

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
October 1, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Igneri, Chairman; Eloisa Melendez; Darlene Young; Doug Hempstead; Michael Corsello, Tom Livingston, George Tsiranides

STAFF: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works; Lisa Burns, Principal Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Mr. Igneri made a motion to suspend the rules to add item #5, Authorize the Chief of Operations and Public Works, Anthony Carr, to add orders on contract, to the Project PM 2019-2 Permanent Roadway Repairs and Surface Restoration, for an amount not to exceed \$35,000, for the purpose of installing Flexi-Pave around approximately 52 trees, in the Raymond and Day Street area, to the agenda.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019.

Mr. Corsello stated that there is a correction needed on page 3, paragraph 4, first sentence of the minutes where it reads "Mr. Corsello asked in the event that a favorable action is taken that they would perceivably, it should be conceivably. Correction noted.

There were no further corrections.

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

****MR. LIVINGSTON AND MR. TSIRANIDES ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO ABSTENSIONS**

2. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS #8 MARGARET STREET, NORWALK, CT. 06851 (AGUDOW SERGE A), TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT OF ENTRY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE STORM PIPE, UNDERNEATH THEIR DRIVEWAY, FOR LIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, SUBJECT TO SECTION 8-24 OF THE STATE STATUTES, IF REQUIRED.**

Ms. Young, referring to the attached memo in the packet, asked if the project was completed or if there was additional work to be done.

Ms. Burns said on 7 Margaret Street there was an existing pipe there and it is having some sink holes on it. There were intermediate emergency repairs done but it needs to be replaced and there needs to be an official easement to do so.

Mr. Carr stated that there is not an easement on that property.

Mr. Livingston asked if they would normally have an easement.

Ms. Burns stated if you go to the land records, for storm drainage pipes, generously they would have 50% of the easement. She said that she wasn't completely sure if an 8-24 was required since there is no compensation and they are not giving anything away but she still needs clarification on whether it has to go to Planning.

Mr. Carr said sanitary sewers typically have easements.

Ms. Burns said they have to fix those and it could be a lot of easements.

****MR TSIRANIDES MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019 TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOPE OF SERVICES INCLUDED QUALIFICATIONS PROPOSAL DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 (COPY OF INCLUDED) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4027 5777 C0425

Mr. Carr explained that this additional funding would address the 46 locations that were identified on their color coded matrix which were hot spots reported by Public Works over

the course of a few years. The other two (2) drainage studies, other two (2) task orders which total \$350,000 is for drainage area studies of Dreamy Hollow, Stevens, New Canaan and Ponus Avenue. Those 46 locations don't include the 64 streets in the Dreamy Hollow study and the 56 streets in the New Canaan/Ponus Avenue area study. He said the cost is reasonable. Task Order 1A Dreamy Hollow is \$160,000.00, which is about 384 Acres and 64 streets. Task Order 1B \$172,000.00, which is about 470 Acres and 56 streets. He said that this scope is different from the first two (2) task orders because the first two (2) do not include the bid documents, specs and drawings, they only provide a study to give to Public Works.

Mr. Livingston asked if these were all over the City.

Mr. Carr said they don't know how much effort it will take as some locations may take more time than others. The \$250,000 is a ballpark estimate.

Mr. Livingston asked if the other two (2) cover everything on the list.

Mr. Carr answered conceivably. Dreamy Hollow and New Canaan streets are not included but the majority will be.

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

- 4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER TO CARGILL SALT, ROAD SAFETY FOR TREATED ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$85.00 PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER-HOUR DELIVERIES EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2019-20 WINTER SEASON.**

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 25 5322

Mr. Livingston asked about last year's price of road salt.

Mr. Carr answered that the price was about the same. He said that they want to sole source this because of the additive they put in the salt so it doesn't get clumpy and damage the trucks and it disperses on the streets very well.

Mr. Igneri asked if it's the stuff that becomes slimy on the streets and creates slippery roads.

Mr. Carr responded no. Anthem gum is not that product.

Ms. Burns added that it is a proprietary product because it uses anthem gum but it's really called treated salt. She mentioned the brown looking salt and how that is treated with molasses and is environmentally friendly but they found when they purchased the cheaper salt from the State Bid List, as it sits in a pile, the molasses sink to the bottom but the

anthem gum stays on the granules. It is the green salt, it costs more per ton but you use less because

it doesn't bounce to the curb so this stays more in the center line where you want it to stay and as it works, it melts across the slope. The cost benefit is actually less.

Mr. Tsiranides said there are a lot of benefits.

Mr. Carr responded yes.

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

5. **AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, ANTHONY CARR, TO ADD ORDERS ON CONTRACT, TO THE PROJECT PM 2019-2 PERMANENT ROADWAY REPAIRS AND SURFACE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING FLEXI-PAVE AROUND APPROXIMATELY 52 TREES, IN THE RAYMOND AND DAY STREET AREA.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 17 0910 5777 C0560
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Ms. Young asked about Flexi-Pave and what it is used for.

Mr. Carr explained that Flexi-Pave is a proprietary product from recycled tires and has been environmentally tested. They are placed in walkways but are effective around trees because the tree grates crack, break and settle or you will find a lot of debris and litter may get underneath space between the top of the grate and the trees. This would allow, as the tree root grow and push up, the flexible pavement to move with the root growth and allows water to get through the same time and holds up very well.

Mr. Hempstead asked if it is mixed in with the pavement.

Mr. Carr responded that it is not mixed in with the pavement but they put mulch in there.

Mr. Tsiranides asked if they have been using this already.

Ms. Burns said yes, it is on Washington Street right now.

Mr. Carr said they require it.

Ms. Burns said it is now the standard because the tree grates, when the trees get bigger no one cuts the grate out, but the Flexi-Pave can act as ADA Compliance because it is level with the sidewalk.

Mr. Igneri asked what happens over time when dirt collects on the surface.

Ms. Burns answered it would have to be vacuumed.

Mr. Ignieri asked if you need special vacuums for that.

Ms. Burns answered no, it would be like their vacuum trucks they already have.

Mr. Ignieri asked if they would be scheduled to do that on a regular basis.

Ms. Burns said that it would be a bit more expensive so before they do that they have to make sure that the trees are going to live a year because if they put it down and the tree dies then they would have to take it out. There is a year warranty when they purchase the trees so they make sure that the tree lives the first year and just put in mulch. This is for the Raymond and Day Project where they raised the roadway in connection to the Washington Village Phase I and II. The trees have been in there since then and have passed their one (1) year mark and are looking pretty good.

Mr. Carr said that two (2) of the accounts are escrow accounts from Trinity Financial and Spinnaker and the third account is from the Redevelopment Agency.

Ms. Burns continued saying that one of the escrow accounts paid for all of the improvements in front of their own property in that area.

Mr. Tsiranides asked how long does it last.

Ms. Burns answered about 20 to 30 years. She said a lot of communities are using it and it helps with storm water management.

Mr. Corsello said that it could cut liability because there are no cracks on sidewalks from the roots.

Ms. Burns said there are many applications for it plus the cost benefit and compliance for the City.

Ms. Young asked if there is a plan to replace the other grates where there are trees that have something other than this Flexi-Pave.

Ms. Burns said that right now there is not a replacement plan.

Ms. Young mentioned a problem area by the movie theater and restaurants with outdoor seating.

Ms. Burns said the last project that was done in that area where spread is there wasn't any trees that were planted there.

Ms. Young asked but the grates are still there right.

Ms. Burns said there was supposed to be trees but pots were put there instead because there was a lot of underground infrastructure that was not anticipated.

Mr. Carr said there is no plan per se but they require developments.

Ms. Burns said they have a grant for the Wall Street Area from Main to Brook and will do Flexi-Pave there. The color is coco because it looks more like mulch. There is a color chart and a neighborhood may choose a different color.

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

Information / Discussion

A. Discussion

1. Drainage Project Status

Mr. Carr reported on this item stating that 50% of the work is completed and they are working with the Public Works Operations and Engineering Staff to assist in the field collection efforts. He said that WPCA is currently measuring the depth of every pipe and feeding the information to the consultants and putting it in GIS. There is field data collection taken place which the consultants will put into a model that the consultant will build to mimic the City's existing storm sewer system to find out the problems if any. Once that data has been collected it would be put into a report and then a matrix of options. A public forum is tentatively scheduled for the middle of November and the final report should be completed by December.

Mr. Livingston asked how this fits in with the additional funding that was just approved.

Mr. Carr explained that the Committee just approved additional efforts to study the areas that were not included.

Mr. Livingston asked if the Committee would receive a report such as this one.

Mr. Carr responded that the report would be problem areas, smaller scale repairs.

2. Sediment Removal Contract

Mr. Carr stated that there is a pre-construction meeting scheduled with the contractors for upcoming Thursday. They would most likely start in the Lloyd area. They also have to go through the Army Corp. approval process which the documents were submitted to them on September 19th for consideration. They didn't know they needed the Army Corp. approval until other consultants took a look at it and found out that it is a navigable water body.

Ms. Burns said that every body of water in Norwalk is a navigable water body.

Mr. Carr said that the work could be done in the fall and/or winter months.

3. Potential abandonment/discontinuance of a portion of Howard Avenue

Ms. Burns said that at some point they will be abandoning or discontinuing the very end of Howard Avenue adjacent to the Metro North Railroad.

Mr. Tsiranides asked the location of Howard Avenue.

Ms. Burns responded the back of Norden Place. Howard ends up backing toward the Metro North Railroad Tracks on the other side of Norden. DOT has been accessing the railroad tracks on Howard Avenue for the Walk Bridge construction for the interlocking and they found out, even if you look on GIS, it looks like there is a parcel at the end of Howard Avenue where a sanitary sewer pump station is but there is no land record. They need to do a survey and abandon the property to themselves so it is not just sitting technically in the middle of a City street. In GIS there is an address, 40 Howard Avenue.

Chairman Igneri suspended Items B and C. He asked if there were any last minute items that needed to go to the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Carr responded no.

Mr. Igneri then stated that the next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019 will be cancelled due to Election Day. The meeting after that would be on the first week in December. He said in the interim if there is anything urgent that needs to get on the agenda to let him know. He said that it has been great working on the Public Works Committee, a lot has been accomplished. He thanked the staff and he is supporting the changes.

Ms. Melendez thanked Chairman Igneri for being a great chairman the last four (4) years and said he has done a really great job.

Mr. Livingston seconded that.

Mr. Corsello as well.

B. Customer Service Report May - July 2019

There was no discussion on this item.

C. Monthly Solid Waste Report – April - August 2019

1. 2019 Bulky Collections through August
2. Transfer Station Quarterly Report 2nd Quarter (April, May, June 2019)

There was no discussion on this item.

Upcoming Projects

Adjournment

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Public Works Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. Room 231, Norwalk City Hall