

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
June 7, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:** Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Keegan; Tom Livingston; Darlene Young, Lisa Shanahan (7:04p.m.)

**STAFF:** Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works; Vanessa Valadares, Principal Engineer; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Michael Yeosock, Principal Engineer; Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer; Daniel Stanton, Senior Civil Engineer; Darin Callahan, Asst. Corp. Counsel

To allow public access, anyone may access a meeting by telephone, Zoom, and/or the City of Norwalk YouTube channel. Specific instructions and links can be found at: [norwalkct.org/meetings](https://norwalkct.org/meetings)



Members of the public can call in and listen to a meeting. They will not be able to speak or see any of the meeting participants. Each meeting will use a unique Meeting/Webinar ID. Please find the information using the link above.



Members of the public who wish to provide "live comments" will need to register in advance and use the Zoom meeting platform. All participants will be muted upon entering the meeting. To speak, click the "raise your hand indicator" and you will be called on by the host of the meeting during the public comment section. Please find the information using the link above.



Members of the public who wish to view the meeting, but are not participating, can view a live stream on the City of Norwalk YouTube channel. This stream is delayed by approximately 20 seconds. Please find the information using the link above. The meeting recording and minutes will be posted on the City of Norwalk website within seven (7) days after the meeting.



Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be read into the record, they should be submitted at least three hours in advance of the meeting start time. Please email Monique Cipriano at to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll:

Tom Keegan            Tom Livingston            Darlene Young            Barbara Smyth  
Lisa Shanahan (7:04p.m.)

At Roll Call there were five (5) Committee members present. Nora Niedzielski-Eichner and Dominique Johnson were not present. A quorum was present. The fifth Committee Member, Lisa Shanahan arrived at 7:04p.m.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

**PUBLIC INPUT (GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS MAY SPEAK TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)**

Diane Lauricella introduced herself. She's interested in Item C and Item D. Waste management is dear to her. She noted her efforts in waste management. Ms. Lauricella volunteered to be on the selection committee for the new Waste Manager. She asked about the nips money.

Chairwoman Smyth thanked Ms. Lauricella. There were no other participants for public input. Chairwoman Smyth closed public input.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022.**

There was no report on this item.

**\*\*MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS INCIDENTAL THERETO WITH NATIONAL LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY'S GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT RECORDED IN VOL. 7920, PAGE 329 OF THE NORWALK LAND RECORDS AND IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC'S ELUR APPLICATION TO DEEP.**

Mr. Carr explained what the subordination agreement entailed.

Mr. Callahan stated that there was a typo in the authorization. The authorization should read "Norwalk Land Development, LLC" and not "National Land Development, LLC". He continued by explaining the reasoning for the ELUR application to the Committee.

**\*\*MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M. RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DRG 2020-1 ON-CALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 13 40 10 5796 APW05**

09 20 4062 5777 C0361  
09 21 4021 5777 C0318  
09 22 4021 5777 C0318  
09 23 4021 5777 C0318  
09 23 4021 5777 C0021  
09 23 4021 5777 C0302

Mr. Carr reported on this. The funding is for unforeseen conditions when executing the drainage improvement project at various locations.

**\*\*MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, ITEM VII.C.4 TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE ALMSTEAD TREE & SHRUB CARE COMPANY LLC FOR THE SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 380000 5790  
01 37 20 5258  
520000 5796 MLK07  
510000 5796 GGP04  
09 22 3710 5777 C0773**

Mr. Carr reported on this. He explained the account numbers and the grant funding accounts.

**\*\*MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 5. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2021, ITEM VII.B.6A AND ITEM VII.B.6B TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR DEERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC. FOR PROJECT RD2021-2 CONCRETE CURB AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACCOUNT NUMBERS 09 23 4021 5777 C0021, 09 23 4021 5777 C0503, AND 09 23 4021 5777 C0318.**

Mr. Carr reported on Item 5 and Item 6 together. He stated they are just adding additional FY22 and FY23 accounts to continue working with the contractor during the construction season.

Mr. Livingston stated to be clear the contracts are not being extended or the amounts.

Ms. Valadares answered correct. They have the option to extend but that is not what they are doing now.

**\*\*MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2020, ITEM VII.C.7A AND ITEM VII.C.7B TO ADD ACCOUNTS DESIGNATED FOR THE GRASSO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES LLC FOR PROJECT RD2020-1 CONCRETE CURB AND SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACCOUNT NUMBERS 09 22 4021 5777 C0021, 09 22 4021 5777 C0503, 09 22 4021 5777 C0318, 09 23 4021 5777 C0021, 09 23 4021 5777 C0503, AND 09 23 4021 5777 C0318.**

**\*\*MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO CONCUR WITH PROJECT AUTHORIZATION LETTER (PAL) BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE PROJECT 102-364 WEST AVENUE/BELDEN AVENUE ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM DATED MAY 24, 2022 AND SUBMIT A DEMAND DEPOSIT PAYMENT OF \$4,345 TO THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 40 5777 C0528**

Mr. Yeosock reported on this. This is the final stage of a grant they received a few years ago to install adaptive traffic signals on West Avenue, the northern section. Once the State receives a signed copy of this, they will authorize them to advertise this project for bids.

**\*\*MR. KEEGAN MOVED THE ITEM  
\*\*MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

### **A. DISCUSSION**

#### **1. PROJECT STATUS**

- **ROWAYTON AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Carr updated the Committee on the status of the project. The Bridge replacement is anticipated to be substantially complete and open to vehicular traffic prior to the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. The culvert delivery is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>. He explained what happens once the culvert is delivered; the process should go rather quickly.

Mr. Livingston asked when Woodchuck Road would be repaved as it is now being used as a detour.

Ms. Valadares responded that she does not have the answer right now, but it will be some time this year. She said they are still working the schedule.

- **PAVING, CURBS & SIDEWALKS PROJECT**

Mr. Carr updated the Committee on the status of these projects. He said they are in the process of updating the maps of the paving forecast on the website which will be updated weekly.

Mr. Livingston asked about the timing between paving and when curbs are put in. He said there are a couple of places in Rowayton that doesn't have curbs yet.

Ms. Valadares answered that it depends on the type of curb. If it is asphalt, the curb will go in right after. Sometimes these are on the punch list, but it usually follows. She said they haven't put some of them back yet because originally there were none there. She explained the reason for curbs.

Mr. Carr explained how the asphalt curbs are put in and the differences in curbs to the Committee.

**B. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING**

Mr. Carr reported on this. There were approximately 168 trees planted and by the completion of Spring 2022 there should be a total of 261. There is no planting schedule for the Fall. Between Fall 2021 and now they have planted 261 trees. They may have a realm of 300 to 400 trees planted between Fall 2021 and Fall 2022.

Mr. Sotnik added they have removed 240 trees. They have planted 261 which is more than they have taken out. He said that those numbers do not include what Parks and Recreation, Norwalk Tree Alliance, River Watershed or what the Land Trust have done with plantings.

Mr. Torre added that the removals does include the parks, the schools and public property. The 240 removals are for the whole entire City.

**C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022**

Mr. Carr went over the report with the Committee.

**D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT -FEBRUARY & MARCH 2022**

Mr. Carr went over the report with the Committee.

Chairwoman Smyth commented that the Flood Mitigation Presentation has been rescheduled and will be held on June 14, 2022, at the Norwalk Common Council meeting with Anthony Carr and Woodard & Curran presenting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Shanahan motioned to adjourn.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** **TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD**