

**CITY OF NORWICH  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

October 21, 2020

**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** Director of Public Works  
**FILE #:** PWD 144-20  
**SUBJECT:** **PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

**Committee Members**

Alderman Stacy Gould  
Alderman Joseph DeLucia  
Alderman Derrell Wilson

**Administration**

Patrick McLaughlin, Director  
Nicole Doyle, Recording Secretary  
Brian Long, City Engineer  
Deanna Rhodes, Director of Planning &  
Neighborhood Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson, Second: DeLucia)

**3. CITIZEN COMMENT** – None

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Public Works Projects Updates**

- Sherman Street Bridge –semi-final design plans are complete and the local wetland permit is expected to be accepted by November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Sunnyside Bridge – completed Guiderail installation and project complete.
- Annual Paving – contractor put paving on hold temporarily, since the spike in Covid in the Norwich Area. Contractor expected to be back to paving next week to finish up the paving season.
- Franklin Square Roundabout –Final Design Plans submitted to DOT last week .
- New London Tpke. –met with the DOT but funding is not in place yet. Hopefully funding will be in place and we can start design on safety improvements this winter.
- 46 Sunnyside Ave– Contract for demolition was signed. NPU needs to disconnect utilities (water line, power) before demolition can start.
- 270 West Thames –bid documents for demolition being worked on.

**B. Property Disposition**

- Deanna Rhodes, Director of Planning and Neighborhood Services, gave an update regarding Property Disposition.

- A motion was made by Wilson to bring the recommendations, listed below, for the property dispositions to City Council. Gould seconded and all in favor.
  - **Merge, List, & Sell:** 45 & 47 Lake Street
  - **List & Sell:** 152 Palmer Street
  - **Merge & Designate as open space:**
    - 30 & 32 Laurel Circle & 28 Ridgewood Drive
    - 54/1/30-1 & 54/1/30-2 Hunters Road
  - **Parcels to be merged with abutting properties:**
    - 28A & 28B Ridgewood Drive & 32A Laurel Circle
  - **Reconcile boundary encroachment:** 153 Norwich Avenue

**C. Vehicular traffic concerns in Greenville**

- McLaughlin updated the committee that the traffic study for the intersection of Hickory and Prospect Sts. was done. The recommendation is to install a four way stop because of sightline issues. A Yellow center stripe has been painted on Prospect St.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Preparation for Winter**

- McLaughlin explained that the outdoor dining downtown will be getting ready to shut down in early November. Public works will remove the cement barriers. Public Works department is preparing the salt jets on the trucks in preparation for winter weather.

**B. FY 2022 Capital Requests**

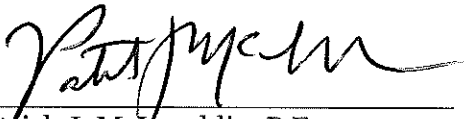
- McLaughlin said some of the trucks in our fleet are getting older. Since the proposed budget is due to the Comptroller soon, McLaughlin spoke about the request to add/replace some of the older trucks in our Fleet.

**C. Information signage request from Regan Miner**

- The Historical Society has filled out applications to install interpretive panels detailing the history of the following locations: Norwich Free Academy, Jail Hill National Register Historic District and Chelsea Parade and the Millionaire's Triangle. Gould made a motion to submit these applications to Michael Driscoll, Corporation Counsel and the Monument committee for review. Wilson Seconded and all in favor.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould)



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

**Committee Members:**

Alderman Joseph DeLucia (Chair), Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Alderman Derell Wilson  
Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner