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**PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2021  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**ATTENDANCE:** John Kydes, Chair; David Heuvelman; Thomas Keegan;  
Barbara Smyth; Thomas Livingston; George Tsiranides;  
Lisa Shanahan (6:13 pm).

**STAFF:** Sabrina Church, Director Business Development and Tourism;  
Steve Kleppin, Director of Planning and Zoning; Jessica Vonashek,  
Chief Economic and Community Development; Michael Yeosock,  
Transportation, Mobility and Parking

**OTHERS:** Brian Bidoli, Executive Director, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency

Mr. Kydes opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 NAA-TCP PROGRAM**

Applications: <https://www.norwalkct.org/1709/Neighborhood-Assistance-Act-Tax-Credit-P>

No members of the public wished to comment, and no comments were submitted.

Mr. Kydes closed the public hearing.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Kydes called the Roll as indicated above.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

Ms. Shanahan joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

#### **I. ADMINISTRATION**

A. Approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2021 Meeting.

The following correction was made:

Add Mr. Heuvelman's name to the attendance.

**\*\* MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS  
CORRECTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **II. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed this evening.

#### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Update on Industrial Zone Public Hearing

Mr. Kleppin said that a memo with backup should have been received by the Committee members. He said they are at the point where they are examining the report and making edits. It will be out for public consumption in July.

Mr. Kleppin explained that they realized that the water front industrial areas were more complex and they decided to look at this as an addendum to the study.

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND UTILE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR THE ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF SERVICES TO CONDUCT THE NORWALK URBAN WATERFRONT LAND USE PLAN.**

Mr. Kleppin said his previous comments were related to this item. A public hearing related to the study was held. He said he would be happy to share the draft plan once it is vetted. This is a request for additional funds for the study.

Mr. Livingston asked Mr. Kleppin why they were doing a separate study. Mr. Kleppin said there are a lot of complexities with the waterfront. He explained those issues and added that they also have to think about how the rise in sea level will impact those areas. Mr. Livingston said he was all in favor of enhancing the water front access.

Ms. Smyth said she was thrilled that they are at the point where they can move forward; there is so much that can be activated there. Mr. Kydes said there has always been a need for a plan and said he was looking forward to updates in the coming months.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADVANCE THE RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AT THE JUNE 8, 2021 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING OF THEIR INCLUSION IN THE 2021 CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM.**

Mr. Bidoli reviewed the item. He said this is a program that is administrated on behalf of the City. He explained that the amounts are based on need and operating budgets.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. TRANSPORTATION PARKING & MOBILITY

**\*\* MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC (VHB) FOR THE DESIGN OF A ROUNDABOUT ON GREGORY BOULEVARD AT FIFTH STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,600.00. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09 20 4120 5777 C0232**

Mr. Yeosock reviewed the item. He said they did some work there a few months ago, but they want to look at a permanent solution. It is unfriendly to bikers and pedestrians.

Mr. Kydes asked who will make the ultimate decision. Mr. Yeosock explained that the Traffic Authority and Common Council will weigh in on this. Ms. Vonashek explained that the Traffic Authority reviewed this two – three times and it was decided to look at the infrastructure at Gregory Boulevard. Mr. Kydes asked if the Planning Committee will have the opportunity to look at the plans. Ms. Vonashek said they can look at the design.

Mr. Kydes said he hopes the public will be involved. Mr. Yeosock said they will see the concepts in two – three months.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILING TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL, INC. A 501-C, TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WIL-WALK SECTION OF THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL. ACCOUNT NUMBER: 09 21 3750 5777 C0777**

Mr. Yeosock gave an overview of the request and said the NRVT raised funds for the project; however, costs have gone up over the last three years and they had to cut back on the scope of the project. This request is to cover the shortfall. The project is under construction and if they get the funds, it will be completed this year. They can stipulate that these funds will only be used for the Norwalk portion of this project.

Mr. Kydes asked if they piggyback on the City's paving program. Mr. Yeosock explained there is no paving in this project.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services