

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frayer called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Barbara Smyth, Heather Dunn, Darlene Young, Ann Wennerstrand, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner

At Roll Call there were six (6) Committee members present constituting a quorum. Dajuan Wiggins was not present.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

**A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF
WOODWARD AVENUE FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO BURRITT AVENUE TO
BE NAMED REVEREND RAMON FIGUEROA WAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL
BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO HEAR ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN
COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED HONORARY STREET NAMING AND TO TAKE
SUCH ACTION ON SAID NAMING THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY DEEM
ADVISABLE.**

Ms. Valadares stated that there are four (4) people that would like to speak on behalf of naming of the street. She gave instructions and invited the first person to speak.

Reverend Luis A. Rivera introduced himself as the senior Pastor of the Pentecostal Church John 3:16 in Norwalk. He thanked the Committee for having them. Reverend Ramon Figueroa was the founder of the Pentecostal Church back on October 2, 1954. He was the pastor of the church and served the community for 45 years. He was a Police Chaplin for many years and a Housing Commissioner in Norwalk. He has done so much for the Norwalk Community. Reverend Luis Rivera asked the Committee to accept their request to honor Reverend Figueroa. He was the first Hispanic pastor in town that was able to build a church and now they have a brand-new building at 8 Woodward Avenue in his memory. There are also other members of their church here to say a few words.

Noel DeJesus stated he is truly grateful for the opportunity to speak about Reverend Ramon Figueroa. He said he had a profound impact on his life. Reverend Figueroa was a highly respected figure in Norwalk. Growing up in Norwalk, Reverend Figueroa was recognized by everyone in the community. Mr. DeJesus said that he was a man of God with a divine calling who was constantly serving the community. Mr. DeJesus has been a member of the church for the past 30 years but prior to that he was in the streets. When he met Reverend Figueroa at church, his sermons would speak to him and that transformed his life. He is very thankful for him.

Doris DeJesus stated it is an honor and a privilege to stand before you to speak on the late Pastor Reverend Figueroa. He has impacted her life as well as many others. Reverend Figueroa and his wife were very active in her life. She stated they would pick her and her brothers up to take them to church. Reverend Figueroa was always guiding and instructing them and showing them the true meaning of loving God. He lived what he preached, he was compassionate for souls. He would minister to people on the streets of South Norwalk, Woodward Avenue and the hospitals. Ms. DeJesus worked at the hospital for 28 years and he was a Chaplain there as well. Reverend Figueroa dedicated his life to the mission and the calling he received from God. He was a man of integrity, a man of a solid word who was respected and admired by all who had the

blessing and privilege of knowing him. She said she remembers a time her family had an emergency, and she called him at 2:00am and his wife answered saying she is already praying and the Pastor was on his way to the hospital. She said she will always be grateful for God bringing him into her life.

Carmen Villabolas thanked everyone for listening. She said he was like a spiritual father. She has been in the church since she was five years old. He was a loving man that gave so much to his community. He was a man of God with integrity. He gave a lot of love following the word of God. She said God brought him to Norwalk with a purpose and this is a beautiful way to honor Pastor Figueroa.

Ms. Young read an email she received from Felix Serrano, a Norwalk resident. "I am reaching out, because tonight the public works committee meets, and I wanted to lend my support to the naming of a portion of Woodward Ave Rev Ramon Figueroa Way. Growing up in South Norwalk Pastor Figueroa and his wife Gloria were instrumental in keeping us on the straight and narrow. The Pastor offered not only spiritual guidance but also the personal attention and care each young person needed at the time. The Pastor provided a safe space to turn to, a place to find purpose, direction and most importantly the confidence needed to overcome any challenge. I did not thank him enough for his dedication and faithfulness to his calling but with this naming it will be a great way to honor him."

Chairman Frayer closed the Public Hearing at 7:17p.m.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 4, 2025

There was no report on this item.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation. Chairman Frayer closed public participation at 7:19p.m

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE THE HONORARY NAMING OF THE PORTION OF WOODWARD

**AVENUE FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO BURRITT AVENUE TO BE NAMED
REVEREND RAMON FIGUEROA WAY.**

Committee members thanked everyone for coming out. They stated how moved they were by the things that were said about Reverend Figueroa. A question was raised about abutting property owners being notified of this. It was explained that the Public Works Department is not responsible for that, they are more of a conductor and that it would be up to the Committee to request more information from the petitioner. It was explained that once this goes to Council, they would need two thirds of the vote in order to pass. A discussion ensued about possible ordinance changes and the current process of the honorary street naming.

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

****MS. DUNN ABSTAINED**

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

**B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIRST
AMENDMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE &
BOND, INC. FOR PROJECT DPW2024-1 ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES. THE
AGREEMENT IS FOR ONE YEAR, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, FOR A SUM
NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1)
ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4021 5777 C0021

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, INC., FOR PROJECT DPW2024-1 ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00/ANNUALLY, WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR.

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D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIRST

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE & BOND, INC. FOR PROJECT DPW2024-2 ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION - OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 19 4021 5777 C0021

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Mr. Meehan reported that this is to extend their construction inspection services with Tighe and Bond. They use inspectors for their paving projects. They don't have the manpower to accommodate all those projects. In addition to the paving, they also have very large drainage projects. Tighe and Bond were used in the past on a 9-million-dollar project at Dreamy Hollow. It is good to have continuous inspection services to make sure the projects are done correctly but to also ensure they are following all permit requirements because this is a grant project. They would like to continue with these projects.

Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner asked Mr. Meehan to refresh their memory as to why it is better to have this kind of consulting contract as opposed to hiring another couple of staff members.

Mr. Meehan explained that it is more about turnaround times. The consultants have the manpower and the expertise to complete these projects. Some of these projects require a specialty. He said things need to get out quickly. Mr. Meehan explained how it works. A discussion ensued about the funding, work orders, manpower and best practices. The Public Works Department completes a lot of work in-house.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT
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ROAD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG RICHMOND HILL ROAD
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****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

G. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENT WITH CONNIE C HERTZ & MARTIN HERTZ OF 33 RICHMOND HILL ROAD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRON ALONG RICHMOND HILL ROAD FOR PROJECT PM2024-4 PAVING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

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****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

H. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO AWARD A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE AND ASPHALT PAVING, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,212,365.00 WITH A 10 % CONTINGENCY OF \$121,365.60 FOR PROJECT TMP2024-7 HOSPITAL HILL VILLAGE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

ACCOUNT NO. 36 37 51 5799 G0067
09 24 3750 5777 C0649
09 25 3750 5777 C0649

Mr. Pacelli reported on this. He stated in 2023 the city received a grant for \$800,000.00 from DOT through the Community Connectivity Grant Program for this project. He explained that the project will address safety issues. He gave some examples. The project should reduce speed, improve safety for all roadway users, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb extensions to name a few. It will be used for pedestrian safety as well such as lighting, street furniture and a welcoming gateway to the area. He said

they received the one of the highest ratings on their application for this project. He explained the process they used in the bidding process. He stated that DPW was very involved in the drainage aspect of the project. They anticipate the project to be under construction in May of 2025.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

I. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION FOR A 1 (ONE) YEAR 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 WITH A CONTINGENCY OF 10% OF \$50,000.00.

ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4120 5777 C0649

09 24 3750 5777 C0677

09 23 4120 5777 C0441

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09 24 3750 5777 C0649

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Mr. Pacelli reported on this. This contract is their second one-year extension for concrete services. This contract is dedicated to smaller infrastructure related projects to meet ADA standards. It is also used to respond to customer service requests.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

J. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PARADIGM SOFTWARE, LLC.. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SOFTWARE PLATFORM TO MANAGE THE TRUCK SCALES AND CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS AT THE CITY TRANSFER STATION AND YARD WASTE SITE; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 37,332.08 PLUS AN ANNUAL SUPPORT AND SERVICE FEE OF \$10,915.00 THAT WILL BE RENEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

ACCOUNT NO. 01 40 42 5299

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09 22 4021 5777 C0798

Chairman Frayer called for a motion to Suspend the Rules to update Item J.

****MS. DUNN MOVED THE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Valadares reported on this item. She stated there are three (3) scales at the transfer station that weigh all the commercial and residential cars. The previous software became unavailable at the end of last year, so they have been looking into new companies. The company that they were going to go with does not have all of the software they need and now the legal department is talking to them. Since December they have been doing things manually. They began to look for another company which is Paradigm. Paradigm has over 206 municipal customers. Mr. Szabo has been in contact with them for over a month discussing their software needs. They would like to go with Paradigm. Paradigm could have the software installed in approximately 90 to 180 days. Paradigm has what the other company could not deliver. To date, the other company still has not delivered and missed many deadlines.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NEW LANGUAGE AND MOVE THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

K. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH LINDA MAKOWSKI TO ENTER OVER A CERTAIN PORTION OF 164 GRUMMAN AVENUE FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCESS, SLOPE MODIFICATION PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION FOR PROJECT PM 2023-5 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

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Mr. Meehan reported that they are looking for right of entry on two (2) properties. Grumman Avenue will be paved this year and sidewalk installation as well. The sidewalks in front of these two (2) homes will be within the right of way and not be taking any property from the homeowners. However, they will need to adjust their driveways and the stone wall that they have within their property to accommodate the sidewalk. They are looking for a temporary right of entry during the construction phase to readjust those elements to accommodate the sidewalk.

****MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

L. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH NANCY D'ACUNTO TO ENTER OVER A CERTAIN PORTION OF 170 GRUMMAN AVENUE FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCESS, SLOPE MODIFICATION PURPOSES IN CONNECTION

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

VII. REPORTS

A. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Torre reported on this. There were no removals or prunings at the parks. They removed four (4) trees at the schools. They pruned 16 trees on the right-of-way.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT

Mr. Szabo reported that it appears that the solid waste and recycling numbers go down together. They collected 2,300 Christmas trees and about 50 more a week or two after the collection. The first bulky waste collection for the season is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and they have over 100 stops for that. A discussion ensued about notification to the residents and if the information is translated into other languages.

C. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT

There was no report on this item.

D. UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

Mr. Meehan gave an update on upcoming construction. Sidewalks and paving will begin in the coming weeks.

VIII. DISCUSSION

There was no report on this item.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dunn moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:23p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD**