding and continuance of the NRVt and appreciate all the hard work given to this worthy cause. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Diane Lauricella

Mr. Bonenfant stated that a park on Magnolia Avenue by the hospital was named after her (Diane Witkowski) a few years ago.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.**

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **A RESOLUTION FOR THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL – PHASE 2; UNION PARK TO NEW CANAAN AVENUE:**

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF NORWALK HAS PUBLISHED A NEWS RELEASE, MAILED A COPY OF THE NEWS RELEASE TO REQUIRED OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES, AND MAILED A PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION LETTER TO ABUTTING PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNERS, ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT KNOWN AS STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL – PHASE 2; AND

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WAS GIVEN FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 TO OCTOBER 3, 2017 WHICH ALLOWED INTERESTED PARTIES TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE WILL BE FUNDED UTILIZING 80% FEDERAL FUNDS AND 20% MUNICIPAL FUNDS; AND

WHEREAS, WESTCOG HAS SELECTED THIS PROJECT AS A REGIONAL PRIORITY AND TO UTILIZE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR HAS CONSIDERED THE CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS FROM THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND FINDS THAT THE PROPOSED NORWALK RIVER VALLEY MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, AND WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF ITS RESIDENTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF NORWALK BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND BY VIRTUE OF THIS RESOLUTION, HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL – PHASE 2; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK HEREBY SUPPORTS THE STP URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TITLED STATE PROJECT 102-350 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL – PHASE 2 AND HEREBY COMMITS TO FUNDING THE MUNICIPAL SHARE AND PROCEEDING WITH FINAL DESIGN.

ACCOUNT NO.	09-16-4021-5777-C0407	\$286,500
	09-17-4021-5777-C0407	\$300,000

Mr. Igneri read the resolution to the Committee. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the resolution.

Mr. Corsello stated that he will recuse himself from voting on this item as he owns the abutting property which can cause a conflict of interest.

Mr. Livingston asked for an explanation of the Trail.

Ms. Burns displayed the map to show the course of the trail on the whiteboard for the committee members to see.

Mr. Chimento explained the Trail. He said that this project is a continuation of the Trail. He explained the Trail's locations. He said that it would theoretically begin at Washington Street and go right straight up the river. He said that a part of the trail is at Union Park and would connect to New Canaan Avenue. He said the other part of the trail is Phase III which would take it from there by the ponds then up towards Wilton and finally connect into Wilton by the village by the BLT building then goes straight through Sier Hill into Wilton.

Ms. Burns added that it goes through Ridgefield.

Mr. Chimento agreed that the trail will go through Ridgefield. He continued by saying that it connects down into Washington Street which connects into the harbor route which goes by the Waste Treatment Plant and up the east side of the river.

Ms. Burns added that it will also go by Calf Pasture Beach as well.

Mr. Livingston asked about the timing of that portion of the project.

Ms. Burns said that the final design needs to be completed first. She said that Mike Yeosock is the staff person on this project and he held a public meeting in September and only 8 people attended that meeting and all were in favor of this project. She said that Mr. Yeosock received a letter in support of the project as well. She said the total cost for this mile long trail is 2.6 million dollars, the City's share is 20% and 80% is Federally funded through the State of Connecticut. She continued to say that Wilton has already built a lot of the trail. She said the City of Norwalk has built certain sections of the trail, Ridgefield is currently breaking ground on a section of trail. She noted that Wilton received a 1 million dollar grant this past year to build more of

the trail. She said that they have been working with BLT through the development project on Glover Avenue. She said that there is a crossing issue to get over into Wilton from Grist Mill due to a rail crossing. She said that they may be able to build that portion of the trail when Merritt Seven train station get built which is breaking ground in May 2018. She said that she is unsure of the exact timing of completing the design and getting it out to bid however they are in the processing of lining up all the projects to get them out to bid by winter.

Mr. Livingston asked if they had the funding to complete the project if the design is completed by spring.

Ms. Burns answered yes stating that is what this resolution is about.

Mr. Livingston said he thought the resolution was about the design only.

Ms. Burns replied no it's for everything, the design and construction.

Mr. Livingston asked if Norwalk would be able to receive a grant like Wilton had.

Ms. Burns replied that Jim Carter, a trail group that applied on behalf of Wilton.

Mr. Chimento said that Jim Carter is part of the authority for the Norwalk Valley River Trail. He said that they also put private funds together as well. He informed them that in Norwalk they are receiving 80% of federal funds for this project which is a grant that Wilton did not receive.

Mr. Bonenfant asked if the City of Norwalk would have to maintain the trail.

Ms. Burns answered the trail itself they maintain. She said they paved their trail and it is a multipurpose trail.

Mr. Bonenfant asked if there would be crosswalks.

Ms. Burns answered yes there will be crosswalks.

Mr. Livingston commented on Diane Lauricella's email. He asked if they could use some of her suggestions in the design phase.

Mr. Chimento responded that it hasn't been advertised that way and to use her ideas would require a separate project because that was not included in the process. He said that it could be something they look at in the future.

Ms. Burns interjected that she would inform the project manager, Mike Yeosock that there is an interest so that the final design does not preclude that from happening in the future.

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

****MR. CORSELLO ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION**

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$81.82 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER-HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2017-2018 WINTER SEASON.

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 25 5322

Mr. Livingston wanted to know why they decided to go Sole Source to purchase the salt.

Mr. Torre answered that they are the only vendor that offers the treated road salt that is treated and it is \$10 cheaper per ton than last year.

Mr. Igneri asked if there was a lot of sand left over from last year.

Mr. Torre responded no, there is about 2,000 tons left over from last year. He said that they only brought salt once last year at the beginning of the season and then he explained how they track their salt supply. He said that they have about 2,000 tons left.

Mr. Livingston asked how quick the supplier can deliver.

Mr. Torre answered about a week to get 3,000 tons of salt. He said that it is 20 ton truck loads and the shed holds approximately 7,000.

Mr. Bonenfant asked how much does a typical winter use.

Mr. Torre answered that a typical winter is about 6,000 tons.

Mr. Bonenfant asked if the left over salt gets hard or lumps up.

Mr. Torre answered no it doesn't melt off like the other types.

Mr. Livingston asked why not purchase more salt this year while it's cheaper.

Mr. Torre explained that they will use the balance of funds by next year.

Mr. Corsello asked why not buy more now while it's so cheap.

Mr. Torre responded that the price is for the entire winter season.

Mr. Bonenfant asked if the salt is rotated.

Mr. Torre answered yes.

Mr. Chimento said that it doesn't deteriorate.

****MS. MELENDEZ MOVED THE ITEM**

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF MILFORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2019 MACK GU713 PLOW TRUCKS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$446,546.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Chimento explained that they would like to change the purchase of two plow trucks to one plow truck and one garbage truck. He said that the garbage truck would be used for bulk waste collection and would provide a great service to the residents.

Ms. Burns showed a clip of the proposed level 2 garbage truck.

Mr. Torre said that they would like to purchase a level 2 garbage truck. He said that they cannot afford to buy two plow trucks and a garbage truck so they would like to eliminate one plow truck in exchange for the level 2 garbage truck. He said that the two plow trucks are in the budget.

Mr. Igneri asked how much for the garbage truck.

Mr. Torre responded that the garbage truck is \$234,000+.

The committee discussed the reason to change from two plow truck to one plow truck and one garbage truck.

Mr. Livingston asked why purchase a garbage truck since there seems to be a need for two plow trucks.

Mr. Chimento said that every year they upgrade the fleet and this year they are going to skip one of the trucks so they can purchase the garbage truck and next year they will purchase three plow trucks.

Mr. Corsello asked if they could purchase the garbage truck next year.

Mr. Chimento said that right now they are going into a call in bulk waste collection starting in January. He said that they are going to offer as a pilot program to the fourth taxing district a call in for bulk waste. He said that they would call into customer service for a date to have their bulk picked up. He said that the program would be on Wednesdays and they are going to split up the town into four areas.

Mr. Livingston asked if there was a real demand for this.

Mr. Chimento replied yes. He continued stating that they provide bulk waste collection for the residents that is done on a Saturday four times a year and with the purchase of the level 2 garbage truck it would be year round. Mr. Chimento stated that people are always calling asking about bulky waste collections. He said that a one-time collection for the residents costs the City over \$50,000 for the one time collection. He said that they would pick up on

Wednesday so when residents call customer service, they will be informed when to put their things out for pick up.

Mr. Corsello asked if the truck would be used for other things.

Mr. Torre said yes and gave the committee examples of those things.

Mr. Chimento said that they currently hire City Carting to do something that they would be able to do.

Mr. Corsello said that it seems like a nice service to offer the residents.

Mr. Chimento said that they will assign a crew every Wednesday to provide this service. He said that they will have a separate truck to pick up TV's, Freon, metal and hard plastics. He said that they get money for the metal and hard plastics.

Mr. Bonenfant wanted to know if they would have a problem getting the truck down any of the city streets.

Mr. Torre responded no, the truck would be able to get down any street in the city.

Mr. Bonenfant asked about refrigerators.

Mr. Chimento said that the refrigerator would be picked up separately.

Mr. Torre said that if you brought the refrigerator to the transfer station you would be charged \$10.

Mr. Bonenfant asked about the process to change this purchase since it wasn't in the original capital budget.

Mr. Torre responded that they met with Bob Barron and was told that fleet capital is to be used for fleet capital and it is based on the needs of the City.

Mr. Chimento explained the process and the bottom line.

Mr. Corsello asked why do they want this, is it cost effective and then stated that this type of service seems like a luxury.

Mr. Chimento answered it is cost effective and people are calling all the time about bulk waste collection. He said with this service they will not have to worry about people dumping under the bridge.

Mr. Igneri asked if plows would be sacrificed if they purchase the garbage truck.

Mr. Torre replied no.

Mr. Corsello said that they will have to buy three plows next year instead of two.

Mr. Livingston asked if additional manpower will be needed for this truck.

Mr. Torre replied that they staff a run around truck everyday so they would just staff the garbage truck instead.

The Committee expressed their concerns about purchasing the garbage truck instead of the two plows that was originally requested. They discussed the pros and cons to purchasing the garbage truck and one plow and the additional costs if any. It was decided to purchase the two plow trucks this year as stated in capital budget and agenda item #4 and put in the garbage truck in next year's capital budget plan.

****MR. BONENFANT MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF FEBRUARY 14, 2017, ITEM VII.D.3 TO ADD SONO COLLECTION PROJECT AND ACCOUNT NUMBER 010000 2365:

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING & INSPECTION SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE RAYMOND & DAY STREETS PROJECT AND THE SONO COLLECTION PROJECT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$744,320.00.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 16 0910 5777 C0560
 010000 2365**

Mr. Igneri stated that this item was already approved by committee.

Ms. Burns stated yes for the entire amount however there was four items that came before the Public Works Committee in February 2017. She said that one item was to hire CDM Smith to do resident engineering services for Raymond & Day and one to do resident engineering services for SoNo Collection, one to create an escrow account between GGP and the City to pay for it and one between the Maritime Village/Spinnaker to pay for that escrow. She continued saying that once this item was brought to the Council the GGP part of it was tabled on consent. She said that only the Raymond and Day portion proceeded.

Mr. Corsello asked if the dollar amount was the same.

Ms. Burns answered yes.

Mr. Chimento said that GGP was supposed to put up the money for the escrow account. He said that the escrow account is there.

Ms. Burns said that the escrow didn't come in until much later around April 2017. She explained the different resolutions that describe the escrow accounts. She reiterated that the dollar amount was previously approved. She said that the cost is for the inspection services

and the City will be reimbursed for those expenditures through the escrow account. She said that the City is paying for a portion of the Raymond and Day Streets project.

****MS. MELENDEZ MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

Mr. Torre stated that the Public Works Open House will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

Mr. Livingston mentioned the passing of former Public Works Director Hal Alvord.

Mr. Chimento stated that he didn't know Mr. Alvord well but he thought he did a great job with the Public Works Department.

A. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – AUGUST 2017

Mr. Chimento reported on this item. He said that this is a heavy time of the year and everything seems to be on schedule. He said that he spoke with City Carting regarding having a tour of the recycling facility. He asked the committee when would be a good time for everyone. Mr. Chimento said that he would make the arrangements for the tour.

B. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

There was no discussion regarding the Customer Service Report.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion regarding Correspondence.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2017 in Room 225.

Ms. Melendez noted that the next meeting date was incorrect and should read Thursday, November 9, 2017 instead of Tuesday, November 9, 2017. This change was made at the December 6, 2016 meeting when the committee voted and approved the 2017 meeting dates.

****MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO ADJOURN**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Cipriano
Executive Assistant
Public Works Department