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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Livingston; Nora Niedzielski-Eichner
Lisa Shanahan; Darlene Young (6:49p.m.)

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works; James Meehan,
Principal Engineer; Drew Berndlmaier, Senior Civil Engineer; Chris Torre,
Superintendent of Operations; Darin Callahan, Assistant Corporation
Counsel

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Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 6:46p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll: Tom Livingston Nora Niedzielski-Eichner Lisa Shanahan
Darlene Young (6:49p.m.) Barbara Smyth

At Roll Call there were four (4) Committee members present. A quorum was present. Darlene Young (6:49 p.m.) arrived after roll call. Bryan Meek and Ed Camacho were absent.

Chairwoman Smyth stated without objection she would like to keep the Public Hearing at 7:00p.m. and vote on Item #2 under New Business afterwards. Due to the Special Meeting of the Common Council tonight at 7:00pm, the Committee decided to keep the meeting as is because they had already put out notice about the public hearing. She said they will move unto business first and then they will hold the public hearing at 7:00p.m. as already noticed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing to hear all parties interested concerning the sale of 23,484± sq. ft. of 60 South Smith Street as shown on Right of Way Survey entitled "Town of Norwalk, Map Showing Land Acquired From City of Norwalk By The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Walk Railroad Bridge Replacement, Scale 1" = 40' February 2022" prepared by Scott A. Hill, P.E. dated January 27, 2022.

Chairwoman Smyth opened the public hearing at 7:01p.m.

There was no public participation for the public hearing.

Chairwoman Smyth closed the public hearing at 7:03p.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.)

There was no public input.

Chairwoman Smyth closed public input at 6:47p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023.

There was no report on this item.

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

****MS. SHANAHAN ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTANTION**

Chairwoman Smyth read 2a and 2b together.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DEEDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY 23,484± SQ. FT. OF 60 SOUTH SMITH STREET AS SHOWN ON RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY ENTITLED "TOWN OF NORWALK, MAP SHOWING LAND ACQUIRED FROM CITY OF NORWALK BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, SCALE 1" = 40' FEBRUARY 2022" PREPARED BY SCOTT A. HILL, P.E. DATED JANUARY 27, 2022. COMPENSATION TO THE CITY: \$378,000.00.

2B. REFERRAL OF CONVEY OF 23,484± SQ. FT OF 60 SOUTH SMITH STREET TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR CONN. GEN. STAT §8-24 REVIEW AND REPORT.

Ms. Valadares stated the dollar amount for the property is \$378,000 and the appraiser thought that number to be favorable. She said that started out as a permanent easement and the State came back to them to change the language to be as a take.

Mr. Callahan reported on this. He said that the Department of Transportation wants a small parcel to absorb into their Railroad Right of Way. They have previously acquired easements in that same area and they feel as though in order to effectuate the Walk Bridge Program, the right of way needs a fee title to it. The funds for this parcel will be put into the City's general fund.

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

- 3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO FREIGHTLINER OF HARTFORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) M2 106 SIGN TRUCK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$174,999.30.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Torre reported on this. This truck would replace a 1990 Mac top pick truck that they do not make parts for anymore. He said that they would most likely use the old truck for scraps.

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

Chairwoman Smyth read 4a and 4b together.

- 4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2023-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,478,440.89, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND THIS AGREEMENT FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4021 5777 C0021
09 23 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 24 4021 5777 C0503
09 18 6030 5777 C0588
09 22 6030 5777 C0588
09 23 6030 5777 C0588
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- 4B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2023-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$247,844.09.**

ACCOUNT NO.	
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Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She stated that this is the annual paving contract. She said that it has the option to extend one (1) year. They received five (5) bidders. Burns Construction was the lowest bidder. She said it was substantially lower than the second bidder. They checked all the numbers, and they were correct.

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED**

Ms. Valadares introduced Mr. James Meehan to the Committee. Mr. Meehan is the Principal Engineer for the Department of Public Works. The Committee welcomed him.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Shanahan moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD