

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2025
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frayer called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn, Anne Wennerstrand, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, Dajuan Wiggins (7:14p.m.), Darlene Young (7:20p.m.)

At Roll Call there were five (5) Committee members present, constituting a quorum. Dajuan Wiggins and Darlene Young attended the meeting shortly thereafter.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: APRIL 1, 2025

There was no report on this item.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Lauricella of 21 Little Fox Lane. She spoke about waste management and recycling. She said that she regularly attends the SWAC meetings online. She described what the CCSMM is and said it is a group of sustainable materials management that was formed during the pandemic. She then gave the reasoning why it was formed. She said the city decided not to join this group, but she feels it would be good for the city. She said she would be putting together a press conference. It is international compost awareness week. She wanted to see if the city would join her and the Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition for a quick Friday presser around lunchtime.

Diane CeCe is interested in hearing more about the East Avenue project. She would like someone to explain what is going on, on Cemetery Street. She would like an explanation in layman's terms.

Chairman Frayer closed public participation at 7:09p.m.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY (CPA) THROUGH SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PROGRAM (SHIPP) RELATED TO THE CITY OF NORWALK'S AWARDED SHIPP GRANT.

Mr. Hughes reported on this. He stated they were awarded a grant through the Connecticut Port Authority SHIPP Program. The grant is 3.582 million dollars. The award will cover a great portion of the Marina upgrade. They will use capital funding to supplement the grant. He went over the grant for the Marina. This grant will be used to rebuild the Marina. The project hasn't been put out to bid yet. The preliminary number they are hoping for is for the grant to cover 60% to 70% of the costs. They are proposing to combine the North and South Docks. There will be new gangways that are ADA compliant, and the entranceway will be redone. They discussed the slips and other things that will be upgraded. They plan to begin construction this fall and be done by the spring boating season. All boaters have been notified of this project.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A NINTH AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 28, 2007, AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. DICESARE ASSOCIATES, P.C., REGARDING THE EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF SERVICES DATED JULY 24, 2023.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 24 4021 5777 C0471

09 25 4021 5777 C0471

09 23 4021 5777 C0816

09 24 4021 5777 C0816

09 25 4021 5777 C0816

Mr. Giron reported that this amendment is to include additional design work as it relates to improvements to the East Avenue, Gregory Boulevard and Cemetery Street design to the Walk Bridge Program. A discussion ensued about specific work that would be done. The Committee required more information prior to approval. A motion was made to table the item until further notice.

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

****MS. SMYTH MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. RD2025-2 ROADWAY PAVING, SIDEWALKS AND WATER MAIN INSTALLATION

1.AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND GUERRERA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT RD2025-2 - ROADWAY PAVING, SIDEWALKS AND WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR FLAX HILL ROAD (FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO ARBOR DRIVE) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,655,816.80 (BASE BID – FUNDED BY THE CITY OF NORWALK) & \$1,985,560.00 (ALTERNATE 1 – FUNDED BY SNEW).

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND SECOND TAXING DISTRICT TO FUND THE ALTERNATE 1 BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,985,560.00 UNDER THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH GUERRERA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT RD2025-2 - ROADWAY PAVING, SIDEWALKS AND WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR FLAX HILL ROAD.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021
09 26 4021 5777 C0021
09 19 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0318
09 26 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0440
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Chairman Frayer read Item C1, C2 and D together

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****MS. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH GUERRERA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT RD2025-2 - ROADWAY PAVING, SIDEWALKS AND WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR FLAX HILL ROAD (FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO ARBOR DRIVE) FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$464,137.68.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021
09 26 4021 5777 C0021
09 19 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0318
09 26 4021 5777 C0318
09 25 4021 5777 C0440
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****MS. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NORWALK'S PURCHASING AGENT TO AUTHORIZE A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT PURCHASE ORDER TO GENGRAS FORD LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) FORD ESCAPE PLUG-IN HYBRIDS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$221,437.20 (COPY INCLUDED).

ACCOUNT NO.

09 26 4031 5777 C0716

09 25 6030 5777 C0486

Mr. Torre reported that these new cars will replace old city vehicles in various departments, none of which is Public Works. He said this purchase will be under the cooperative purchase agreement with the State of Connecticut, otherwise they would be paying more for each vehicle. They will replace outdated vehicles. Mr. Torre explained how the State of Connecticut contracts work.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC, FOR PROJECT DRG2024-1 LOCKWOOD AND HEATHER LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 24 4021 5799 C0689

09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 24 4062 5777 C0361

09 26 4021 5777 C0021

Mr. Meehan reported there is a major drainage project going on in the Heather/Lockwood area. Construction is ongoing, almost halfway through but there has been considerable number of challenges. Excessive rock excavation and poor soil conditions. He discussed how the work is moving along.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

G. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE WOODARD & CURRAN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2019, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE PROPOSED STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS DOWNSTREAM OF THE BROAD RIVER PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER DATED APRIL 11, 2025 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$397,700.00

ACCOUNT NO.

09 25 4027 5777 C0712

Mr. Meehan reported on how they plan to implement remediating the flooding issue in that area. They discussed the history of the flood study and where they are now and what they plan to do. Wetlands and the surveys were discussed and explained to the Committee. The concern is whether the drinking water would be affected by this. A

discussion ensued about the MS4 and DEEP regulations regarding the outfall and runoff into the drinking water, if any. The survey that will be conducted is GIS based.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

H. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH PETER LUPPINO AT 3 DEERFIELD STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCESS, SLOPE MODIFICATION, AND TREE PLANTING PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION FOR PROJECT TMP2024-8 SOUNDVIEW AVENUE SIDEWALK CONNECTION PROJECT.

Mr. Pacelli explained the project. He said that there is a significant rock ledge at the intersection near Deerfield Street. They will chisel out that rock ledge area and construct a retaining wall so they can build a sidewalk around the three (3) schools. They will also plant new trees around the Soundview side.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

I. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENTS TO GO IN A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE PROPERTIES FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND SLOPE MODIFICATION PROPOSES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SIDEWALKS AND STREETScape AS PART OF TMP2024-7 HOSPITAL HILL VILLAGE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: 51 STEVENS STREET; 47 STEVENS STREET; 43 STEVENS STREET; 67 STUART AVENUE; 69 STUART AVENUE.

Mr. Pacelli explained the project to the Committee.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

J. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENT, AS WELL AS ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT, WITH LEONARDO CORONADO OF 19 OXFORD STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ALONG KNAPP STREET AND OXFORD STREET FOR PROJECT TMP2024-9 SONO SCHOOL SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY PROJECT.

Mr. Pacelli explained the project to the Committee. They will construct a sidewalk along Knapp/Oxford Street for the new school. He gave some specifics.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

K. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION ON AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ROCCO IADAROLA GENERAL CONTRACTING COMPANY. TMP2023-1, DECORATIVE CROSSWALKS AND TRAFFIC CALMING SURFACES AT VARIOUS LOCATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 ANNUALLY.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 18 4021 5777 C0598

09 20 4120 5777 C0598

09 20 4120 5777 C0648

09 22 4120 5777 C0649

09 21 4120 5777 C0598

09 24 3750 5777 C0652

09 25 3750 5777 C0652

Mr. Pacelli explained the project. They would like the extension to complete this project.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

L. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO AWARD A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH PRIORITY LANDSCAPING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$771,240.00 WITH A 10% CONTINGENCY OF \$77,124.00 FOR PROJECT TMP2025-3 ADAMS AVENUE AND WARD STREET CURBING AND SIDEWALK PROJECT.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 23 4120 5777 C0441

09 25 4120 5777 C0441

09 23 3750 5777 C0649

09 25 3750 5777 C0649

09 23 3750 5777 C0824

09 24 3750 5777 C0824

09 25 3750 5777 C0824

Mr. Pacelli explained the project. This is to provide a safer access for students. They are looking to incorporate some traffic calming measures along the Ward Street section.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

M. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENT, A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW SEAT WALL, AND ENTER INTO TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT TO GO IN A CERTAIN PORTION OF 10 WALL STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK AND SEAT WALL RELATED TO THE

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF PROJECT L102-0004 EAST WALL STREET – LANDMARK SQUARE SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Pacelli explained the project. This is part of phase one of East Wall Street Streetscape Project. They need to provide a sidewalk easement for public access. The Committee requested visual reports and/or a link to the projects for more clarity.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

N. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO AWARD A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH PRIORITY LANDSCAPING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,923,739.50 WITH A 10% CONTINGENCY OF \$192,373.95 FOR PROJECT TMP2025-2 WEST ROCKS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT - STATE PROJECT(S) 102-365 AND 102-374.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 25 3750 5777 C0706

09 26 3750 4120 C0851

09 26 3750 5799 C0851

09 26 3750 4120 C0852

09 26 3750 5799 C0852

Chairman Frayer asked for a motion to table this item. They were waiting for the final approval from ConnDOT which has not come in yet.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS

A. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Torre gave the highlights for this report. Report attached.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT

Mr. Torre gave the highlights for this report. Report attached.

C. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT

Mr. Torre gave the highlights for this report. Report attached.

D. UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

Mr. Meehan gave a brief summary of the upcoming projects. They are mobilized on

Grumman Avenue and should be completed by late summer. They have paved West Cedar Street, Elizabeth Street, and South Main Street. The sidewalk requirements have been completed on the CHRO roads. The West Cedar Street Bridge has been removed, and they are now working on the piles. There is a pedestrian bridge in place with temporary sidewalks installed. This should be completed in late November.

VII. DISCUSSION

There was no report on this item.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dunn moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD