



REGULAR MEETING – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

**AUGUST 6, 2026, 7:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. Special Meeting: July 6, 2026**
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Transportation Mobility and Parking**
 - 1. A. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to execute an Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc for Project Number 4506 TMP2026-8 City of Norwalk Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$499,957.00

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B. Authorize the Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking to execute orders on the contract between the City of Norwalk and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc for Project Number 4506 TMP2026-8 City of Norwalk Comprehensive Safety Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$49,996.00.

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B. Planning and Zoning

1. Development update.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF NORWALK
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE: Josh Goldstein; Chair, James Frayer, Nicole Ayers, Jan Degenshein, Darlene Young (7:03p.m.), Jalin Sead (7:05p.m.)

STAFF: Sabrina Godeski, Alex Cross, Steve Kleppin, Brian Lutz, Nell Blaszkiewicz, Greg Pacelli

Chair Goldstein acknowledged those present as noted above.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. SPECIAL MEETING: MAY 6, 2026

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

B. SPECIAL MEETING: JUNE 4, 2026

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

C. JOINT SPECIAL MEETING: JUNE 17, 2026

****MR. FRAYER MOVED THE ITEM**
****MS. AYERS ABSTAINED**
****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.
Chair Goldstein closed public participation at 7:06p.m.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This item will be discussed at the August Meeting.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC HARBOR STUDY (2026, AS AMENDED).

Chair Goldstein read items A2 and A3 together.

Presentation: Steve Kleppin, Director - Planning & Zoning, shared his screen and gave a brief overview.

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITYWIDE PLAN (PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT) TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE STRATEGIC HARBOR STUDY WITHIN CHAPTER 9, COASTAL RESOURCES & RESILIENCE, AND IMPLEMENT THE PLAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS DURING THE 2026–2031 PLANNING PERIOD.

Presentation: Steve Kleppin, Director-Planning and Zoning, shared his screen and gave a brief overview.

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

B. TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND PARKING

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH FRANK CAPASSO & SONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,777,000 FOR PROJECT NPA2026-02, REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT YANKEE DOODLE GARAGE.

ACCT(S):
0920 4095 5777 C0303
0921 4095 5777 C0303
0923 4095 577 7 C0303
0926 4095 5777 C0303
0927 4095 5777 C0303

Chair Goldstein read items B1 and B2 together.

Presentation: Bryan Lutz, Norwalk Parking Authority, gave a brief overview.

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

2. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY, AND PARKING, JAMES TRAVERS TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS AND MODIFY THE CONTRACT WITH FRANK CAPASSO & SONS, INC. UP TO \$277,700 (10%) FOR CONTINGENCIES WITH PROJECT NPA2026-02: REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT YANKEE DOODLE GARAGE.

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Presentation: Bryan Lutz, Norwalk Parking Authority, gave a brief overview.

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CT DOT) OR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) TO ACCEPT FUNDING RELATED TO PHASE 2A OF THE WALL STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER STATE PROJECT NUMBER 0102-0379.

Chair Goldstein read items B3 and B4 together

Presentation: Nell Blaszkiewicz, Traffic Analyst, shared her screen and gave a brief overview.

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

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CT DOT) TO ACCEPT FUNDING RELATED TO PHASE 2A OF THE WALL STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER STATE PROJECT NUMBER 0102-0373.

Presentation: Nell Blaszkiewicz, Traffic Analyst, shared her screen and gave a brief overview.

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

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A NEW BLOCK RETAINING WALL AND ENTER INTO TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT TO GO IN A

CERTAIN PORTION OF THE PROPERTIES OF 40 LOWE STREET AND 44 LOWE STREET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BLOCK RETAINING WALL.

Presentation: Greg Pacelli, Transportation Planner, shared his screen and gave a brief overview.

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

****MR. FRAYER OPPOSED**

****MOTION PASSED FIVE TO ONE**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Frayer moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16p.m.



Transportation Mobility & Parking

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To: Economic and Community Development Committee of the City Council

From: Nell Blaszkiewicz – Traffic Analyst, Transportation, Mobility, & Parking

CC: Sabrina Godeski, BS, MPL, AICP – Director of Business Development & Tourism
Alex Cross, MPPA – Business Development Manager
James Travers – Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking
Garrett Bolella, P.E., PTOE, RSP1 – Assistant Director, Transportation, Mobility and Parking

Subject: August 6th ECD Meeting Agenda Item – Authorize the Mayor, Barbara C. Smyth, to award a contract agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc, in the amount of \$499,957.00 for project number 4506 TMP2026-8 for the City of Norwalk Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

Date: July 27th, 2026

The Transportation, Mobility and Parking Department (TMP) applied for an extremely competitive Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant and the U.S Department of Transportation awarded the City of Norwalk \$500,000 to develop a comprehensive, citywide Safety Action Plan. Using a data-driven approach, the plan will identify high-risk roadways and intersections and recommend short- and long-term strategies that align with the City's updated design standards and mobility priorities under the Complete Streets Ordinance. Its broader goal is to support Norwalk's commitment to Vision Zero by outlining targeted steps to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities.

Although the City received the award in 2024, administrative delays and post-election funding uncertainty postponed execution of the grant agreement until Fall 2025. Once finalized, the City solicited proposals from qualified consultants. A total of four (4) firms responded to the solicitation, all of which were interviewed on June 10, 2026. Two firms were selected to provide an additional platform demonstration on June 25, 2026. Based on all evaluation criteria, the review committee recommends awarding the project to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc (GPI). They stood out as the most qualified firm for their outreach and engagement, community participation, service and product delivery, and history of demonstrated success in other communities.

The \$500,000 grant includes an 80% federal share and a 20% local match, with \$400,000 provided by USDOT and \$100,000 from TMP's State Municipal Grant and Aid.

The consultants' responsibilities will include:

1. **City-wide Turning Movement Counts (TMCs):** Completing TMCs at all 142 signalized intersections, including both City and State signals. These counts will support the evaluation of safety-related signal timing improvements, with an emphasis on Vulnerable Road Users. The data will also be valuable for future projects and broader efforts to enhance traffic flow.

2. **Data Collection & Assessment:** Reviewing and assessing all TMP data assets developed to date. This assessment will identify data gaps and opportunities to improve overall data quality. The results will help strengthen future analyses and planning.
3. **Project Advisory Committee (PAC):** Working with a PAC to identify improvements aligned with the Safe Systems Approach. Members will represent various departments and stakeholder or advocacy groups, such as emergency services and Norwalk Public Schools. The PAC will meet three times to provide feedback on site selection calculations, identify supportive policies, and approve selected locations for future improvements.
4. **Public Engagement:** Gathering input from Norwalk residents and stakeholders through both online and in-person engagement. An online mapping or survey tool will be shared via social media and City platforms, supplemented by presence at community events such as the Oyster Festival, NICE Film Festival, or Earth Day. Consultants will ensure accessibility through interpreters, multilingual materials, ADA compliance, and will provide meeting summaries to guide Safety Action Plan priorities.
5. **City Traffic Data Platform:** Developing a Traffic Data Platform that automates portions of the crash data workflow to reduce manual data cleaning. TMP will own and maintain the platform, ensuring it remains up to date over time. This tool will support ongoing project evaluation by enabling before-and-after comparisons and helping identify future project locations.
6. **Safety Analytics Dashboard:** Developing a public-facing safety analytics dashboard that summarizes key data and explains the rationale behind site-selection decisions. It will include a safety toolkit outlining possible countermeasures and mitigation strategies. The dashboard will help the City track long-term progress toward Vision Zero.
7. **Safety Action Plan:** Creating a Safety Action Plan to guide the City toward Vision Zero and support future safety-focused funding opportunities. Site selection for both City and State roads will rely on the Traffic Data Platform, with additional locations identified for Vulnerable Road Users. All selected sites will be reviewed with the PAC for feedback and approval.
8. **Adopting Vision Zero:** At the conclusion of the project we will establish a target date for advancing Vision Zero practices. Additionally, this will set the framework for the adoption of Vision Zero. With the adoption of Complete Streets, during its first year, the City saw a double digit reduction in both pedestrian and vehicular crashes. The framework established during the SS4A process will best position the City to adopt a Vision Zero Policy moving forward.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

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