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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 3, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: John Ignieri, Chair; Thomas Livingston; Doug Hempstead; George Tsiranides Michael Corsello (7:05pm)

STAFF: Bruce Chimento, Director

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

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018.

There was no discussion on this item.

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RESCIND Item no. VII.C.1 on the Common Council agenda of September 12, 2017, which read as follows:

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AECOM (FORMERLY URS CORPORATION), FOR EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER PROJECT, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-319, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,500.00. (FUNDING 80% FEDERAL, 20% CITY).

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Mr. Chimento explained that this is the State Project on Perry Avenue Bridge which the State has funded 80%. He said that all of the money is there but they have to make it exactly the way the State dictates in the transmittals. He said the first one that was issued was item #2 then they changed it and split it out into two different ones and added one. He said the Committee already approved item #2 for design services. Mr. Chimento said they would like to rescind item #2 and put on item #3a for the design services with a reduced number and item #3b for engineering construction inspection services and the money is in all of those accounts.

Mr. Livingston questioned why is item #3a the third supplemental and item #3b is the first supplemental.

Mr. Chimento answered because item #3b is taking the place of item #2 so you are rescinding that and replacing it with item #3b.

Mr. Tsiranides asked the Director how he feels about this new supplemental.

Mr. Chimento responded that it is fine. He reiterated that whenever the State is involved, they will have to comply exactly to the letter. He said that the State wanted some of the wording changed and they have to comply.

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NEW ACTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST: I included the Federal Project No. to help us differentiate the projects.

3a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AECOM (FORMERLY URS CORPORATION), FOR EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER PROJECT, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-319, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 6102(009), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,350.00 (FUNDING 80% FEDERAL, 20% CITY).

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3b. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND AECOM (FORMERLY URS CORPORATION), FOR EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES REQUIRED DURING

CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PERRY AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER PROJECT, CONNDOT PROJECT NO. 102-319, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 6102(011), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,350.00 (FUNDING 80% FEDERAL, 20% CITY).

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- 4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE CLOSING ON THE GRANTING OF EASEMENTS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED BY THE CITY FOR MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS ALONG ROUTE 7, AS PART OF THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL SYSTEM.**

Mr. Chimento reported on this item. He said that this is the Norwalk River Valley Trail and they received some easements from the State. He said the easements are along Route 7. He said that they are pieces of easements along Route 7.

Mr. Hempstead said that the easements start from Mathews Park, even before there, but from the Park to behind the YMCA through Union Park and the goal is to get up, at least to, Wilton because Wilton is the next stretch. He continued to say that they are trying to get easements along the Route 7 Extension.

Mr. Chimento added that the highway is named the Ethan Allen Highway.

Mr. Tsiranides added that it goes all the way to Vermont.

Mr. Livingston asked if the easements were off the side of the road.

Mr. Chimento responded that it is actually off the Right-of-Way but the State owns it so the River Trail has to take the easement.

Mr. Livingston asked if there is anything to worry about with the rights of access being denied on the western side.

Mr. Chimento replied no and stated that the Corporation Counsel reviewed it and everything is fine. He said that the State is basically giving them money to put in the trail.

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INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018

Mr. Chimento gave a brief report to the Committee. He said that recycling is right where it should be.

Mr. Hempstead asked about the overall percentages.

Mr. Chimento responded about 30% and even more in the spring. He said they look at what the projections are right now and they are 2/3 away from the year and exactly 2/3 of the way for the budget for recycling. He asked the Committee to look at the tonnage, which is 33%.

Mr. Hempstead said that someone is putting on the table to eliminate plastic bags in Norwalk and that seems to be a movement started by others.

Mr. Chimento said that they are one of the only cities in the State that recycle plastic bags. He said that they are written up by the State for noncompliance because the State does not have a plastic bag recycling program and so the State reports that the City of Norwalk is deficient in that area. He said that they report back to the State that they are not deficient and they recycle all of the plastic bags. He said that the plastic bags go down to the center in Stamford and they recycle them. Mr. Chimento said that he spoke to the manager down there and once the weather breaks he will schedule a tour for the Committee.

Mr. Hempstead would like to know if they could receive some statistical information from the State.

Mr. Chimento stated that there is no way for Public Works to find out specifically the contamination rate in Norwalk because when it is picked up it goes down to the center and is mixed with others. He said that he could get the contamination rate for the area.

Mr. Hempstead said that plastic bags are less polluting than paper by 5 to 1. He said that it takes more energy to recycle paper than plastic.

The Committee began a discussion on recycling plastic and other alternatives.

B. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT – MARCH 2018

Mr. Chimento gave a brief report to the Committee. He said that Customer Service is running rather well and all reports have been on time. He said there were 939 service calls with 845 calls for request for service related to Public Works.

Mr. Livingston asked about the no turn on red sign he inquired about.

Mr. Chimento responded that it was turned over to the State District 3.

Mr. Hempstead said that for the past few months he has not noticed anyone at the transfer station checking for passes.

Mr. Chimento said that the end of March is when the passes expire and they will have 30 days to renew and then the checking begins. He said that the old passes would be good up to the end of April.

Mr. Chimento informed the Committee about a call he received from a resident wanting to change the rule on pick-up trucks. The Committee began a discussion on 1 ton free and pick-up trucks.

Mr. Hempstead and Mr. Livingston asked Mr. Chimento for information regarding what the average person dumps a year and a week.

Mr. Chimento responded that he could get that information to them.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed the resolution for the Honorable Frank J. Esposito Way sign. Mr. Chimento showed the Committee what the sign would look like and the size of it. He said that he would inform the Committee of the date for the ceremony. He said that signs would be put up, one on each end of City Hall Drive and then one by the ball field in the middle.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in Room 225.

****MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADJOURN**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Cipriano
Executive Assistant
Public Works Department