

Public Works Committee Actions

CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MARCH 4, 2008

ATTENDANCE: William Krummel, Chair; Douglas Hempstead; Laurel Lindstrom

STAFF: Hal Alvord, Director

OTHERS: Diane Cece; Diane Lauricella; Maggie Peterson

Mr. Krummel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He noted that they did not have a quorum and therefore no votes could be taken.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak at this time.

APPROVALS/AUTHORIZATIONS

1. Approve the Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Tuesday February 5, 2008.

There was no action taken.

2a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with FGB Construction Co. for Project No. PM 2008-1, Proposed Pavement Management Program, for a sum not to exceed \$ 1,401,277.80.

2b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to FGB Construction Co. for Project No. PM 2008-1, Proposed Pavement Management Program, for a sum not to exceed \$140,127

Account No. 09 04/08 4021 C0283

Mr. Alvord explained items 2a and 2b and said that the bid package went out in January. They received four bids and the pricing was good. The low bidder was FGB; they are a significant employer of local people. Mr. Krummel commented that was important, especially in this economy.

Mr. Krummel will put these items on the Common Council agenda.

3a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Cavaliere Industries, Inc. for Project No. PM 2008-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair, for a sum not to exceed \$257,893

3b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Cavaliere Industries Inc. for Project No. PM 2008-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent

Repair, for a sum not to exceed \$25,789.

Account No. 03 0000 2602

Mr. Alvord explained that Cavaliere Industries has done work for the City of Norwalk.

Mr. Krummel will put these items on the Common Council agenda.

4a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement with Costello Industries, Inc. for Project No. 4R 2008-4, Proposed 4R Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$113,190.50.

4b. Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Costello Industries, Inc. for Project No. 4R 2008-4, Proposed 4R Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$11,319.

Account No. 09 08 4021 C0021

Mr. Alvord explained that Costello Industries have been the successful the low bidder for the crack sealing projects since the 2004-2005 season. They have done a good job. The third bidder was disqualified because they are a New York company who is not legally registered with the State of Connecticut.

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DISCUSSION

5. Planning for emergency response.

This discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

6. Projects - See attached project status sheet.

Mr. Alvord updated the Committee on the status of the outstanding projects as noted in the document provided to the Committee members.

Mr. Alvord reported that he has a concept plan for traffic calming for Strawberry Hill Avenue. Although some safe routes to school plans have traffic calming components, they do not have a combined approach at this point.

The environmental assessment of the old Police Department building has been completed.

7. Tentative schedule update – stormwater-related work.

The Committee reviewed the DPW stormwater document dated February 27, 2008. Mr. Krummel announced that there would be a meeting with the Olmstead Place residents tomorrow night. Mr. Alvord updated the Committee on several activities.

Ms. Cece said that she was under the impression that homes do not flood on Noah's Lane or Mary Austin Place. Mr. Hempstead said that they flood about the same amount of times that they do on Olmstead Place. He said that Mary Austin Place was identified a number of years ago and he has been there many times when houses flooded 4 – 5 years ago.

Ms. Cece commented that once the Fitch Street vault was cleaned, East Norwalk did not flood for a few years. She said that she wanted the Common Council to understand the value of maintenance.

Ms. Lauricella asked who in the City enforces contractor yard runoffs. Mr. Alvord said that both Planning and Zoning and the Department of Public Works have that responsibility.

8. Status report on solid waste efforts.

Mr. Alvord reported that seven towns have been working on the RFP. Three proposals came in during November and the seven towns unanimously selected a preferred proposer. The City's contract with CRA expires on December 31, 2008 and they are negotiating how to handle the garbage beginning on January 1, 2009.

The Committee held a discussion about recycling. As of July 1, 2008, the City will get \$17.50 per ton of mixed recyclables. The more the City recycles, the more the City will be paid by City Carting.

OTHER

There was no other business.

** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADJOURN

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services