

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 1, 2025
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frayer called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Anne Wennerstrand, Dajuan Wiggins; Nora Niedzielski-Eichner; Barbara Smyth; Heather Dunn (7:03p.m.)

At Roll Call there were five (5) Committee members present, constituting a quorum. Heather Dunn arrived at 7:03p.m. Darlene Young was absent.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. SPECIAL MEETING: JUNE 2, 2025

There was no report on this item.

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED THE ITEM**

****MR. WIGGINS ABSTAINED**

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FEE CHANGES: INCREASE FEE FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR EXTRA 65-GAL GARBAGE BINS, AND ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR DROP-OFF/PICK-UP FEE FOR VM SIGNS AT SPECIAL EVENTS, AS PER THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

Diane Lauricella of 21 Little Fox Lane asked if there would be data collection measurable against dumping incidents. Either because of more vigilance or higher fees. Will these types of reports be available to the Council and the public in the near future?

Chairman Frayer closed the Public Hearing at 7:08p.m.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Lauricella of 21 Little Fox Lane spoke about solid waste. She asked how many weeks or months in advance notice was given to the residents prior to the deadline of July 1st as far as receiving and only being able to use the black and red containers. She asked if there are any special plans regarding bottles and cans recycling during the 4th of July holiday. She is also interested in what Win Waste plans are for education.

Chairman Frayer closed public participation at 7:11p.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AT 2 MULLER AVENUE. THROUGH TECHNICAL ANALYSES, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER FLOW GENERATED FROM THE PROPOSED CONNECTIONS. THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DPW AND WPCA SANITARY SEWER PERMIT PROCESS AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY (ADOPTED JULY 7, 2021) AND BE REFERRED BACK TO THE WPCA BOARD FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE (DRAWING ATTACHED).

Mr. Giron reported that he had been working with the property owner at 2 Mueller Avenue to connect to their sanitary sewer. The property has some existing violations with the Conservation Department. The resident is currently on septic and to be in compliance, he must connect to the sanitary sewer. Mr. Giron shared his screen and showed the site plan where on the map the sewer connection is proposed. It has been approved by the WPCA and the Conservation Commission and there was a public hearing. DPW will inspect the sanitary sewer installation to ensure it meets their standards. The owner will be required to test the main and to make sure there are no leaks before connecting to the city system.

****MS. SMITH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT(S) WITH H.W. LOCHNER FOR DESIGN AND COORDINATION SERVICES DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 IN CONNECTION WITH WALK BRIDGE PROGRAM (STATE PROJECT NOS. 301-0176, 301-0188, 301-0187, 102-297, 301-0180) FOR A TOTAL SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$376,974.12.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 18 4062 5799 C0613

100% STATE REIMBURSABLE

Ms. Valadares reported that Lochner is the representative for the WPCA for the Walk Bridge Project. For all sewer upgrades related to the program, the state pays 100% of fee for construction and design. She explained how the process works.

****MS. SMITH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. APPROVE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS RATES AND FEES TO BE SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, AS PER THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

Ms. Valadares explained the dump fee that was increased this year. She explained the VMS signs used for special events and the increased request to have them. There is a fee for drop-offs for barricades on the schedule, and they would like to identify the VMS sign drop-off/pick-up fee. Ms. Valadares explained the special event permit process. She explained and discussed the extra bin for solid waste. Eligible residential units for garbage pickup received one (1) bin each. Their main goal is to reduce solid waste. They also offer many programs besides recycling to minimize solid waste. Once the Council approves the fee, they will begin to receive requests for additional bins. They first call customer service, confirm eligibility. Once eligibility is confirmed, they will reach out to residents with a link to purchase the bin. Once payment is received, they will schedule delivery. Every bin is assigned to a certain address with a barcode. To add a second bin, there will be a cost of \$300. It is a one-time fee to cover the bin itself,

collection, the delivery, administration fee and tipping fee for a two-year period. In 2027, they will revisit how they will charge for solid waste and city-wide collection. This plan was approved by the Council. It will take approximately one (1) month after receiving the request for an additional bin. Each parcel can only purchase four (4) bins.

****MS. SMITH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO AWARD A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH STAR CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,484,203.50 WITH A 10% CONTINGENCY OF \$248,420.35 FOR PROJECT 4439 TMP2025-2 WEST ROCKS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT - STATE PROJECT(S) 102-365 AND 102-374.ACCOUNT NO.

09 25 3750 5777 C0706

09 25 3750 5777 C0824

09 26 3750 4120 C0851

09 26 3750 5777 C0706

09 26 3750 5799 C0851

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09 26 3750 5777 C0824

Mr. Pacelli gave the background of the project and funding. They have consolidated two (2) federally funded projects. He said this would enhance pedestrian safety. He answered any questions the committee had.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

E. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO AWARD A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH TECTONIC ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, GEOLOGISTS & LAND SURVEYORS, D.P.C., INC. AND M&J ENGINEERING FOR TASK-BASED SERVICES RELATED TO PROJECT 4453 TMP2025-4 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD, BILLABLE ON AN HOURLY BASIS, WITH AN OPTION TO NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TERMS OF ONE (1) YEAR.ACCOUNT NO.

09 23 4120 5777 C0232

09 24 3750 5777 C0835

09 25 3750 5777 C0528

09 25 3750 5777 C0706

09 25 3750 5777 C0824

09 25 4120 5777 C0232

09 26 3750 5777 C0441

09 26 3750 5777 C0649

09 26 3750 5777 C0706
09 26 3750 5777 C0800
09 26 3750 5777 C0824
09 26 4120 5777 C0232
36 3701 5799 G0060

Mr. Pacelli reported that this is tied to the West Rocks Project and is also federally funded. He discussed the project and answered any questions the committee had. He stated that the consultant takes accurate daily tracking of the progress. This is a task-based project.

****MS. SMITH MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 3RD AMENDMENT TO THE DECEMBER 12, 2023, AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO INC. FOR PURCHASING PROJECT 4322, DRG 2023-3 ON CALL DRAINAGE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$900,306.75.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 20 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4062 5777 C0361
09 24 4021 5777 C0302
09 25 4021 5777 C0302
09 26 4021 5777 C0302
09 24 4021 5777 C0021
09 25 4021 5777 C0021
09 26 4021 5777 C0021
09 21 4021 5777 C0440
09 22 4021 5777 C0440
09 24 4021 5777 C0440
09 25 4021 5777 C0440
09 26 4021 5777 C0440
09 20 4027 5777 C0643
09 21 4021 5777 C0643
09 22 4021 5777 C0643
09 25 4021 5777 C0643
09 26 4021 5777 C0643
133110 5796 ARP05
134010 5796 APW05
134010 5796 APW10

2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH M. RONDANO, INC. FOR

PROJECT DRG2023-3 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$90,030.68.

ACCOUNT NO.

09 20 4062 5777 C0361

09 24 4062 5777 C0361

09 24 4021 5777 C0302

09 25 4021 5777 C0302

09 26 4021 5777 C0302

09 24 4021 5777 C0021

09 25 4021 5777 C0021

09 26 4021 5777 C0021

09 21 4021 5777 C0440

09 22 4021 5777 C0440

09 24 4021 5777 C0440

09 25 4021 5777 C0440

09 26 4021 5777 C0440

09 20 4027 5777 C0643

09 21 4021 5777 C0643

09 22 4021 5777 C0643

09 25 4021 5777 C0643

09 26 4021 5777 C0643

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Mr. Meehan explained the amendment to the committee. He said the current contract expires in February. They would like to add additional funds to the contract for the additional work they have in the city.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. REPORTS

A. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Torre reported there were 10 removals. 7 were on public property, 2 were in the parks, and 1 on school property. There were 41 safety pruning, 33 in the right-of-way, 3 on school property and 5 in the parks. The Committee briefly discussed the Tree of Heavens issue.

B. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT

Mr. Szabo reported that there are no special plans for the holiday weekend. They continue to offer Eyecycle events once a month. It's a mobile can/bottle redemption event. This gives the residents a chance to redeem their own cans/bottles. There may have taken a little bit more solid waste at the transfer station, but as long as it is under the 10% range for tonnage, they are in a good place. Curbside recycling should increase. The hope is to get some adoption into the recycling program with the new standard-sized carts possible as an incentive that are all across the city, in an effort to make the best use of the program offered to the residents.

C. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT

They will have the full year tonnage report at the next meeting. The committee discussed possible target areas for the food scrap program.

D. UPCOMING PROJECTS STATUS

There was no discussion on this item.

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dunn moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A. TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD