

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
January 3, 2017**

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

STAFF: Bruce Chimento, Director; Lisa Burns, Principal Engineer

Mr. Igneri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no members of the public present this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

**1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016.**

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

**2. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL
ADOPTION OF THE ROADWAY STANDARDS, AS AMENDED JANUARY 2017.**

Ms. Burns informed the Committee Members that there is no action needed on this item. She stated that it is at the Director's discretion to set the Roadway Standards.

Mr. Chimento gave an overview of the Roadway Standards. The Committee Members received the red line version of the changes to the Roadway Standards. Mr. Chimento stated that on page 9 there are changes on "complete streets".

Mr. Igneri clarified that there is no need for a motion to move this item so this would be a general discussion.

Mr. Chimento replied yes. He gave a basic summary of complete streets. He said that there is an added statement to complete streets in the Roadway Standards stating that they would abide by the state statutes, federal laws and city ordinances and should at a later date the statute changes, complete streets would still be covered because they are abiding by the new statute. He said that the Roadway Standards have not been updated since 1983.

Ms. Burns said that the engineering department requested a consultant update the Roadway Standards in 2012 but there was no follow up. She said that some of the standards are outdated. She also mentioned that there are several districts that may have different design standards so the GIS Analyst is in the process of developing a map that can depict the different districts so they can create standards for each. She said that they are also working with Planning and Zoning to create standards for business districts as well. Ms. Burns said that the idea is to have everything in the Roadway Standards so that it is cohesive.

Ms. Melendez asked who has the final say in regards to updating the Roadway Standards.

Ms. Burns answered the Public Works Director. She said that sometimes it could be a negotiation between departments. She said that there is a committee that meets named CEAC (Code Enforcement Action Committee) and goes over plan reviews for big developments along with the developer.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2016

Mr. Chimento reported on this item. He said that at the next meeting there will be a six month report and copies of the state report as well. He said that there will be a new system for bulk waste collection and they are negotiating a cost reduction in curbside collection.

B. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT – DECEMBER 2016

Mr. Chimento reported on this item. He stated that calls are down. He said they are usually down this time of year unless there is a significant snow storm.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence to discuss this evening

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Mr. Chimento reported on this item. He said that they are getting more and more requests for engineering for reviews. He said he included funds to be put in a next year's budget for assistance in engineering reviews. Mr. Chimento said that they just don't have the manpower needed to complete all the reviews with all the projects they have going out to bid. He said that there is the Day/Raymond St. Project for Washington Village, paving bids, and Washington Street. He said that he requested \$200,000 to be put in the operating

budget for FY 2017/18 for the Walk Bridge Project and has requested funds from the State as well. He stated that they are working on getting the State to reimburse the department.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Room 225.

**** MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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