

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

September 18, 2019

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 162-19
SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the conference room at the Public Works Headquarters, 50 Clinton Avenue. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderswoman Stacy Gould
Mayor Peter Nystrom
Alderman Sam Browning

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Nicole Doyle, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of the August 26, 2019 special meeting were unanimously approved.
(Motion: Browning, Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT:

Swarnjit Singh Bhatia requested to discuss the possibility of having outdoor designated non-smoking areas in the city. Browning motioned to revise the agenda to discuss New Business before Old Business, Nystrom seconded and all in favor. Browning motioned to suspend the rules for the non-smoking area discussion, Nystrom seconded and all in favor.

Bhatia's other suggestions included:

- Replacing the Rotary Club sign when entering Howard T. Brown Memorial Park.
- Keeping the areas around the City's Welcome signs maintained by adoption from an individual, community, or group.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- Smoking in Public Areas: Swarnjit Singh Bhatia recommended to designate the gazebo area, located at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park as non-smoking (including a 25 foot radius). A discussion ensued and Browning motioned to refer this suggestion to City Council with legal review of 25 feet radius around the gazebo; Gould seconded. Bhatia also discussed having non-smoking area(s) in Mohegan

Park. Browning motioned to postpone the discussion of non-smoking area(s) in Mohegan Park for 2 months, until the Mohegan Park Advisory Committee meets next; Nystrom seconded and all in favor.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Public Works Projects Updates

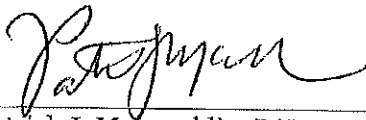
- Sherman Street Bridge – per Brian Long, meeting on a monthly basis and finalizing preliminary design plans.
- Annual Paving – starting next week in Greeneville.
- Franklin Square Roundabout – qualifications in from 6 firms, narrowed down to 3.
- Capital Sidewalk Project - bids to be opened 9/16/19 and approximately 10-11 properties included.
- Recreation Building Entrance – will be re-bid soon.
- Fire Escape at 23 Union Ave – Scholar Painting will start work soon.
- Yantic Street Parking Lot – bids to be opened 9/18/19.
- Uncas Leap Project – partial demolition plans 75% complete and checking on cost for bracing walls.
- Transfer Station Truck Scale – finished replacing and fully operational as of 9/14/19.
- Sunnyside Bridge – will need to re-bid in November and construction expected to start next year.

B. Property Disposition

- 36 Huntington Ave – on the agenda for Dangerous Buildings Board of Review to discuss at their next meeting.
- 11 Lake Street – waiting on RFP for demolition.
- 212 Prospect – has been cleaned out. Nystrom motioned to recommend to council to list property for sale; Browning seconded and all in favor.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. by unanimous vote.
(Motion: Nystrom, Second: Browning)



Patrick J. McLaughlin, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Committee Members:

Alderman Stacy Gould (Chair), Mayor Peter Nystrom, Alderman Sam Browning
Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner