

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2025
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frayer called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Frayer called the Roll: James Frayer, Darlene Young, Anne Wennerstrand, Barbara Smyth, Nora Niedzielski-Eichner (7:02p.m.), Heather Dunn (7:05p.m.)

At Roll Call there were four (4) Committee members present, constituting a quorum present. Nora Niedzielski-Eichner arrived at 7:02p.m. and Heather Dunn arrived at 7:05p.m. Dajuan Wiggins was absent.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: JULY 1, 2025

There was no report on this item.

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

B. REGULAR MEETING: AUGUST 5, 2025

There was no report on this item.

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

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Lauricella, 21 Little Fox Lane. She said there have been many good movements forward related to waste management and recycling. The intentions have been good. She wants to make sure that the next group of council members remembers that members of the public should be included in some of the decision-making about waste management and recycling. She has asked for numerous iterations from the committee to have a special blue ribbon task force of people that care about recycling and reusing. She mentioned the possibility of a swap shop and how she sees many things at the transfer station that could be reused are being thrown away. She stated that trash costs can be reduced by having a much more optimized and holistic recycling reuse program. She believes all their voices should count when they want to volunteer their expertise, which she has. She is currently on the Governor's Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council as the Waste Co-Chair.

Chairman Frayer closed public participation at 7:05p.m.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 MEETING DATES

There was no report on this item.

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

B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO INCREASE THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 9, 2024, AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,

INC., FOR PROJECT PM2024-2 – PERMANENT ROADWAY REPAIRS AND SURFACE RESTORATION, BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.
ACCOUNT NO.
03 00 00 2602

Mr. Giron reported that this contract is responsible for doing all the trench repairs that are performed by private utilities around the city. They go back and restore them after a settlement period. They also collect fees from the permit applicant to fund that restoration effort. They have been going beyond just restoring the trenches to make sure the rest of the roadway is in good shape. They are asking to increase the contract value so they can go back and finalize a couple more trenches that still need repair from work that was performed last year.

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

C. STR2025-1 PROJECT 4467 COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC FOR CITY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PROJECT 4467 - PROJECT STR2025-1 REPLACEMENT OF THE LEXINGTON AVENUE RETAINING WALL (11, 19 AND 21 SNOWDEN STREET), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$395,895.00.

ACCOUNT NO.
510000 5796 GGP01
510000 5796 GGP07

2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT WITH COLONNA CONCRETE & ASPHALT PAVING LLC FOR CITY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PROJECT 4467 - PROJECT STR2025-1 REPLACEMENT OF THE LEXINGTON AVENUE RETAINING WALL (11, 19 AND 21 SNOWDEN STREET), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,589.50.

ACCOUNT NO.
510000 5796 GGP01
510000 5796 GGP07

Chairman Frayer asked for a motion to Suspend the Rules to replace Item V.C.1 and V.C.2 from the packet with the email version of that item.

****MS. YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO SUBSTITUTE ITEM V.C.1 AND V.C.2 FROM THE PACKET WITH THE EMAIL VERSION OF ITEM V.C.1 AND V.C.2**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairman Frayer read Items C1 and C2 together.

Ms. Valadares reported stating the retaining wall collapsed approximately four (4) years ago. They were not successful with the property owners rebuilding the wall. This is an emergency because if they don't reestablish the retaining wall the concern is the elevation between Lexington Avenue and the other street. They do not want debris to fall down or to have the sidewalk blocked from pedestrians. Since the new school opened in the late summer, they expect the traffic to increase in that neighborhood so they will use some of the funds allocated to that neighborhood to repair the retaining wall. There were two (2) options for the bid. There will be a lot of excavations for this project.

Mr. Sotnik shared his screen with the Committee. He explained the two (2) options they have for the wall and the pre-cast differences. The wall is 160 ft long and four (4) feet to six (6) feet high. There are no choices being made today this is just informational. The character of the area will be maintained. They are hoping to break ground this year but realistically the contract may not be ready until the end of the month and if there is mild weather they may be able to start otherwise it will be in the spring. The work is also being done on someone's property so their input may be needed as well.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF 779 AND 789 CONNECTICUT AVE. FOR PURPOSES OF AND AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTING A PUBLIC SIDEWALK IN THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY ALONG CONNECTICUT AVE.

Mr. Yeung reported that this is a critical sidewalk gap. They are engaged with Westcog on a holistic corridor study for Route 1 from Darien town line to Van Buren. This location was identified as an issue. He gave a brief background of the project. They worked with Costco to get an easement for future sidewalk construction along their frontage as part of the agreement. They do not have a hard timeline for this project. Ms. Dunn asked if there was a bus stop in front of Costco and if it would be possible to have a covered shelter for the bus stop. Mr. Yeung responded that the bus stop was still there, and they could explore that.

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

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. REPORTS

A. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

1. JULY 2025 TREE REPORT

Mr. Torre reported there were 51 tree removals and 53 pruning in July

2. AUGUST 2025 TREE REPORT

Mr. Torre reported that there were 23 tree removals and 47 pruning's in August.

3. SEPTEMBER 2025 TREE REPORT

Mr. Torre reported there were 30 tree removals and 63 pruning in September.

B. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ROLL OUT UPDATE

Mr. Szabo reported that in July they have been working hard to get everything right and went above and beyond on educating residents about the new program and accommodate anyone who needed it. They talked about residents' feedback on the garbage bins. They discussed the option to expand citywide collection in 2027. Then they will re-evaluate the program. They discussed tracking which is funneled through customer service. They continue to meet bi-weekly with Win Waste to go over the metrics. The transfer station on Meadow Street is very smelly and has traveled down to the new school and the committee would like to know what Win Waste is going to do about the smell. A discussion ensued about keeping residents informed and fiscal responsibility.

C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT

1. JULY 2025 REPORT

Mr. Szabo gave a brief report to the committee members. Recycling has gone down partially due to the condos being taken off the collection list.

2. AUGUST 2025 REPORT

See above report status

D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT

Mr. Szabo reported. There was a bit of a decline at Cranbury Park and an increase of the utilization of the Rowayton Community Center or the Transfer Station. The committee asked about opening another drop off site for the food scrap program. A

discussion ensued about possible sites. It was noted that there is a lot on the operation side of this and another issue is in getting the permit and staff to supervise the drop-off site, which is not doable at this moment. They are still offering a lot of educational programs to educate the residents.

E. ONGOING PROJECTS STATUS

Mr. Meehan gave the committee a brief status report on the projects in the city.

VII. DISCUSSION

There was no report on this item.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Young moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8.40p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025