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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: John Igenri, Chairman; Thomas Livingston; Doug Hempstead; George Tsiranides; Eloisa Melendez; Michael Corsello; Travis Simms

STAFF: Lisa Burns, Principal Engineer; Paul Sotnik, Senior Engineer; Vanessa Valadares, Senior Engineer; Susan Prosi, Walk Bridge Program Manager

OTHERS: Ester Cosolati; Angelo Dipasquale; Karima Daniel; Lou D'Acunto; Diane Lauricella; Debra Goldstein; Lisa Brinton Thomson; Steve Bartush (Shellfish Commission); John Kydes; Maryann Capasso.; Libby; Pete Johnson; Esther Stefanidis; Rocco Chipetta

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Igenri welcomed everyone and went over the public input item on the agenda. He informed all of those signed up to speak that they have three (3) minutes and will receive a 30 second warning of when their time is up. He asked that everyone be respectful of the speaker and not call out any comments. He introduced the first speaker.

Ms. Ester Cosolati of 19 Silwen Lane in the Wolfpit area said that she has had it after 45 years. She said that 25 years ago she was connected to three (3) homes all in a row. She and her husband decided to get an engineer, an attorney and had an excavator come in and put in a bigger pipe and cut themselves off from the other two (2) houses, one on the left and one on the right. She said that they are still getting flooded. She said that \$10,000 25 years ago was a lot of money. Ms. Cosolati said that her house is below street level it goes downhill. She said that on Tuesday there was so much water that she cut through her neighbor's house to see how much water was back there and it was flooded. She said that she was pumping out water and recycling it pumping it back in. She said that something has to be done. She said that she has blisters on her feet from wet boots 3 ½ hours going in and out checking the pump to ensure it doesn't get clogged. She

wants to know what is going to happen. She said that they do not live in a flood zone and they can't get flood insurance. She said that she has flood insurance but they will not cover it unless there is a hurricane and everyone is under water. She asked the Committee what should do they do. She said that they pay taxes on property that they can't use half the time. She said that they should freeze their taxes if they can't do anything about the flooding. Ms. Cosolati said that enough was enough, she is 71 ½ years old and her husband is 76 and she is the one out there 3:30am or 10:00pm making sure that the weather men were wrong. She reiterated that they should do something about it or freeze their taxes.

Mr. Angelo DiPasquale of 7 Saddle Road, Norwalk resident for 7 ½ years, said he addressed this Committee and the Common Council seven (7) years ago and nothing was done. He said that he has held the Common Council personally responsible if something happens to him and his family. He said that it continues to happen not just the houses but the streets too. He said that his house gets flooded with rain like this. He said that he is worried about his family and their house because it could be flooded. Mr. DiPasquale made a statement that everyone there at the meeting is worried about their house being flooded right now. He said that countless amount of times he spent money and effort, everything you can imagine that could be done. He said that he has sent pictures and emails and has even been called a liar by a council member. He said that the old common council member and the old director called him a liar because he told them that the sewage was coming out in front of his house. He said that he is tired of sewage coming in front of his house and he knows that it is all about dollars and cents. Mr. DiPasquale said that the water is not going down. He said that he is tired of hearing about the 100 year storms. He said that it is happening every other week. He said that they have the power to do something about it. He mentioned a study being done about this that cost about \$350,000 or whatever it was. He said that they know what the problem is and they have the answers but they choose not to do anything about it. He said that it still smells and this is not just about money it is also a health issue. He said that the water also damages the house foundation.

Ms. Karima Daniel 21 Surrey Drive. She said that water comes in her house from just one inch of rain. She said that they purchased their home 2 ½ years ago and was never informed of any problems with flooding from previous owners or anyone. She said that is has been really bad. She said that right now her house is already flooding. She said that the storm drain is already ¾ filled so there is nowhere for the water to go. She said they flooded in June and it wasn't covered so it cost them \$20,000 to get their house livable. She said that they finally finished paying it off on Monday and then on Tuesday they got two (2) feet of water inside their house. She said that the storm drain is located in her backyard and the water was very high back there. She said that she asked an engineer and was told that the water is supposed to come from her storm drain and then her neighbor said that something was wrong and so her husband went out to look and the storm drain was bubbling onto her property. She said that they haven't recovered from last Tuesday and they are flooding again right now. She said that all the water from Surrey comes down into their house. She said that they have purchased sub pumps and dehumidifiers but doesn't know what else to do. She said that the sub pump could have saved the house from getting (five) 5 feet of water but outside of her house is at least (five) 5 feet of water. Ms. Daniel said that she is very frustrated and wants to know what the City is going to do.

Mr. Lou D'Acunto of 13 Saddle Road. He said that he has been addressing a flooding issue since he moved into his house. He said that they finally got the City to do some work in their backyard

about 15 years ago replacing piping that was sunk over the years. He said that he understands that the area is a soft area however the City did provide permits for the builders to build so the sins of the past are now the Committee's. He said that there was a study done by Milone and MacBroom and they outlined a whole set of problems about the drainage with costs, etc. He said that it was decided that it wouldn't be done. He stated that it is not fair that the Committee can go home to a dry house but they can't. He said that for 26 years he has seen many heavy storms come in and in the past years the water is not disappearing so fast. He said that he has seen water disappear within 45 minutes which he finds acceptable but if the water doesn't leave for four (4) to five (5) hours and everyone is pumping their water into the street which is not going into their houses but coming into his house and his neighbor houses, it's not fair. He said that there was a time when the water would flow through from the road into the pond. The pond has since been silted in from the use of sand and salt over the years. Mr. D'Acunto said that the pond has no wetland value now. He said that the neighbors fill the pond with debris. He mentioned that he has spoken with DPW workers and was told that people dump into that pond and now there is no place for the water to go. He said that he has checked during the last few storms and it is plugged up. He said that Milone and MacBroom did a study and has a solution so if the Committee doesn't want to go with that they should get another engineer. He said that he doesn't understand why he has to come to them begging to have their properties dry. He said that since they do not live on the water they do not get flood insurance and their homeowner's policy don't cover it either. He asked the Committee what they are supposed to do and make sure they get the problem fixed.

Diane Lauricella began with the flooding issue. She asked the Committee to ask the staff to provide every storm water and related studies and check for grants and loans. She said that other towns and cities are doing it. She said that Norwalk does not have a flooding and erosion control board. She said that the City would be able to get more grants if they had one. She said that under former Mayors Esposito and Moccia, they had discussed doing so but it never happened. She said that DPW is the flooding and erosion control board but that causes a problem as they have so many other things to consider. She said that they should have a separate flood and erosion control board that could focus on the people's needs. Ms. Lauricella begged the Committee to table item #2 on the agenda related to the Eversource application or vote no. She said that this needs to slow down because there is a lot of information missing. She said that it seems like the staff was given a directive to fast track this item. She said that she doesn't think this is the best way to handle this as there are still issues as to where you want it underground. She said that they shouldn't make the same mistake as when they purchased the Police Station and it was a polluted site that cost more than anticipated. She said that in this case the State is buying the polluted site and there are other options and alternatives then going underground. Ms. Lauricella said that she would also like to address the waste and recycling item #C. She asked the Committee to consider having the recycling contract go out to bid. She said that under Mayor Moccia the recycling contract never went out to bid and it shows from the lack of education and the recycling has not been increasing as other cities. She asked the Committee to allow the selection of the new Public Works Director be a transparent process. She suggested having some citizens on the committee when selecting the new director.

Ms. Deborah Goldstein stated that she wants to address item #2 on the agenda relating to Eversource. She said that she wanted to talk about the process. She said that everyone received a letter today with all of the objections from the Third Taxing District. She said that there is some confusion, the application to the CSC for the site and the application to the CSC for declaratory

ruling of no need of certificate of environmental compatibility and public need. She said that it is Eversource's intent to file for that. She said that this project did not get environmental betting under the walk bridge project because by State Law that the way this project is defined it is a project of independent utility. She said that they would say that it is because of the Walk Bridge but will never tell you that it is part of the Walk Bridge because it is not. She said that this is one of the last things that they try to check off and what Eversource does when they want these declaratory rulings for the certificate of no environment compatibility. She said that they go around and get the approvals ahead of time and submit them all together so the CSC can believe that everyone is in agreement. Ms. Goldstein stated that the EA said the Walk Bridge would have to go through the environmental process. She said that they were told by DOT and EA that they would have to do it and now they are telling us that they do not have to do it and this is an environmentally concerning area adjacent to the shellfish beds which is a huge economic and ecologic resource. She said that it would behoove them not to release the no objection letter and make it easy to get the CSC to make a declaratory ruling so that there is a chance that there is proper environmental ruling on this project. She said that the area has had a lot of manufacturing going on and there is dumping underneath Vets Park and don't quite know what is under there and now to go under there with a horizontal drill and introduced more chemicals in an environmental sensitive area. She urged the Committee to take the extra time to understand the difference between the application to the project and application to the declaratory ruling and the fact that they are doing this the other way around because it makes it easy.

Ms. Lisa Brinton Thomson said that she has heard the neighbors complain about the flooding in the City. She said that they have infrastructure problems and budget problems in the City. She said that she is here to talk about item #2 on the agenda and slow down the vote and look for alternative sites. She said that it is her understanding that the City is disregarding some of the concerns of the Harbor Commission and Shellfish Commission. She feels that the City is not being properly compensated for this project. She mentioned the rebuilding of the IMAX and other things. She said that the City has infrastructure, sewer and DPW issues. She said that it is her understanding that they went with the underground wiring because they didn't want wires overhead but there are train wires are overhead and based on the size and proposed lighting it would look like a Christmas tree. She said that she would like them to be cautionary about the decision. She said that they should look at some mix use and build up their investments and do what is right for the City.

Mr. Steve Bartush (Shellfish Commission) stated that at a previous meeting they were told that ultimately the decision would be theirs and he hopes that the Committee makes a wise decision.

Ms. Maryann Capasso of 5 Surrey Drive. She said that she is tired and doesn't have a lot of money. She said that every time this happens the insurance won't pay and the City is not interested. She said that she received an invoice today for \$5,000 not to replace anything but just for the construction and cleanup. She asked the Committee to do something.

Ms. Libby of Surrey Drive. She said that she lived on Surrey Drive all her life. She said that they never had anything like this problem. She said that the water is coming up through the storm drain. She said that the people that live in that area are now where the water is going instead of where it's supposed to go. She said that everyone that is flooded is because the storm drain is coming up then going down the driveways and into the houses. She said that they are not supposed to be

where the water is supposed to go. She said that the storm drain is supposed to collect the water and go where it is supposed to go away from their homes but it is not doing that. She said that this area is not a flood zone and her land is even and never had anything like this before. She said that the water flow is going in five (5) directions the wrong way. She said that she does not have the money and the insurances are not going to cover this. She said she is fed up and does not want the run around.

Pete Johnson of 46 Gregory Boulevard said that he noticed the cleaning of the street drains but he doesn't see them anymore. He said that the storm drain in front of his house is full. He suggested to the Committee that they have someone go out and clean out all of the storm drains. He said that the debris is supposed to go to the bottom of the pit and the pit is full so where does the debris go besides clogging the pipe and who will empty it. He said that one of the biggest problems is maintenance.

Esther Stefanidis of 27 Surrey Drive. She made reference to the pictures posted on the screen stating that the Committee only sees the outside but they should see the inside of what the houses look like right now. She said that everything is destroyed from the water coming in the house. She described the water as muddy dirty water. She said that it is very costly losing your personal items.

Mr. Rocco Chipetta 19 Surrey Drive stated that he has been flooded before but not to the severity of September 25, 2018. He said his entire basement was under water about two (2) feet of water in his backyard. He said that he had people come in and they had to take two (2) feet of sheetrock including other side boards and there is still water, there are five (5) or six (6) dehumidifiers going and fans running and still have wet boards which could cause mold and we can't get it repaired until you finally fix the problem. He said if they repair it and it happens again he doesn't have the money. He said that an adjuster came out yesterday and gave an estimate of at least \$25,000 worth of damage not only to his house he also lost his car that was sitting in the garage with two (2) feet of water. He said that something has to be done and fast. He said he can't even sell his house and he wants out in the worst way.

Mr. Rocco Chipetta also submitted a letter to the Chairman of the Public Works Committee, John Igneri, dated October 2, 2018 which is attached to the meeting minutes.

Mr. John Kydes made a comment about the flooding issue. He said that he understands that the Committee has been inundated with complaints. He said that he also flooded but these people get flooded with just an inch of rain. He said that since there is a study out there he would be personally advocating that the Milone and MacBroom study receives funding during the next budget cycle.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

****MR. CORSELLO AND MR. SIMMS ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTION**

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to send a letter on behalf of the City of Norwalk indicating no objection to Eversource's Army Corp of engineer's Section 408 permit application for relocation of their 115kV transmission lines under the Norwalk River related to Walk Bridge Replacement (CTDOT Project #301-0176).

Mr. Corsello said that based on the conversation tonight he cannot support this. He said that there was a meeting in this room and Eversource gave a presentation and various officials and Harbor Management and the Shellfish Commission were present. He said that there was a discussion about compromises and Eversource was to get back to Harbor Management and the Shellfish Commission but that never happened. He said that there are some real environmental concerns and he would like to see some environmental study and if passing this along with no objection is going to circumvent an environmental study, if that is true, then he would not be able to support it. He said that if there are some renovations to the docks that need to be put in and we need the permission from Eversource and under what circumstances do they grant it, perhaps Corporation Counsel should take a look at the language of the right of way or easement they would be given and see what rights they have to deny the City the ability to repair their own docks. He said there are a lot of unanswered questions and he cannot support it. He would like to table the item.

Mr. Igneri said that it is his understanding that they are not approving the construction but to go forward with the application.

Mr. Corsello said that he moves to table the item.

Ms. Melendez asked Mr. Corsello to withdraw his motion so they could continue to discuss the item.

Mr. Corsello withdrew his motion to table the item as a courtesy to his fellow councilman.

Mr. Igneri asked Ms. Burns if the Committee would be agreeing to the construction plans if they agree to item #2.

Ms. Burns responded that they are agreeing to allow them to submit an application to the Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Igneri asked if that application is approved by the Corp does that mean they can go forward with construction.

Mr. Burns replied no because they would still need DEEP permit which is from land use and water resources, structures, dredging and fill. She described the permits they would need. She said that the Harbor Commission and Army Corp., the State Department and Shellfish have to consult on that permit.

Mr. Igneri asked if at some point they will come back to Committee for approval.

Ms. Burns answered no.

Mr. Livingston asked if they are excusing Eversource from an environmental impact study by saying this is ok.

Ms. Burns said that she has no knowledge of that.

Mr. Livingston said that it seems like they are not really clear on what the environmental impacts are or the restrictions on the docks if any.

Ms. Burns said that there are no restrictions on the docks and there is no easement needed. She said that the easement is from the City to Eversource to be in the park.

Mr. Livingston asked if it limits what anyone could do with the docks.

Ms. Burns replied no.

Mr. Corsello stated that when Eversource was asked that same questions the response was that they would need Eversource's permission.

Ms. Burns said that she doesn't recall that the same way. She said that with any utility working across that corridor you will need to know where they are so you don't hit them.

Mr. Corsello then asked about the easement that you grant is actually larger than the conduit itself.

Ms. Burns interjected saying there is no easement in the river. She said that none of the pipes in the river have easements.

Mr. Corsello said that he recalls at the meeting in July that they were asked the very specific question as to whether or not Eversource's permission would be needed and the response to that was yes.

Ms. Melendez asked if they could get that confirmed by the Corporation Counsel to Mr. Corsello's point. She said that she has concerns and would like clarification on paper stating what can and cannot be done. She feels that would be the only way she would be comfortable with this.

Mr. Igneri asked what the repercussion are if this is not approved.

Ms. Burns answered that it takes the application a minimum of one year to get the Army Corp approval to go under the river. She said that they need to be under construction by November 2019 because they could only go under the river for construction between November and February.

Mr. Igneri asked if we approve it in November then it goes to the Council in November it would still be approved in November then it goes to them and they could still have their one (1) year correct.

Ms. Melendez said that it says in the presentation that Eversource could submit alternatives.

Ms. Burns replied that they would have to weigh the risks, the more it is delayed the less opportunity it is to have an underground option.

Mr. Livingston said that it should be fairly easy to clarify the easement issue and not take an entire month.

Ms. Burns agreed.

Mr. Livingston said that they should also clarify the environmental issue as well.

Ms. Burns asked them to define the environmental issues.

Mr. Livingston asked who is looking at this from an environmental standpoint.

Ms. Burns responded the DEEP.

Mr. Corsello said that then he would like the DEEP to weigh in on this prior to the Committee voting. He said that they are basically agreeing to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter stating that there will be no adverse impact no objection.

Ms. Burns interjected no objection to submit an application to the Army Corp. only. She said that the Army Corp is the sole body. The DEEP is the one that issues the structure of dredging the fill permit. She said that the permit may be denied.

Mr. Livingston said that he wants to know how this affects environmentally. He said he would like it in writing of what they are doing.

Mr. Corsello stated that there is a very vibrant shellfish industry.

Ms. Burns said that it is no different from the horizontal directional drill that was already approved for south of the Strofollino Bridge or the open cut. She said that she would have thought there would be more concerns about the open cut and its impact on water quality but that was already passed and the 408 application is moving forward.

Ms. Melendez stated that she doesn't like feeling rushed on a project. She said that she just want to be sure they get all the information. She asked why it feels like if they don't do it now it won't happen. She wanted to know if this should have begun a lot earlier in advance and why does it seem like the Harbor Commission cannot receive more information about the project. She said that she is really concerned about their options and the time sensitivity.

Mr. Igneri asked about the implications of not doing this in a timely manner.

Ms. Burns answered that at the end of July 2018 all of the Common Council Members and Department Heads were invited to a meeting about this project and Eversource gave a presentation. She said that at the end of the presentation, Eversource couldn't even finish their presentation because the meeting was sidetracked. She said that after the meeting Eversource told her that if they don't have the support of the City and no one is speaking out on behalf of this project they will have no choice but to go aerial. She said that this item was pulled off of the Public Works Committee agenda for the August 2018 meeting. She said that this has been in discussion since August 2017.

Mr. Hempstead said that he has two (2) issues, environmental they don't want it above ground. He said that how it goes underground affects the future and present dock situation. He asked how they can get Eversource and DEEP in the room or whatever the controlling agent is, on what environmental studies need to be done and discuss what the City would like as well. He also asked what they need to do for an easement or if they even need an easement. He asked do they consider the docks part of the river. He said that they need to get more information.

Mr. Igneri asked if it is possible to get Eversource to a meeting before next Tuesday.

Ms. Burns replied that Eversource is planning to come next Tuesday.

Mr. Igneri asked if Eversource could come on Thursday afternoon.

Ms. Burns asked why is the environmental issues focused on Eversource and not the other lines to the North.

Mr. Livingston said that meeting with Eversource is nice but he said that they have established some credibility issues and would like to see something in writing rather than them telling us everything is great. He said that he doesn't think they need them to come in and speak but rather clarify some of these questions and if there are any restrictions in writing.

Ms. Burns said clarify easements and maintenance.

Mr. Corsello said that he is very surprised to hear that they were unhappy with the meeting in July because he thought it was a good meeting. He said that he would like Corporation Counsel to review anything put in writing. He said that he was disturbed by the threat made that they would go aerial. He said that it would be less expensive to initially install but if they have to make repairs to overhead wires in the long term may become more expensive to repair.

Ms. Burns said that ultimately it is the Connecticut Siting Council that makes the decision.

Mr. Corsello said that he doesn't believe realistically they ever planned to put it overhead.

Mr. Igneri asked if it is possible to get a letter from them addressing these issues.

Ms. Burns said that she wants to understand all of the issues. She said that she needs specifics on the environmental issues, maintenance and easements.

Mr. Livingston wants to know what are they doing environmentally and if not, why aren't they concerned. He asked who is looking at this environmental side of this. He is concerned about the whole project.

Mr. Hempstead asked if they are technically authorizing them to skip the environmental part of the project. He said that when statements are made like that what exactly is it saying, we need clarity.

Mr. Igneri asked Ms. Burns if she had the issues they want to address.

Ms. Burns replied easements, maintenance, what environmental reviews have they already conducted or plan to conduct. She asked when they would like this information.

Mr. Igneri said before Tuesday.

Mr. Corsello made a motion to table the item until they have an opportunity to review the appropriate backup materials.

Mr. Igneri asked the Committee if they receive the response and is comfortable with the response are they alright with the Chairman putting this item on the Council agenda.

Mr. Corsello answered that it is the Chairman's prerogative to do it however he still will not be able to answer that.

****MR. IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM**

****MR. CORSELLO MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM UPON
FURTHER REVIEW**

****MOTION TO TABLE UPON FURTHER REVIEW PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a 3rd Amendment to the June 5, 2017 Contract with Tighe & Bond, Inc., to provide professional engineering services relative to investigating deficiencies and options for the portion of the Norwalk Levee located south of the Perry Avenue Bridge, adjacent to the Norwalk River for a sum not to exceed \$8,000 for additional survey information to confirm the crest elevation as requested by the USACOE as part of their 2018 Routine Inspection.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 15 4027 5777 C0440

There was no discussion on this item.

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

****MR. SIMMS ABSTAINED**

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

4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute the Second Supplemental Agreement between the City of Norwalk and AECOM, for extra engineering services required in conjunction with the Rehabilitation of the James Street Bridge over the Silvermine River – CTDOT Project 102-320 for an amount not to exceed \$37,290. Fed Share 80%, City 20%.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 18 4021 5777 C0496
09 19 4021 5777 C0496
09 19 4021 5799 C0496

There was no discussion on this item.

****MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MR. IGNERI MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD ITEM #5 TO THE AGENDA:

****MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES OF CONNECTICUT, LL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2020 MAK GR42FR PLOW TRUCK FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$231,864.00.**

Mr. Ignieri said that the funds for this item were previously approved. He said that this is an opportunity to receive a plow truck at a good price.

Mr. Livingston asked was already planned.

Ms. Burns responded yes. She said that normally it would be two (2) trucks but they got a garbage truck and a plow truck.

Mr. Corsello asked if this was the plow truck they discussed when they talking about the garbage truck.

Ms. Burns responded yes.

Mr. Simms said that he was a little hesitant about the truck and the price of the truck but since this was previously approved he will support it.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4031 5777 C0313

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

Information / Discussion

A. Discussion

B. Customer Service Report

1. September 2018

There was no discussion on this item

2. Flooding Impacts Report from September 25, 2018 Storm

Mr. Igneri commented on the Flood of September 25, 2018. He said that the rain was horrible. He said that in Stamford the sewer lids were blowing out and this storm has been a serious storm throughout the State. He said that the flow of water from the WWTP was over 100 million gallons that day when normally it's approximately 13 million gallons.

Ms. Burns showed a map to the Committee of the complaints received that day. She said that there were 66 customer services calls, 15 manholes blew off and needed to be replaced. She said that there was 5.34 inches of rain that day. She said on June 28, 2018 there were 2.35 inches of rain in 30 minutes. She described both storms and their impacts. She said that there was a huge intensity and duration in June that caused flooding Statewide with bridges and dams washed out. She said that she has been in and out of the Saddle Road and Surrey Drive neighborhoods with maintenance and operations and a little more with engineering so I am aware of some of their issues. She said that many lost cars. Ms. Burns said that the tanks were overtopping due to so much water.

Mr. Corsello said that although this was an extraordinary storm, this particular neighborhood seems to have problems with the drain over flowing and there is a study out there and are you familiar with the study.

Ms. Burns said that the study is a concept plan from 2013/14

Mr. Corsello asked what a concept plan is.

Ms. Burns said that it is a very high level preliminary plan. She explained what a preliminary plan is. She said that there are a lot of neighborhoods that have issues.

Mr. Corsello said that this has been known about and there is a study about it for quite some time.

Ms. Burns said this has been an issue since 2004. She continued to show the Committee pictures of man hole covers that blew off, one on West Avenue.

Mr. Livingston asked if the Department has a position on this.

Ms. Burns said that they have already implemented portions of the study.

Mr. Livingston asked if she would give an update on this issue at the next meeting.

Mr. Tsiranides asked if there is anything that could be done on a federal or state level.

Ms. Burns said that there would need to be a declaration for that to happen.

Mr. Igneri asked Mr. Sotnik if it was time to meet again with this group.

Mr. Sotnik responded that he met with them last week. He said that one of the biggest problems with the storm drainage in that area is there is about ½ mile length of pipe the study was referring to replacing with almost no vertical grade difference. He said that there is six (6) inches over ½ mile so the pipes are dead flat. To put in new larger pipes to handle these types of storm flows would require digging Friendly Pond deeper. Since it is all wetlands, it's not going to provide a lot of benefit since the deeper pond will fill up due to the high ground water in the wetlands. The combination of all of these issues makes this area a very tough area to do work to solve this type of drainage problem. He said here there is no vertical difference to install the pipe and have it operate by gravity. He said that there isn't a lot that can be done out there. He said based on the Milone and MacBroom Study some of the existing are capable of handling 10 year storm flows, they should be designed for a 25 year storm. He said the storm we had on June 28th was a 300 year storm and if they had installed the pipes in accordance with the recommendations of the Milone and MacBroom Study, it would have still flooded the area upstream and also flooded Friendly Pond, moving the area of flooding downstream.

Mr. Igneri asked if the pond could be dredged.

Ms. Burns replied that it had been.

Mr. Sotnik said that whole area was a swamp and probably would have never been built on today, but in the 50's and 60's it was normal to build houses in filled wetland areas. He said that the inlet to the pond and the bottom of the pond are at fixed elevations and if we were to put bigger pipes in, we would need to lower the invert of the pond to get the vertical elevation difference that is necessary. That would require digging out the bottom of the pond to make it deeper, but because it is a swamp, the groundwater is just going to percolate back up. Ms. Sotnik gave an example to the Committee.

Mr. Hempstead said that if there is no resolution to this issue maybe the City should make an offer. He said that there was funding for dredging all the ponds but never did it.

Ms. Burns said that all the ponds were dredged back in 2007 by McVac.

Mr. Hempstead asked about specific ponds.

Ms. Burns said that some of those ponds are private so the City is not responsible.

Mr. Hempstead said that there are easements for some of those ponds that the City is supposed to maintain the ponds. He said that the City has ignored some of these issues for 50 years. He said Woods Pond has silted over and Rowayton Pond as well. He said that they should put together an effective plan for this issue and what he heard was that this is happening more frequently than not.

Mr. Livingston asked about the storm basins and the City's policy on cleaning them.

Ms. Burns said that there were areas identified in the watercourse maintenance as hot spots and the others were not funded. She said that there is a maintenance program with the resources that they have. She said that any time there is at least ½ inch of rain predicted, staff would go out and make sure the grates are cleared. She said that there is another round of watercourse maintenance that needs to be defined. Ms. Burns stated that there is a maintenance program in place and they do the best they can with the staff they have in place. She said that the study is a bit outdated and they have found other issues that Milone and MacBroom missed.

Mr. Igneri asked if the houses could be raised.

Mr. Sotnik said that yes you can but the problem would be the roads. He explained the problem with the roads.

Ms. Melendez asked for the number of properties that are affected year round.

Mr. Sotnik said that on Saddle Road its probably 6 properties. He said that there are different situations with the flooding, the numbers are subject to change.

Mr. Igneri asked to schedule a meeting to discuss that particular area.

Mr. Simms feels that the Committee needs to try and find a solution for that issue.

C. Monthly Solid Waste Report – August 2018

1. Bulky Collection Report –2018

There was no discussion on this item

2. Annual Municipal Recycling Report FY 2018

There was no discussion on this item

Upcoming Projects

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Public Works Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M.
Room 225, Norwalk City Hall

****MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADJOURN**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Cipriano
Executive Assistant
Public Works Department

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2018

Re: Flooding of Wolfpit Area and Surrey Drive September 25, 2018

Rocco P Chiappetta

19 Surrey Drive

Norwalk,CT 06851

I PURCHASED MY HOME AT 19 SURREY DRIVE IN JUNE 1993. I NEVER HAD WATER ISSUES UNTIL JUNE 2006 WHEN THE STORM DRAIN ON MY PROPERTY BACKED UP, CREATING A POOL OF WATER THAT ENTERED THROUGH MY GARAGE AND AFFECTED THE LOWER LEVEL OF MY HOME WHICH INCLUDES A FAMILY ROOM, A DINING ROOM, FOYER, TWO WALK -IN CLOSETS AND A PC ROOM.

I HAVE BEEN COMING TO THESE COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS SINCE 2006 WHEN MY HOME INITIALLY FLOODED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE FLOODING THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 WAS BY FAR THE WORSE IT HAS EVER BEEN IN THE PAST AND OF EPIC PROPORTIONS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THE STORM DRAINS ALONG SURREY DRIVE THAT HAVE NEVER FLOODED IN THE PAST, BECAME BUBBLING GEYSERS OF BACK UP WATER FROM THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM THAT CLEARLY IS UNDERSIZED AND UNABLE TO HANDLE THIS VOLUME OF WATER.

THE FLOODING BEGAN AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH AND THE WATER DID NOT RECEDE UNTIL 830 PM. IN THE PAST, ONCE THE RAIN STOPED, THE WATER WOULD RECEDE WITHIN 20 TO 30 MINUTES.

I HAD 22 INCHES OF WATER IN MY GARAGE, OVER 2 FEET OF WATER IN THE BACKYARD WHICH BECAME A POND AND 3 INCHES OF WATER IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF MY HOME FLOODING OUT MY PC ROOM, DINING ROOM AND BATHROOM.

I AM SUBMITTING PICTURES OF THE WATER LEVELS TO MY HOME AS PART OF THIS LETTER AS EVIDENCE OF THE WATER DAMAGE TO MY HOME (EXHIBIT 1)

I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS MUCH WATER AROUND MY HOUSE IN THE 25 YEARS THAT I HAVE LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THROUGHOUT THIS TIME PERIOD FROM HAL ALVORD TO BRUCE CHIMENTO.

ON APRIL 24, 2013 HAL ALVORD INFORMED ME THAT THE CITY OF NORWALK HAD CONTRACTED THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF MILONE AND MACBROOM. HE STATED THAT "THE FIRM WILL REVIEW EVERYTHING THE CITY HAS DONE TO THE EXISTING STORM DRAINS, ALL THE PIPES AND WHERE THEY LEAD TO AND THE PATHWAY DOWN TO BETTS POND AND FRIENDLY POND AS WELL AS IDENTIFY DOWNSTREAM ACTIONS"

I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF THIS EMAIL TO THIS LETTER. (EXHIBIT 2)
THIS STUDY WAS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPRING OF 2014

HALS EMAIL ALSO STATED THAT "THE PROBLEM IS CAUSED BY AN AGING AND DECAYING SYSTEM THAT IS OVER 50 YEARS OLD THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. OBVIOUSLY, MONEY IS GOING TO BE A HUGE PROBLEM IN CORECTING THIS SITUATION IN A TIMELY MANNER".

'FUNDING IS ONE REASON WHY WE ARE LOOKING AT EVERY CONSTRUCTION. REPLACING PIPES IN THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE EXTREMELY DISRUPTIVE TO RESIDENTS".

THE 2016-2017 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTED \$1.1 MILLION FROM THE DPW DEPARTMENT, AND THE MAYORS RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED \$637K (EXHIBIT 3)

I DON'T HAVE THE FINAL AMOUNT OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET BUT I BELIEVE THE \$1.1 MILLION WAS FINALLY INCLUDED IN THE FINAL VERSION. THIS WAS LISTED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 2016-2017 AS THE HONEYSUCKLE DAPHNE DIVERSION PROJECT.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BRUCE CHIMENTO, MADE THE EXECUTIVE DECISION TO NOT ACCEPT THE ENGINEERING STUDY RECOMMENDATION TO REMEDIATE THE FLOODING ISSUE THAT WAS ISSUED IN THE MILONE AND MACBROOM REPORT. HE INFORMED THE RESIDENTS OF THE WOLFPIT AREA THAT THIS WOULD BE A WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY...WAS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE BACK UP /FLOODING ISSUES"AND THAT HE HAD OTHER IDEAS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS.

OBVIOUSLY HIS "OTHER IDEAS" HAVE FAILED MISERABLY, HAVE NOT SOLVED THE FLOODING PROBLEM, AND IF ANYTHING, THE FLOODING PROBLEMS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY WORSE THAN BEFORE.

AFTER 10 YEARS OF ATTENDING COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS, ON APRIL 5, 2016 (EXHIBIT 4) MR CHIMENTO ISSUED A LETTER TO INFORM ME THAT AS THE OWNER OF 19 SURREY DRIVE, THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM THAT WAS ON MY PROPERTY "IS A PRIVATE DRAINAGE SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS TO A PUBLIC DRAINAGE SYSTEM LOCATED BETWEEN 21 SURREY DRIVE AND 19 ASSISI WAY. SINCE THIS IS A PRIVATE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM, THE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE OF THAT SYTEM IS THE PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY"

THE LETTER ALSO STATED "THE CAPACITY OF THE TRENCH DRAIN IN FRONT OF YOUR GARAGE AND THE YARD DRAIN ON THE SIDE OF THE YOUR HOUSE APPEARS TO BE INADEQUATE. YOUR HOUSE'S ROOF LEADERS ARE ALSO CONNECTED TO THIS SYSTEM WHICH CAN EXACERBATE THIS PROBLEM. FUTHER, THE PAVED AREAS AGAIN THE NORTH SIDE OF YOUR HOUSE IS ALSO SLOPPED TOWARD YOUR HOUSE.

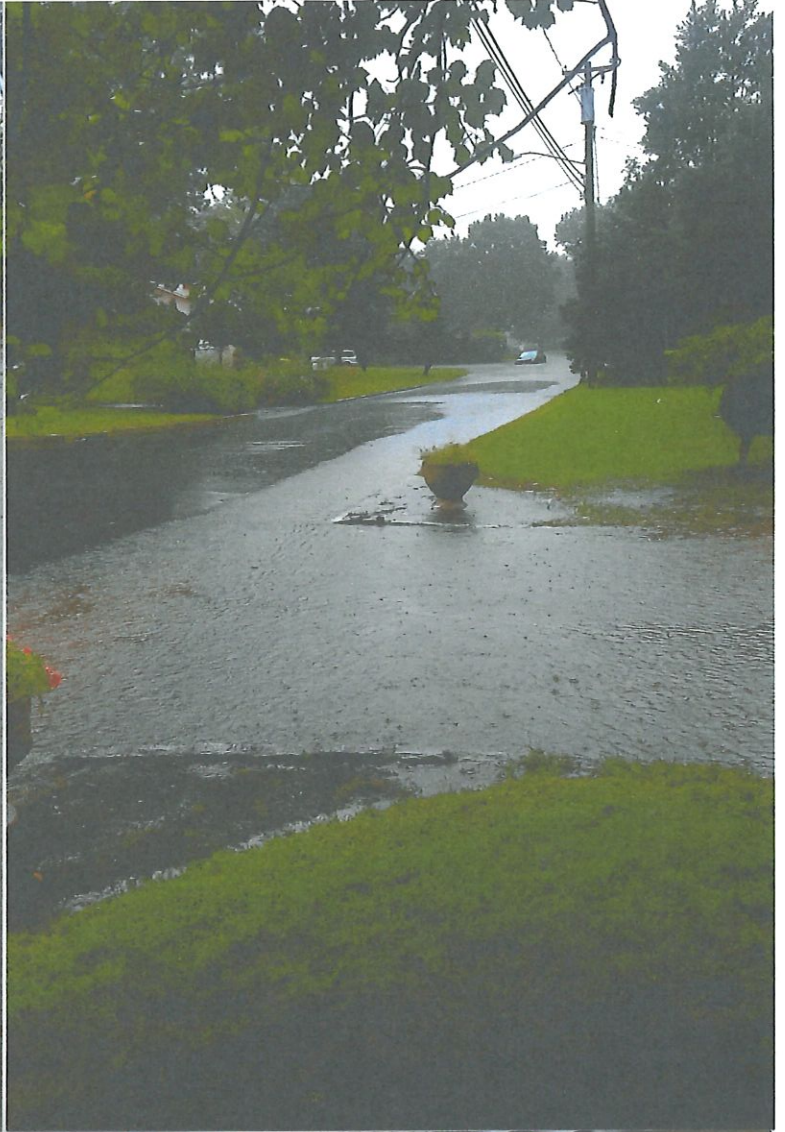
THE CITY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ADDRESS THE GRADING CONCERNED DISCUSSED ABOVE AND APPROPRIATELY SIZE YOUR PRIVATE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO ELLEVIATE YOUR PRIVATE FLOODING “

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THIS COMMITTEE ONE QUESTION...REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE PRIVATE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON MY PRIVATE PROPERTY, IF THE PIPES LEADING DOWNSTEAM TO BETTS OR FRIENDLY ARE UNDERSIZED AND CAN NOT HANDLE THE VOLUME OF WATER, AND THE WATER HAS NO PLACE TO GO BUT TO BACK UP ONTO MY PROPERTY, WHAT GOOD IS A LARGER DRAIN SYSTEM ON MY PROPERTY GOING TO DO FOR ME....WHEN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF SURREY DRIVE ON MY SIDE OF THE STREET WAS COMPLETELY FLOODED BETWEEN MARK DRIVE AND LEATHERWOOD ROAD?

THIS SITUATION IS BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS SAFTELY HAZARD AND A DANGER TO THE RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES OF THE WOLFPIT AREA.

AS FUNDING IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE AN ISSUE, IF THE CITY OF NORWALK CAN NOT OBTAIN THE NECESSARY FUNDING TO ADDRESS THESE VERY SERIOUS MATTERS, THEN WE NEED TO SEEK FUNDING FROM THE STATE, FEMA OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE RESIDENTS OF THE WOLFPIT AREA CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR EACH TIME THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT RAIN EVENT TO THE AREA.



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Hi, Rocco

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MESSENGER



RE: Surrey Drive Update

Rocco:

A couple suggestions noted below. I offer them to make things as clear as possible. I appreciate your interest in getting the most accurate info out to reside

Hal

From: Rocco P. Chiappetta C.P.A. [mailto:rocco_chiappetta@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2013 10:24 PM**To:** Alvord, Harold**Subject:** Surrey Drive Update

Hal

Please see below...and give me your comments and thoughts..before I send out....

I recently met with Hal Alvord to get an update of what is going on within the Surrey Drive neighborhood and flooding

The city has contracted the firm of Milone and Macbroom to perform the engineering study. The contract should be s work within the next few weeks. Hal anticipates that he will see some of their recommendations by the fall. He also l resulting from the consultant effort actual-repair-work-and-construction will not occur until Spring 2014. The firm will review everything that the city has d existing storm drains, all the pipes and where they lead to and the pathway down to Betts Brook and Friendly Pond, as well as identify downstream actions

I asked him if any work has been done on known collapsed pipes or blocked pipes and he stated that he does not thi digging up streets until we are certain that the pipes that are collapsed or blocked do properly drain into a logical sys Friendly Pond. They have found numerous storm drains that do not drain to other pipes...they lead to dead ends. Th that were on city records, and are finding new storm drains that are not on any of the city records. Excavations that have l

He reiterated that the Surrey Drive area continues to remain on HIGH ALERT whenever heavy rains are predicted. Th remove debris that is found in many of the storm drains that would inhibit the flow of water during rain storms. The area that the engineering firm will review when work does begin. We are one of approximately 12-20 areas of Norwalk that l

The city hopes to create some additional 'channels' at-the-mouth-of through Friendly Pond...so if there is a significant rain storm, and a huge volu water leading to Friendly Pond can travel thru these channels....to relieve the potential for a back up of water...which would result in flooding in many of str

I reminded him that we first experienced flooding problems back in 2006...which is 7 years ago. Although we are tryi along than we were 7 years ago, and that there has been no measurable progress in resolving this problem [Rocco - I wor although it may not be seen by residents.]. He understood and stated that the problem is caused by an aging and decaying system that is over 50 years old e replaced. Obviously, money is going to be a huge problem in correcting this situation in a timely manner. [Funding is one reason why we are looking at eve construction. Replacing pipes throughout the neighborhood will be extremely disruptive to residents.]

The sewage lateral problems on Saddle Rd continues to be a problem that is caused by sinking and settling earth that around the homes in the area we separates and detaches the lateral pipes that lead from the homes to the sewage drain systems. As pipes disconnect from the main sewage drain pipes, this These pipes are on private property and beecme are the homeowners responsibility and not the city's responsibility.

He also mentioned that even though we can take legal action against the city, it would just take time away from him e involved with depositions, preparing to go to court and preparing legal documents, rather than concentrating on corr as blocked pipe etc. A real catch 22....

Let me know your thoughts.....

Rocco

Rocco P Chiappetta C.P.A.**19 Surrey Drive****Norwalk, CT. 06851****203-840-0436(H)****203-803-7228(C)****rocco_chiappetta@yahoo.com**

EXH 2

March 15, 2016

Members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation
Members of the Common Council
Members of the Planning Commission
City of Norwalk
Norwalk, CT 06856

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the City Code, I have completed my review and herewith transmit my recommendations for the FY 2016-17 Capital Budget.

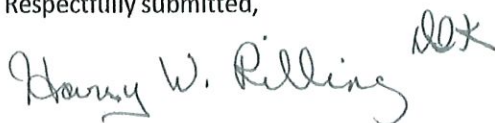
I recommend a total capital budget of \$29,034,000. Of the total recommended amount, \$7,338,000 will be financed from grants and other non-general fund sources, leaving a balance to be financed and repaid from the general fund of \$21,696,000. This total recommendation is \$4,052,000 greater than the Planning Commission's and \$2,071,000 greater than the Finance Director's recommendations. The attached document details my entire recommendation whose changes to the Planning Commission's recommendations are summarized in the below chart:

1 Pavement Markings and Signage	200,000	8 Facilities Assessment Study Implementation	3,000,000
2 Traffic Signals at Various Locations	(100,000)	9 WRMS Window/Door Replacement	(275,000)
3 Seaview Avenue Improvements	(125,000)	10 District Technology	275,000
4 Fleet Replacement	220,000	11 District Furniture Replacement	(30,000)
5 Sidewalks & Curbing - Citywide	(50,000)	12 Basketball & Tennis Courts	250,000
6 Watercourse Maintenance	(250,000)	13 Renovate 6th Taxing District Community Cen	300,000
7 Honeysuckle-Daphne Diversion	637,000	Total	<u>4,052,000</u>

Public Works Traffic Management request for pavement markings was increased by \$200,000 and its requests for traffic signals and Seaview Avenue projects were reduced by \$225,000. Public Work's Fleet Replacement was increased by \$220,000 for the purchase of an additional dump truck and its Sidewalk and Curbing project was reduced by \$50,000. Public Work's Storm Water Management projects had \$250,000 removed from its general Watercourse Maintenance and \$637,000 added to the Honeysuckle-Daphne Diversion projects. The Board of Education's \$3,000,000 Facilities project was also restored. At the request of the Board of Education I moved \$275,000 from its West Rock's window project to its technology project. I also cut the Board of Education's \$30,000 district furniture replacement budget while adding \$250,000 for the renovation of the Nathaniel Ely tennis courts. A new project for \$300,000 was added for the 6th Taxing District's community center renovation project which will be repaid by the district through a loan agreement.

I am grateful for the effort made by the departments and to the Finance Director and Planning Commission for their reviews and recommendations. Together we have balanced the needs of the community with its ability and willingness to pay for these capital expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Harry W. Rilling

EXH 3

FY 2016-2017
MAYOR RECOMMENDED 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

DEPARTMENT		Council Approved	Department Request	Finance Recommend	Planning Commission	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend
		2015-16	2016-17				2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
c0318	F-1. Sidewalks and Curbing - Road Paving	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c0318	F-2. Sidewalks & Curbing - Citywide	900,000	1,000,000	500,000	400,000	350,000	600,000	600,000	700,000	700,000
c0503	F-3. Footpath Replacement	100,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
c0318	F-4. Construction of New Sidewalks	0	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIDEWALKS SUBTOTAL		\$1,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$600,000	\$450,000	\$400,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
c0302	G-1. General Drainage	250,000	500,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
c0440	G-2. Watercourse Maintenance	0	1,000,000	250,000	250,000	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
	G-3 Honeysuckle-Daphne Diversion	0	1,100,000	0	0	637,000	0	0	0	0
	G-4. Southwind/Marlin Area Drainage System Rd	0	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	0	0	0	0
	G-5. North Taylor Avenue Drainage Replacement	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	0	0	0
	G-6. Dredging and Other Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	300,000	0	300,000	0
c0425	G-7. Stormwater Quality Management Plan	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0
c0395	G-8. Keeler Brook Drainage Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000,000	0	0
c0513	G-9. Culvert Rehabilitation	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	0	0	0
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SUBTOTAL		\$350,000	\$2,725,000	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$1,012,000	\$1,700,000	\$2,500,000	\$900,000	\$500,000
c0439	H-1. City Hall Repairs & Improvements	876,000	780,000	780,000	780,000	780,000	190,000	375,000	203,000	0
c0349	H-2. Sidewalk and Curb - City Bldgs & Property	28,000	50,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
c0476	H-3. Various City Bldgs - General Capital Repair	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
c0119	H-4. Public Works Center - Repairs/Improvement	216,000	415,000	295,000	295,000	295,000	0	0	0	0
c0327	H-5. Energy Conservation Various Locations	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
c0137	H-6. Police Headquarters	49,000	98,000	0	98,000	98,000	0	0	98,000	0
c0295	H-7. Ben Franklin Mechanical Equipment Upgrade	48,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	165,000	165,000	167,000
c0133	H-8. Main Library Repairs and Improvements	42,000	405,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	0	98,000	0
	H-9. Various Building Software Upgrades	0	48,000	0	0	0	0	0	48,000	0
c0543	H-10. Environmental Remediation	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
	H-11. Alternative Energy Installation	0	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	H-12. Hot Water Heater Replacements	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0
c0346	H-13. Nathaniel Ely Repairs and Improvements	160,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,000	750,000
c0325	H-14. Lockwood House Repairs and Improvements	80,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,000	0
BUILDING MANAGEMENT SUBTOTAL		\$1,601,000	\$2,186,000	\$1,245,000	\$1,343,000	\$1,343,000	\$350,000	\$655,000	\$786,000	\$1,012,000
c0233	I-1. Tree Planting General	50,000	60,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TREE PLANTING SUBTOTAL		\$50,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
c0471	J-1. East Avenue Streetscape Improvements	0	607,000	607,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
c0234	J-2. FHWA Matching Funds	0	100,000	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
c0441	J-2. Safe Routes to Schools	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
SAFETEAU MATCH SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$807,000	\$607,000	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
c0515	K-1. Transfer Station-Repairs	0	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	0	0	0	0
c0515	K-1. Transfer Station-Compactor Enhancements	140,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUBLIC WORKS OTHER SUBTOTAL		\$140,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS		\$9,987,000	\$16,612,000	\$10,581,000	\$9,757,000	\$10,289,000	\$10,410,000	\$11,533,000	\$10,194,000	\$9,922,000

MAYOR RECOMMENDED 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

DEPARTMENT		Council Approved	Department Request	Finance Recommend	Planning Commission	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend	Mayor Recommend
		2015-16	2016-17				2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
A. POLICE										
C0524	1. Mobile Command Vehicle	0	118,950	119,000	119,000	119,000	0	0	0	0
	2. Tactical Ballistic Helmets	0	17,710	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	0	0	0
	3. Vigilant License Plate Reader (LPR) System	0	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0	0	0
C0559	Tactical Vests	38,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL - POLICE DEPT.		\$38,000	\$166,660	\$167,000	\$167,000	\$167,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
COMBINED DISPATCH										
	1. Radio System Replacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000,000
C0561	Radio Communication Upgrade	220,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL - COMB. DISPATCH		\$220,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000
B. FIRE										
C0437	1. Apparatus Replacement	0	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	0	0	1,250,000	100,000
C0385	2. Various Stations: Repairs & Replacements	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
	3. Fire Truck Intercom w/headsets	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	0
C0343	4. 100 Fairfield Ave (Mx) Building Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	475,000	0	0	0
C0310	5. SCBA Replacement	0	0	0	0	0	280,000	0	0	0
C0486	6. Vehicle Replacement	95,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	0	0	0
C0525	7. New Station #6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000,000
C0509	Fire Station Paving	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL - FIRE DEPARTMENT		\$250,000	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$865,000	\$35,000	\$1,285,000	\$3,135,000
C. PUBLIC WORKS										
C0292	A-1. Traffic Signals at Various Locations	250,000	250,000	250,000	100,000	0	250,000	250,000	300,000	300,000
C0562	A-2. Pavement Markings and Signage	150,000	300,000	200,000	100,000	300,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
C0528	A-3. Real-Time Congestion/Incident Mgmt. System	0	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C0514	A-4. Transportation Master Plan Implementation	0	150,000	0	0	0	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
	A-5. Pavement Markings & Signage for Biking	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	A-6. Seaview Avenue Improvements	0	125,000	0	125,000	0	0	0	0	0
	A-7. Projected Crosswalks/Warnings	0	50,000	25,000	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUBTOTAL		\$400,000	\$1,125,000	\$475,000	\$375,000	\$350,000	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$975,000	\$975,000
C0392	B-1. Perry Avenue Bridge Over Norwalk River	298,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	0	0	0	0
C0526	B-2. Glover Avenue Bridge Improvements	0	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	0
C0315	B-3. General Bridge & Retaining Wall Repairs	0	65,000	65,000	0	0	0	65,000		65,000
C0496	B-4. James Street Bridge over Silvermine	0	0	0	0	0	45,000	0	0	0
BRIDGES SUBTOTAL		\$298,000	\$429,000	\$429,000	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$45,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000
C0313	C-1. Fleet Replacement	330,000	835,000	430,000	430,000	650,000	590,000	588,000	633,000	570,000
FLEET SUBTOTAL		\$330,000	\$835,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$650,000	\$590,000	\$588,000	\$633,000	\$570,000
	D-1. Drainage System Mapping	0	325,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAPPING SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$325,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
C0021	E-1. Pavement Management Program	5,600,000	6,000,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000
C0407	E-3. Norwalk River Valley Trail	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	0
PAVEMENT PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL		\$5,900,000	\$6,300,000	\$6,050,000	\$6,050,000	\$6,050,000	\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000	\$5,750,000



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 5, 2016

Mr. Rocco Chiapetta
19 Surrey Drive
Norwalk, CT 06851

Subject: 19 Surrey Drive – Private Storm Drainage System

Mr. Chiapetta:

This letter is to inform you that the existing storm drainage system located at 19 Surrey Drive is a private drainage system and connected to a public drainage system located between 21 Surrey Drive and 19 Assisi Way (see attached map). Since this is a private storm drainage system, the design and maintenance of that system is the property owner's responsibility.

As we discussed on December 29, 2015, your private storm drainage system is causing the flooding problem on your property. The City has determined that:

- Stormwater runoff from Surrey Drive does not contribute to the flooding on your property.
- Your driveway slopes toward your garage.
- The capacity of the trench drain in front of your garage and the yard drain on the side of your house appears to be inadequate. Your house's roof leaders are also connected to this system which can exacerbate this problem. Further, the paved area against the north side of your house is also sloped toward your house.

These issues are the primary cause of your property's flooding. The analysis of the public drainage system (shown on the attached map) performed by the City's consultant indicates that the system has adequate capacity.

The City recommends that you address the grading concerns discussed above and appropriately size your private storm drainage system to alleviate your private flooding.

I would be happy to recommend professional resources to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce J. Chimento", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Bruce J. Chimento, P.E.
Director of Public Works

cc: Harry W. Rilling – Mayor
Mario F. Coppola – Corporation Counsel
Lisa Burns, P.E. – Principal Engineer
Paul L. Sotnik, P.E. – Senior Civil Engineer

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