

**CITY OF NORWALK
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goldstein called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Goldstein called the Roll: Josh Goldstein, Jalin Sead, Anne Wennerstrand, Jim Frayer, Jan Degenshein, Darlene Young (6:04 p.m.), Nicole Ayers (6:08 p.m.)

At Roll Call there were five (5) Committee members present, constituting a quorum. Darlene Young arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Nicole Ayers arrived at 6:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Josh Goldstein; Chair, Jan Degenshein; Vice-Chair, Anne Wennerstrand, Jim Frayer, Jalin Sead, Darlene Young (6:04 p.m.), Nicole Ayers (6:08 p.m.)

STAFF: Sabrina Godeski, Jay Habansky, Greg Pacelli, Ben Yeung
OTHERS: Nicole Eaddy, Jonathan Hopkins, Richard Dellinger, Broderick Sawyer (6:15 p.m)

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. SPECIAL MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 2025

There was no report on this item.

****MR. FRAYER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MS. WENNERSTRAND AND MR. DEGENSHEIN ABSTAINED**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTION**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

Chair Goldstein closed the public participation at 6:04p.m.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND PARKING

1. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY, AND PARKING TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT FOR FUSS AND O'NEILL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,500 FOR THE SOUNDVIEW AVENUE PROJECT.

ACCT: 0926-3750-5777-C0824

TMP has pulled this item from the agenda.
There was no report or vote on this item.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND B&W PAVING & LANDSCAPING LLC FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$437,110.00 FOR PROJECT 4481 TMP2025-5

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ENHANCEMENTS ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE AT HAMILTON AVE.

ACCT: 520000-5796-MLK01

Chair Goldstein read Item 2 and Item 3 together.

Mr. Pacelli gave a brief review of the project. He said that this is for the enhancement of the staircase that connects Martin Luther King Drive (MLK) to Hamilton Avenue, which is directly across from Bates Court. He went over the scope of work with the committee. The anticipated start date is Spring 2026. This project is funded through the MLK Corridor Initiative. He said that this project is community driven with the support of the local community. A discussion ensued about the project. They talked about the staircase and its location. There was mention of future sidewalk roadway improvements. It was suggested to inform the MLK Committee and the residents about the project. The committee members asked if the residents were informed of the upcoming construction. They talked about looking for more grant opportunities as well. The public art in that area will not be disturbed. A question was asked about concrete and purchasing concrete with a lower carbon footprint. It was stated that they follow the state and the standard details.

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY, AND PARKING TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND B&W PAVING & LANDSCAPING LLC, FOR PROJECT TMP2025-5 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ENHANCEMENTS ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DRIVE AT HAMILTON AVE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$43,711.00.

ACCT: 520000-5796-MLK01

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4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAFETY MARKING LLC FOR PROJECT TMP2026-1 PAVEMENT MARKINGS, SYMBOLS AND LEGENDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$271,829.00.

ACCT(S): 0926-3750-5777-C0562
0925-3750-5777-C0562
0926-3750-5777-C0562
0926-3750-5777-C0824

Mr. Pacelli gave a brief background of the contract with Safety Markings.

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

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND A. VITTI EXCAVATORS, LLC FOR PROJECT TMP 2025-6 SOUTH MAIN STREET RAIL SPUR AND BERM REMOVAL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$849,497.00.

ACCT: 0924-3750-5777-C0835

Mr. Yeung explained the project. He said this would be Phase I of the project. He said the community has requested these improvements. The Committee went into a discussion about the project's timeline, possible disruptions, disturbance and safety of the school with excavation and construction. He explained the location of the roundabout and the committee began to discuss another entryway as well. Mr. Yeung reported the bidding details and funding to the committee.

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

Chair Goldstein asked for a motion to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda.

**** MR. DEGENSHEIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Goldstein read the item.

Authorize the Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking to execute orders on the contract between the City of Norwalk and A. Vitti Excavators, LLC for Project TMP 2025-6 South Main Street Rail Spur and Berm Removal, for a sum not to exceed \$84,949.70.

Acct: 0924-3750-5777-C0835

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

B. REDEVELOPMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE "SONO" SIGNAGE CURRENTLY LOCATED UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGE IN SOUTH NORWALK, AND A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE SIGN AT SAID LOCATION.

Mr. Hopkins, Director of Program Development with the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency reported on this. This is an administrative item. They currently have an agreement with the State and that needs to be updated. The state has an insurance requirement that exceeds what the agency has as their insurance policy. They would like to transfer this agreement to the city. The City's insurance meets the requirement. There is no ongoing cost for the sign.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Degenshein moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:58p.m.