

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
JULY 5, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: John Igneri, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; Faye Bowman; Tom Livingston; Eloisa Melendez

STAFF: Bruce Chimento, Director; Lisa Burns, Principal Engineer;  
Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer

Mr. Igneri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Public input (Guests at Committee meetings may speak to any item on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker.)

Ms. Deborah Goldstein called attention to the fact that the resolution for the Walk Bridge Program project did not include the bridge project number. She said that there are discrepancies in the resolution.

There were no other members of the public present who wished to speak this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 7,  
2016 AS PRESENTED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W.  
RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALMSTEAD TREE &  
SHRUB CARE COMPANY LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF  
TREES AND SHRUBS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,000.00  
PER YEAR.**

**ACCOUNT NO.: 09 17 4021 5777 C0233 –DPW \$50,000 PER YEAR  
ACCOUNT NO.: 09 17 6030 5777 C0370 –REC & PARKS \$28,000 PER  
YEAR**

Mr. Chimento reviewed the item and said that Almstead Tree & Shrub Care Company has been providing tree services for over 10 years and the department has been satisfied with their work. This request is for the same amount as last year.

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**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARCH 18, 2016 AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT NO. PM 2016-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO.: 09 17 4021 5777 C0021  
09 17 4021 5777 C0302  
09 17 4021 5777 C0318  
09 17 4021 5777 C0503  
09 17 4021 5777 (SOUTHWIND/MARLIN)**

Ms. Bowman asked which streets were included in the program. Mr. Chimento said that the list is on the City's website and is updated all the time.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE ABANDONMENT/DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF BATES COURT BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 BATES COURT {TAX LOT 2-53-5-0} AND HEADING SOUTH TO THE SOUTHERLY TERMINUS AS DEPICTED ON A MAP PREPARED BY WILLIAM W. SEYMOUR & ASSOCIATES, P.C. ENTITLED "PROPERTY SURVEY FOR ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BATES COURT AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FROM CITY OF NORWALK PREPARED FOR METROPOLITAN REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT," DATED AUGUST 5, 2015, AT A SCALE OF 1"= 20' ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A FEE OF \$14,400.00.**

Attorney Liz Suchy provided an overview of the property and explained that her client wanted to redevelop the property. Mr. Chimento explained that an 8-24 review is a State Statute. Attorney Suchy explained the responsibilities of the Freeholders. Mr. Sotnik gave an overview of the general guidelines for the sale of City property. He noted that this is a buildable lot according to Zoning.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he hoped that he could take the applicant at their word and that they only want the property to keep the rest of the property safe. Attorney Suchy said that they have no intention of increasing the number of units by acquiring this property.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR THE ABANDONMENT/DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF BATES COURT BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 BATES COURT (TAX LOT 2-53-5-0) AND HEADING SOUTH TO THE SOUTHERLY TERMINUS AS DEPICTED ON A MAP PREPARED BY WILLIAM W. SEYMOUR & ASSOCIATES, P.C. ENTITLED "PROPERTY SURVEY FOR ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BATES COURT AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FROM CITY OF NORWALK PREPARED FOR METROPOLITAN REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT," DATED AUGUST 5, 2015, AT A SCALE OF 1' = 20' ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A FEE OF \$14,400.00. THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN COMMENTING ON THE NECESSITY OF THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT AND TO TAKE SUCH ACTION ON SAID APPLICATION FOR ABANDONMENT THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 231, 2ND FLOOR IN NORWALK CITY HALL, 125 EAST AVENUE, NORWALK, CT.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO REFER THE SALE OF THE EXCESS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 BATES COURT (TAX LOT 2-53- 5-0) AS DEPICTED ON A MAP PREPARED BY WILLIAM W. SEYMOUR & ASSOCIATES, P.C. ENTITLED "PROPERTY SURVEY FOR ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BATES COURT AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FROM CITY OF NORWALK PREPARED FOR METROPOLITAN REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT," DATED AUGUST 5, 2015 AT A SCALE OF 1" = 20' ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO METROPOLITAN REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR A FEE OF \$35,900.00 TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A CGS 8-24 REVIEW.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO W.B. MASON CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,762.93 FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WORK SPACE SYSTEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONTRACT PRICING #L 5PSX0041.**

Account No.: 09 17 071 7100 5777 C0119

Mr. Chimento explained that this reconfiguration of the office will make it more ADA compliant and efficient. Ms. Burns added that the last time the office was reconfigured was in 1988. Currently there is no place for interns to sit and they want to move the GIS staff to the office.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT WITH MOHAWK NORTHEAST, INC. ALLOWING TEMPORARY USE OF PROPERTY SITUATED AT THE NORTHWEST COMER OF THE BURNELL BOULEVARD BRIDGE FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTION STAGING IN CONNECTION WITH THE TUNNEL PROJECT AT WALL STREET, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-333. CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT SHALL BE EXTINGUISHED WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED (SEE MAP INCLUDED).**

Ms. Burns explained the item. She said that currently there is nothing on this property.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT(S) WITH H. W. LOCHNER FOR DESIGN AND COORDINATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM (STATE PROJECT NOS. 301-0176, 301-0188, 0301-0181, 301-0187, 102-297, 301-0180) FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$139,646.70.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 100% STATE REIMBURSABLE**

Mr. Chimento explained that these are the project numbers and they have always been the right project numbers. Ms. Burns said that the City has a master utility agreement in place with the State. Any time a State project happens, the State reimburses the City. She said that all of the projects are within Norwalk and going forward a scope of projects will be developed. There are currently no plans designed for East Avenue utilities. However, they will be designed to all appropriate criteria.

Ms. Melendez left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TIGHE AND BOND, INC. FOR A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000, 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.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 14 040 40270 0 5777 C0440**

Ms. Burns explained that the levee was built following the floods of the 1950s. It has been maintained by Public Works and protects the “jewel” streets from flooding. In 1986 the condominiums removed the lower part of the levee, but there is no record of what happened in 1986.

Ms. Melendez returned to the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Information / Discussion**

#### **Monthly Solid Waste Report – May 2016**

Mr. Chimento explained that there are a lot of ongoing projects in the City. He said that he will have a year-end report ready shortly. He said that they are working on changes for bulk waste pickup. The Transfer Station is open on Saturday and Sunday for trash collection from the Beach..

#### **Project Status Report**

The monthly report is in the meeting packet

#### **Correspondence**

Mr. Chimento reviewed recent correspondence, that was included in the meeting packet.

#### **Customer Service Report – June 2016**

#### **East Avenue Reconstruction Project Update**

Ms. Burns explained that a meeting will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup> to clarify some items and discuss possible underground utilities; however, the cost will be the responsibility of the City. She said that she asked the Third Taxing District for pricing for underground utilities. Their estimate for relocation work related to the roadway lowering is \$2.3

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million. She said that they need a design review and questioned the identity of East Norwalk.

The property where three houses were removed by the railroad is becoming a blighted area. Mr. Chimento said that he would like to use that property for temporary commuter railroad parking.

Mr. Bonenfant clarified that because this is a State mandated project, they will reimburse for the necessary portion of the project, but if the City wants to go further they will have to pay. Ms. Burns said that she has asked for pricing for extending the underground utilities to improve the area aesthetics.

#### POKO Redevelopment Project Discussion

#### Wall Street RR Tunnel Project

Ms. Burns said that she has been trying to get a notice from the DOT to give to the impacted properties.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

Ms. Burns asked the Chairman to advance the following two items to the full Common Council. The bids will be opened on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1. DRG 2016-1 MLK Culvert Cleaning
2. DRG 2016-2 Fodor Farm Drainage Improvements

Mr. Igneri said that he does not plan to have a meeting in August.

**Next Meeting:**            Tuesday, September 6, 2016  
                                     7:00 P.M.  
                                     Room 231, Norwalk City Hall

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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