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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Livingston; Ed Camacho; Darlene Young; Bryan Meek (7:10p.m.); Nora Niedzielski-Eichner (7:35 p.m.)

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works; Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer; Drew Berndlmaier, Senior Civil Engineer; Daniel Stanton, Senior Civil Engineer; Wilber Giron, Permit Engineer; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Darin Callahan, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Greg Pacelli, Transportation Planner; James Travers, Director of TMP; Garrett Bolella, Assistant Director of TMP; Elizabeth Suchy, Carmody Law

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Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll: Tom Livingston Darlene Young Ed Camacho
Bryan Meek (7:10) Nora Niedzielski-Eichner (7:35)
Barbara Smyth

At Roll Call there were four (4) Committee members present. A quorum was present. Bryan Meek and Nora Niedzielski-Eichner arrived after roll call. Lisa Shanahan was absent.

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.)

Diane Lauricella of 21 Little Fox Lane. She welcomes any collaboration with the Committee, Ms. Valadares and staff to reduce the cost of hauling trash and optimize programs they have. She said that some of the programs have been sluggish at times. She mentioned that in January or February of 2020, she and a small group gave a presentation to the Committee listing several waste streams where they could optimize reduction and find better use for them. She wants to reprise the interest and work with the city. She said they will have a series of events and letters to the editor coming up because it is important for people to buy less and reuse more and recycle more.

Chairwoman Smyth closed public input at 7:07p.m

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023.

There was no report on this item.

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

****MS. YOUNG AND MR. CHAMBERS ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTANTIONS**

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A 183± SQ. FT. UTILITY EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE SECOND TAXING DISTRICT AS AND WHERE SHOWN ON A CERTAIN SURVEY ENTITLED “EASEMENT MAP DEPICTING EASEMENT TO BE GRANTED TO SOUTH NORWALK ELECTRIC & WATER ACROSS THE PROPERTY OF NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT #2 MONROE STREET, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT” PREPARED BY REDNISS & MEAD DATED DECEMBER 12, 2022.

2B. 8-24 REFERRAL OF UTILITY EASEMENT AT 1 MONROE IN FAVOR OF SNEW FOR REPORT & RECOMMENDED ACTION.

Chairwoman Smyth read 2a and 2b together.

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She shared her screen with the Committee. Ms. Valadares explained the project to the Committee. SNEW needs to put in a transformer at Monroe Street. The utilities will be located underground, under the police station. This will not block the sidewalk or the right-of-way. The transformer will be in the parcel on a grass area. There will not be any parking spots lost due to this because it will be on the grass.

Mr. Callahan added that he has had conversations with SNEW and Ms. Valadares regarding this. He said that they have been consistent with cooperating with the city in the past.

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

****MR. MEEK OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION**

3. DISCUSS AND VOTE TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 7, 2023 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.

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She shared her screen with the Committee and explained the project. She said it is located next to WPCA. This map has been revised. There is a slight change with the boundaries. She showed them on the map.

Mr. Callahan said they are paying the city approximately \$300,000.00. He said that they have multiple easements that exist that have been paid for, worth over a million dollars. The State appraised this area and arrived at \$378,000.00.

Ms. Valadares said that if they do not grant this easement, it will become a take. She stated that this is just a discussion because it needs a public hearing. The vote today is on scheduling the public hearing for the next meeting and after the public hearing the committee could act and vote.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT DEED OVER 9 SHOREHAVEN ROAD, NORWALK, CT CONFIRMING EASEMENT RIGHTS AS SET FORTH IN CERTAIN “COMPILATION PLAN, 9 SHOREHAVEN ROAD, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, DEPICTING SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO BE GRANTED TO CITY OF NORWALK ACROSS THE PROPERTY OF KEAT-JIN LEE, TRUSTEE LINDA HO LEE, TRUSTEE, SCALE 1” = 20’ FT.” DATED JANUARY 18, 2023 AND PREPARED BY WILLIAM W. SEYMOUR & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

4B. 8-24 REFERRAL OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AT 9 SHOREHAVEN IN FAVOR OF CITY OF NORWALK FOR REPORT & RECOMMENDED ACTION.

Chairwoman Smyth read 4a and 4b together.

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She shared her screen and explained the project to the Committee. She said that it began as a plan review for construction on that parcel. They realized the sewer actually goes into the property, but the boundaries are not really showing. Once they receive a new project, they establish all of the easements to ensure it is clear just in case there may be an issue 30 years from now. She explained how they had to extend the pipe a little bit so it would be easier to access for maintenance.

****MR. CAMACHO MOVED THE ITEM**

****MR. MEEK OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION**

5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF APRIL 13, 2021, ITEM VII.C.2A TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. ACCOUNT NO. 363751 5413 G0017.

Ms. Valadares reported on this. She stated that Public Works completed some work for the Transportation, Mobility and Parking Department. They are adding TMP's account to the original approval.

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

****MR. MEEK OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION**

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE & BOND, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION/OBSERVATION SERVICES, TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SECOND OF THE TWO (2) OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TERMS, OF ONE (1) YEAR, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,816.00.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0021
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Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She stated this would be the third extension to their construction inspection contract with Tighe & Bond. They have been using them for several years. They help with the paving program as well as the sidewalks and now with the drainage project at Dreamy Hollow. This is for the work during the construction season. They are happy with their work and have been working with the same inspector that is very familiar with the departments needs. She said that the inspector is on an hourly rate, and they calculate the hours that they would need during the construction season. She explained the process. The inspector is only paid when he is on site.

****MR. CAMACHO MOVED THE ITEM**

****MR. MEEK OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION**

7A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING, LLC., FOR

**PROJECT RD2023-1 CURB AND SIDEWALK FOR SPRING HILL AVENUE AREA,
FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,181,662.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0318
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
134010 5796 APW09**

**7B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO
EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT
PAVING, LLC. FOR PROJECT RD2023-1 CURB AND SIDEWALK FOR SPRING
HILL AVENUE AREA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$118,166.20.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 22 4021 5777 C0318
09 23 7100 5777 C0583
134010 5796 APW09**

Chairwoman Smyth read 7a and 7b together.

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She explained the project to the Committee. She reiterated that this is their third sidewalk project within the last three (3) months. They are breaking up their big city-wide sidewalk project into small areas to attract smaller contractors and to have the work done almost at the same time and they were very successful. They received great responses in the three (3) bids and even new contractors bid. This is the third bid they put out and they are not planning to put out any more for the next couple of months. She said they will have three (3) different contractors in three (3) different areas in town and should be completed by early summer. Once this project is completed, the paving program can get started paving right away.

Chairwoman Smyth asked if the paving program is running more efficiently and if they are saving money.

Ms. Valadares responded in terms of saving money they are because the market is so competitive however, the unit prices are going up. She explained the benefits to the paving program.

Ms. Young stated that she hopes they can continue to include independent contractors that are not affiliated with larger more seasoned contractors they've used in the past or currently.

A discussion ensued about the requirements of hiring minority contractors. Currently, there are no requirements by the city to hire minority contractors. It is not mandatory if they are not using any federal funds, but the city can choose to if they want. Hiring a minority contractor will add more to the price because some of the companies are not owned by a minority so they would have to outsource part of the contract to meet the requirements and the city would have to pay a premium for whatever they outsource. She explained this to the committee. A

committee member said that this is something they can look into in effort to find more ways to be inclusive especially when there is a substantial amount of money to be made in this industry. There will be talks with Corporation Counsel on how they can be more inclusive. The sidewalks are 4,000 linear feet on one side of the road.

****MS. YOUNG MOVED THE ITEM**
****MR. MEEK OPPOSED**
****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION**

8. **ACCEPT THE EXTENSION OF SEIR HILL ROAD FROM THE NORTH CORNER OF THE DRIVEWAY AT GLENROCK CONDOMINIUM (SEIR HILL ROAD SIDE) TO THE SOUTHERLY PROPERTY LINE OF 15 OAKWOOD AVENUE (SEIR HILL ROAD SIDE) AS A CITY STREET AS PER THE MAP FILED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS ENTITLED “IMPROVEMENT LOCATION SURVEY DEPICTING STONE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CONDOMINIUM, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT, PREPARED FOR STONE REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC,” DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2022, LAST REVISED DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT A SCALE OF 1”= 30’ PREPARED BY REDNISS & MEAD.**

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She shared her screen with the Committee. She said that the extension would be extended from the public road to the property line. She explained exactly where it is.

Ms. Suchy gave some background on the project. She said the 183 feet of roadway extension of Seir Hill brings travelers up Seir Hill to the front courtyard of the building at the end. This has been 20 years in the making between acquisitions of state land and abandonment of roadway from the city and approvals by different departments and now at the last component of bringing this matter to closure. She explained everything her client has done to prepare for this and asked that the street be accepted as a city street.

Ms. Valadares stated that the Department of Public Works are in total support of this project.

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

- 9A. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC PROJECT TMP 2022-4 CONCRETE SERVICES ADA-ROW IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00.**

ACCOUNT NO.	09 23 4120 5777 C0441
	09 22 4120 5777 C0581
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	09 20 4120 5777 C0649
	09 21 4120 5777 C0649
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	09 23 4120 5777 C0649
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	09 23 4120 5777 C0823
	09 23 4120 5777 C0824

- 9B. **AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH A. VITTI**

EXCAVATORS, LLC FOR PROJECT TMP2022-4, CONCRETE SERVICES ADA – ROW IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 4120 5777 C0441
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09 23 4120 5777 C0823
09 23 4120 5777 C0824**

Chairwoman Smyth read 9a and 9b together.

Mr. Pacelli reported on this. He explained the project to the committee. He said that they were not able to address some of the smaller needs that have come into customer service or even an ad hoc project so they would like to be able to address those within this project. It allows TMP to become more responsive when dealing with these deficiencies in the network and to provide safe accessibility for all modes of transportation especially completing street guidelines. Mr. Pacelli went through the bid process and what they want to do. He said there will be ADA Compliant ramps on North Water Street, sidewalks on Richards Avenue, sidewalks and ADA Compliant ramps on Calf Pasture Beach Road that connects to Shady Beach, and a raised sidewalk on Union Park. It was noted that this project will not take on areas that have been slated for future projects.

****MR. CAMACHO MOVED THE ITEM
**MR. MEEK OPPOSED
MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF NRV T TRAIL PHASE II. PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,330.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 01 37 50 5258

Mr. Travers reported on this item. He explained the project to the Committee. This is the end of the project.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM
**MR. MEEK OPPOSED
MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSITION

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. METRICS

Mr. Torre reported on the metrics for the operations division. He answered all questions by Committee.

Ms. Valadares shared an update on Helpsy with the Committee.

B. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Sotnik reported on tree removals. 248 trees were removed, and 550 trees were pruned and 401 trees planted in 2022.

C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this. He went through the report with the Committee.

D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this. He went through the report with the Committee.

E. CURRENT / UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

1. Construction

- DRG2019-1 Dreamy Hollow Storm Drainage Improvements
- PM2021-1 Pavement Management Program
- RD2020-1 Concrete Curbs and Sidewalks
- RD2021-2 Concrete Curbs and Sidewalks
- DRG2020-1 On-Call Drainage
- RNP2022-2 Calf Pasture Beach Parking and Green Infrastructure Improvements
- RNP2022-3 Freese Park Railing Rehabilitation
- State of CT DOT Projects at Various Locations

2. Advertised for Bids / Pending Contract

- BLDG2022-1 Paving Ben Franklin Facility Parking Lot – Bid received and awarded to Waters Construction. Estimated Start Spring 2023
- RA2022-2 467 West Avenue Utility Infrastructure Upgrade – Bids due 2/15/2023
- RD2022-1 Curbs and Sidewalks at Various Locations – Bid received and awarded to The Grasso Companies. Estimated Start April 2023
- RD2022-2 Curbs and Sidewalks for Senga and Morton Areas – Bid received and awarded to Reliable Excavating Company. Estimated Start April 2023
- PM2023-2 Permanent Roadway Repairs & Surface Restoration – Bid received and awarded to Burns Construction. Estimated Start May 2023
- RD2023-1 Curbs and Sidewalks for Spring Hill Avenue Area – Bids due 1/30/2023.

3. Design

- Project 102-366 West Cedar Street over Five Mile River
- Storm Drainage Evaluation at Selected Locations
- DRG2022-1 Lockwood Lane and Heather Lane Storm Drainage
- DRG2023-1 Chatham Drive and Cossitt Road Storm Drainage
- Veterans Park Visitor Dock Replacement
- Emergency Wall Street Retaining Wall Abatement

The Senior Civil Engineers each reported on their current project status and answered all questions asked by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Young moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD