

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Andrew Conroy, Chair; Douglas Hempstead; Nora King;
Kelly Straniti; Fred Bondi (7:25 p.m.); John Tobin (7:30 p.m.)

STAFF: Hal Alvord, Director

GUEST: Mayor, Richard Moccia

Mr. Conroy called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Moccia explained that he waited for input from Mr. Fuller's family regarding installing a memorial street in his name, following his untimely death. They understand the difficulties of changing a street name and appreciate that the City wants to make an honorary street in his memory. Mayor Moccia said that he received a petition with 150 names following Mr. Fuller's death. He said that this is an honorary street name and the family is very appreciative; they are very satisfied with this resolution.

Mr. Conroy asked if there is more than one street sign on Academy Street. Mr. Alvord said that both signs on the street can be changed.

Mr. Conroy noted that there were no members of the public present this evening.

Mayor Moccia passed on comments he heard from residents on Olmstead Place following Hurricane Irene. He said that they did not have one drop of water in their basements. Mr. Alvord added that he had people call him to thank him for resolving the drainage issues. Mayor Moccia said that they did not get any calls from McKendrie Court and did not have to rescue anyone.

Mr. Conroy said that wanted to hear from VHP. Mr. Alvord said that he will try to schedule a project advisory committee meeting.

Ms. King said that she thought there was supposed to be a follow up with IT regarding Customer Service.

Mr. Conroy said that they need to schedule a walk down East Avenue. He would like to schedule it during a heavy traffic time. Ms. Straniti suggested scheduling the walk an hour or two before the Committee meeting.

**** MR. CONROY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO SIGN A RESOLUTION AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL A MEMORIAL STREET NAME SIGN ON ACADEMY STREET IN THE NAME OF RICHARD N. FULLER, SR. (longtime Norwalk educator and civic leader, now deceased)**

Ms. King said that this goes against what is being done in the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Hempstead said that it is a honorarium instead of a street re-naming.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Norwalk Transfer Station

Mr. Alvord said that he has the June and July report. He said that he would only comment on the June report. He said that they ended the year at \$100,000 which was anticipated. As the economy turns he expects the revenues from recycling to increase. He said that he is in discussions with City Carting about single stream recycling and they may be willing to wrap that into their current contract. Mr. Alvord said that there are mixed reviews about single stream recycling, because there are still issues with contamination. He added that there would be challenges with implementation.

Mr. Bondi joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Ms. King said that they have single stream recycling in the Boston area and the containers are very heavy, but she thinks it is a good idea. Mr. Alvord said that it would be a reinvestment for City Carting. He noted that City Carting has bought up other recycling companies.

Mr. Tobin joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. King said that education is the key. She asked about the ability to get competitive bids since City Carting has bought up other companies. Mr. Alvord said that as they have bought up other companies, other companies are coming into the market.

Status Report – Transportation Management Plan

There was no report.

BUSINESS PORTION

Approve the Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of July 5, 2011

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES FOR CLARIFICATION
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE
PURCHASE ORDERS TO INTERNATIONAL SALT COMPANY, LLC FOR SNOW AND
ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$66.95 PER TON FOR NORMAL
DELIVERY AND \$69.95 PER TON FOR AFTER HOUR DELIVERY EFFECTIVE FOR THE
2011-2012 WINTER SEASON**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0140 25 5322

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE
PURCHASE ORDERS TO INTERNATIONAL SALT COMPANY, LLC FOR TREATED
ROAD SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$82.95
PER TON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER HOUR DELIVERY EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2011-
2012 WINTER SEASON**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0140 25 5322

Mr. Alvord explained that salt prices have come down since last year because most other municipalities were unable to use as much salt last year due to the deep snow.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS TO INNOVATIVE SURFACE SOLUTIONS FOR LIQUID BRINE, PRICING NOT TO EXCEED \$1.14 PER GALLON FOR NORMAL AND AFTER HOUR DELIVERY EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2011-2012 WINTER SEASON**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0140 25 5322

Mr. Alvord explained that salt is done on a one year basis, because the price of salt varies so much.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING FOR PAVEMENT ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. THE AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A THREE YEAR BASE PERIOD, WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR OPTIONS AND AN ANNUAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$250,000 PER YEAR**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0911 4021 5777 C0021

Mr. Alvord explained that this was intended to be a three year contract. Stantec Consulting is a pavement consulting company.

Ms. King asked if this should be kept to an annual contract, since Stantec is a new company for Norwalk. Mr. Alvord said that part of the contract provides an inspector at the plant to be sure the mixes meet the City's specifications. In addition they do an analysis of the City roads. They also help create the five year paving plan.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. BONDI; MR. CONROY; MR. HEMPSTEAD; MS. STRANITI AND MR. TOBIN) AND ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MS. KING)**

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT NO. 5.09-01 (11) WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR RIGHTS OF WAY ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 04989 ON JAMES STREET OVER THE SILVERMINE RIVER UTILIZING FEDERAL AND MUNICIPAL FUNDS. STATE PROJECT NUMBER 102-320 AND FEDERAL PROJECT NUMBER 6102-013**

Mr. Alvord explained that the State determined that they will be acquiring property that is within an easement. No homes will be taken. The property owners will be paid for the acquisition of property. The State has talked to the property owners, but they will not discuss this with the property owners until the agreement is signed. He said that Brian Sweeney also talked to the property owners. Ms. King suggested that he come to a meeting to relay what was discussed with the residents.

Ms. Straniti said that the process is flawed. She said that she does not want to approve this without further information. Mr. Alvord explained that the Committee is authorizing the Mayor to sign the right of way agreement with the State. Ms. Straniti said that the bridge needs this project. Ms. King agreed that the process is flawed. She asked to have confirmation that the residents are aware of this and that they are comfortable with this. Mr. Alvord said that he can get the information and e-mail it to the Committee tomorrow.

Mr. Hempstead said that he was willing to move this item to the full Council provided that the property owners are aware of the current action and have no problem with it.

Ms. Straniti said that she is familiar with the bridge and the properties. It has been in progress for at least two years, therefore, in this instance, if the property owners have no problem, she will approve this. She reiterated that the process needs to change.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) VOTES IN FAVOR (MR. BONDI; MR. CONROY; MR. HEMPSTEAD AND MS. STRANITI) AND TWO (2) VOTES IN OPPOSITION (MS. KING AND MR. TOBIN)**

- ** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO J. PYOTT AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2011 DRAG A BOX MATERIAL SPREADER/IG 7-12 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$14,340.29**

ACCOUNT NUMBER 0911/12 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Alvord explained the item. He said that they can get a lot of cut and patch done with this item. It is carried behind the asphalt truck.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO KUT KWICK CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2011 KUT KWICK – SUPER SLOPE MASTER, MODEL SSM38.72D, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$55,212.00**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0911/12 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Alvord explained that this is an efficiency move. This is a tractor that will work on slopes as well as level land and will save a lot of manpower.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. STRANITI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO BOBCAT OF CONNECTICUT, INC. FOR PROJECT #3087, THE PURCHASE OF A 2011 BOBCAT E42 COMPACT EXCAVATOR, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$46,234.88**

ACCOUNT NUMBER 0911/12 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Alvord explained that the specs were met by the lowest responsible bidder. He said that they had a performance spec and did not specify a brand name. This is a small back hoe that can get into tight spaces. It can also do dredging.

Ms. King asked Mr. Alvord how he knew this was the price for this model. Mr. Alvord said that they put out a competitive bid for an excavator this is what the amount of the competitive bid.

Mr. Alvord said that the warranties are specified in the bid.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO W. H. ROSE FOR PROJECT #3086, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2011 SWENSDA MODEL STCC TAILGATE CONVEYOR SYSTEM, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$14,862.00

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0911/12 4031 5777 C0313

Mr. Alvord explained the item.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MS. STRANITI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MAG & SON CLOTHING LLC FOR PROJECT #3076, THE SUPPLY OF UNIFORMS (WORK APPAREL), FOR ANNUAL SUMS NOT TO EXCEED \$16,466.10 FOR FY 2011-2012, \$16,466.10 FOR FY 2012-2013 AND \$16,889.60 FOR FY 2013-2014

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 014021 5276

Mr. Alvord explained the item.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MS. KING MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED THAT RICHARD A. MOCCIA, MAYOR BE AND HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ENTITLED:

“AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR THE CONSTRICTION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PHASE TWO – TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS AND SYSTEM UPGRADE AT EIGHT INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWALK UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CMAQ).”

Mr. Alvord explained that the City owns and operates 86 traffic signals and the State owns and operates 37. He said that the City took over several signals because the State refuses to synchronize their signals. He said that the City will be taking over two more.

Mr. Alvord said that he wants to standardize all of the components of the traffic signals. Fifteen traffic signals will be replaced with video detection. He explained how video detection works. It will not be disrupted by construction and is more sensitive to traffic.

Ms. Straniti asked about the traffic signals on Bartlett Manor and Route 123 and on Riverside Avenue and Ponus Avenue. Mr. Alvord said that the City is not taking over State signals unless they convert them to the City's standards. Ms. Straniti asked Mr. Alvord if he could pull accident reports from those locations.

Mr. Bondi said that the crossing guard at Cross Street is constantly pushing the signal button which causes traffic to back up. Mr. Alvord said that the crossing guard works for the Police Department.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE CARRYING THE METRO NORTH DANBURY LINE OVER NORTH WATER STREET/REED STREET EXTENSION AT DANBURY BRANCH MILEPOINT 0.36, WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF PROJECT NO. BR 2007-2, REED STREET RAILROAD BRIDGE AND REED STREET EXTENSION AND TO**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS TO AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE BRIDGE

Mr. Alvord explained that there are two documents necessary to open Reed Street. The Mayor needs to sign the deed of the bridge over to the State.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Alvord reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Saturday, September 9th. On October 1st the DPW will hold an open house in conjunction with the Fire Department.

Mr. Alvord reported on Hurricane Irene. He said that as the storm came up the coastline, the State and City Emergency Management became very active and updated the forecast. The forecast was for 10-13 foot high surges, which would have submerged the Public Works Center. They evacuated to Norden Park.

The eye of the storm passed over Norwalk. We ended up with a tropical storm with surges of 4 feet. Mr. Alvord said that he started calling crews in Sunday afternoon. A lot of trees were down, which took down communications. He noted that the highest lines on the poles are the power lines.

Mr. Alvord reported that the plan with CL&P was that they would have a liaison with the DPW superintendent. He said that the CL&P representative was effective in getting resources reallocated. They had to get the emergency response routes open first and they had to put dedicated line crews to work with Public Works crews. By Tuesday, they had seven dedicated crews working.

The sewage treatment plant worked, but the Bell Island pump became submerged and they had no working sewer for about a day and a half. Mr. Alvord said that they were able to maintain trash and recycling on schedule. Bell Island needed a lot of help and crews were down there by Friday.

Mr. Alvord reported that the sea wall and pier at Calf Pasture was destroyed. There were a number of catch basins and manhole covers that were damaged. The yard debris site stayed open until 5:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Alvord said that a lot of the staff sustained damage to their own homes, and they came in to respond to the needs of the City.

Ms. Straniti asked about the warnings that were issued about the drinking water systems. Mr. Alvord said that he received an alert from *The Hour* saying that Bethel and Ridgefield had to boil their water along with 69 other towns. He explained that those 69 towns were small rural areas and a condo association that did not have water a purification system. He said that it was a misrepresentation.

Mr. Alvord said that the Norwalk Waste Water treatment plant never lost power, but power was lost a various pump stations.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

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