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**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
April 4, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: John Igneri, Chair; Eloisa Melendez; Thomas Livingston; Michael Corsello; Richard Bonenfant; Michelle Maggio (7:05pm); Faye Bowman (7:15pm)

STAFF: Bruce Chimento, Director; Lisa Burns, Principal Engineer; Michael Yeosock, Assistant Principal Engineer

Mr. Igneri called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 7, 2017.**

****MS. MELENDEZ MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 AGREEMENT WITH SAFETY MARKING, INC. FOR PROJECT TRF2015-1 PROPOSED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, SYMBOLS & LEGEND AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.**

Account No: 09 17 4021 5777 C0562

Mr. Igneri stated that he and Mr. Chimento checked that Safety Marking is an approved vendor in the State of Connecticut, State of New York and several other states.

Mr. Corsello stated that he would like to put in an amendment to the contract to reserve their right, should they bid on any future projects, to conduct their own investigation to see if they are a responsible bidder.

Mr. Livingston stated that he would also like to put in a provision in the contract that requires all to comply with federal laws.

Mr. Bonenfant commented that he was ok with Safety Marking since it seems they rectified the problem.

****MR.IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 3a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES LLC FOR PROJECT PM 2017-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,410,044.00.**

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09 17 4021 5777 C0439
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- 3b. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BRUCE CHIMENTO TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH THE GRASSO COMPANIES LLC FOR PROJECT PM 2017-1 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$341,004.40.**

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09 17 4021 5777 C0302
09 17 4021 5777 C0318
09 17 4021 5777 C0439
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The Committee began to discuss the ordinances regarding bidders. There were several different interpretations on how the ordinance reads.

Mr. Igneri moved to disqualify the bidder Grasso based on Ordinance Section 19.

Mr. Corsello stated that he would like to see an opinion from the Corporation Counsel related to this particular bidder.

The Committee debated if Grasso Companies LLC was a responsible bidder at the time of the bid.

A representative from the Grasso Companies LLC stated that the Corporation Counsel was conducting an investigation on them. He also stated that they were not in violation at the time of the bid and they are not in violation now.

The Committee discussed if the old and new company was the same company with a different name. The Committee determined that they are not the same company with a new name.

A representative from The Grasso Companies LLC stated that they completed two projects in 2014, totaling five million dollars.

Mr. Corsello asked if they were in compliance when they bid on those two projects in 2014.

Mr. Chimento responded that he does not know if they were in compliance at that time. He said the bid was on February 23rd.

Ms. Bowman stated that there were an instance when Mr. Alvord did not award the job to them.

A representative from The Grasso Companies LLC said that was before the Corporation Counsel completed an investigation on them. He said that there was a crossover from the original company that his father owned and filed bankruptcy. He continued to say that the Corporation Counsel discovered that they are two separate entities.

Mr. Chimento asked the Committee to review the letter from the Corporation Counsel specifically paragraph F. He also stated that last year the property was in violation with the DEP.

A representative from The Grasso Companies LLC stated that the property in in compliance.

Ms. Bowman stated that the Tax Collector informed her that they made a payment on February 24, 2017.

Mr. Chimento stated that the bid was on February 23, 2017.

Ms. Burns reiterated the question if The Grasso Companies LLC and Deering Construction were in compliance prior to February 23rd.

Mr. Corsello said that since were are looking into it, he would like to know how long were those companies in compliance or out of compliance.

The Committee discussed what motion was made and how to proceed at this point. It was decided that the motion on the table is the following:

****MR.IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM
**MR. BONENFANT AND MR. LIVINGSTON OBJECTED ITEM
**MR.IGNERI AND MS. BOWMAN ABSTAINED
**MOTION PASSED WITH TWO OBJECTIONS AND
TWO ABSTENTIONS**

4a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH L. HOLZNER ELECTRIC CO. FOR PROJECT BR 2017-1

SUBSTRUCTURE REPAIRS TO THE GLOVER AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$243,399.50.

Account No: 09 14 4021 5777 C0526
09 17 4021 5777 C0526

- 4b. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BRUCE CHIMENTO TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH L. HOLZNER ELECTRIC CO. FOR PROJECT BR 2017-1 SUBSTRUCTURE REPAIRS TO GLOVER AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE NORWALK RIVER, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$24,339.95.**

Account No: 09 14 4021 5777 C0526
09 17 4021 5777 C0526

There was no discussion on this item.

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

- 5a. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT PM 2017-2 BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PERMANENT REPAIRS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$309,770.00.**

Account No: 03 00 00 2602

- 5b. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BRUCE CHIMENTO TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH DEERING CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR PROJECT PM 2017-2 BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PERMANENT REPAIRS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$30,977.00.**

Account No: 03 00 00 2602

There was no discussion on this item.

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

- 6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A 3 YEAR CONTRACT WITH DW TRANSPORT & LEASING, INC., FOR THE TRANSPORTATION & DISPOSAL OF STREET SWEEPINGS/CATCH BASIN GRIT, EXCAVATED MATERIAL AND BROKEN STRUCTURAL CONCRETE AND FOR THE TRANSPORTATION & DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE MATERIALS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 AS FOLLOWS:**

Fiscal Year 2017-18	\$350,000
Fiscal Year 2018-19	\$350,000
Fiscal Year 2019-20	\$350,000

Account No: 01 40 42 5299

Ms. Maggio asked if the contract is per year at \$350,000.00.

Mr. Chimento answered yes and explained how it would be broken down per year.

Ms. Maggio asked what happens if it goes over the \$350,000.00 limit.

Mr. Chimento assured her that it would not go over the set amount.

Mr. Bonenfant wanted to know if tree stumps was including in the amount.

Mr. Chimento replied yes.

Ms. Bowman asked if they were the only bidder.

Ms. Burns answered yes. She said that there were two bids and DW Transport and Leasing was the successful bidder for both jobs.

Mr. Chimento stated that the two bids were combined into one.

****MS. MAGGIO MOVED THE ITEM**
****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH AECOM FOR BIDDING PHASE SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE FLOCK PROCESS DAM REMOVAL PROJECT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000.00**

Account No: 35 33 70 5258 (CT DEEP Grant Funds)

Mr. Livingston asked for the completion date for the project.

Ms. Burns answered the project will be completed by the Summer of 2017.

Mr. Chimento stated that this project is funded 100 % by the State of Connecticut. This is located behind Hotel 0.

Ms. Maggio asked if this project was already done.

Ms. Burns answered that the design was completed and this will be the actual construction inspection.

Mr. Bonenfant asked how much it would actually cost to complete the project.

Mr. Chimento answered the project will cost 1.3 million. This will be funded by the State of Connecticut.

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

Attorney Richard Roina representing Mr. & Mrs. Vega, introduced himself to the Committee. He stated that Mr. & Mrs. Vega's home is the subject of the Executive Session. He said that apparently their house is to be removed so that certain improvements and widening of the river behind their house can be done. He said that the difficulty with this process has been with the negotiations with the appraisal of their home. Attorney Roina stated that they have been in their home since 1994 with no mortgage. He said that they are not interested in selling their home and taking on a mortgage. He also stated that their home has not been affected by flooding in the last 25 years they lived in their home.

Bob M. spoke stating that he has been in his home since 1958. He says that his house flooded once due to the City and that the City made him build a retaining wall at his own expense. He said that if the City cleaned the pond it would never rise. He said that he disagrees with City taking grant money and building a retaining wall.

Ms. Vega added that she feels in years to come there may be a flooding issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

****MS. MELENDEZ MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO
ITEM 8.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Members of the Public Works Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:09pm. and ended at 8:20pm.

- 8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO WITHDRAW FROM ITS CONTRACT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR PROJECT NUMBER DEPA00002082007.**

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

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2017

Mr. Chimento reported that on Saturday DPW held an event called “Bye Bye Mattress” a State Program, at South Smith Street where anyone could dispose of their mattress/box springs free of charge. There were a total of 47 mattress/box springs delivered for disposal free of charge.

B. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT – MARCH 2017

There was no discussion on the customer service report this evening.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion on the customer service report this evening.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Room 225.

****MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ADJOURN**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Cipriano
Executive Assistant
Public Works Department