

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS

March 23, 2022

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 036-22
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE –

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday March 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderwomen Stacy Gould
Alderman Swarnjit Singh
President Pro-Tempore Joseph DeLucia-excused absence

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Singh
Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT – Alan Ginglardi a resident at Trading Cove Commons and Jill Brennan Property Manager of Trading Cove Commons are requesting that their complex become part of the trash collection program. Currently they have recycling only picked up through the city. Trading Cove Commons is a 35 unit 55+ Planned Unit Development (PUD).

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – Bids were opened on February 9th, Manafort came in as lowest bidder for this project at \$10.3 million. The three lowest bids were all very competitive and close to the Engineer’s estimate. Bids are still under evaluation.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – SLR had survey work done last week and is starting the design process. Also identifying areas for soil testing.
- Mohegan Park Playground – new playground equipment has been ordered with ARP funds with a lead time of about 4-5 months. PW will keep the old equipment in place until the new equipment arrives.
- Mohegan Park Fitness Course - Fitness equipment has been selected for the new fitness center. PW will likely install the pads and equipment in-house. Fitness equipment should arrive 4-6 weeks.
- Mohegan Park Disc Golf – PW is in coordination with the gas company to ensure any requirements that they have are adhered to during construction.
- Street Paving – Asphalt plants are due to open on April 1. The 2022 paving projects will start soon after that.

- New London Tpke – Survey for the north end pedestrian and bike improvements is currently underway with the design aspect to follow.
- Dunham Street – American Industries started back up this week with curbing installation and utility relocation.
- 23 Union Street – Renovation of the lower floor conference room has started, the roof replacement should begin end of April once materials are recieved. PW is getting a bid package together for the accessibility improvements for the outside of the building.

B. Property Disposition

- a. 98 Washington St. – The RFP is being extended until May 13th, and an attempt will be made to appeal to a broader range of potential interested parties. Robert Castronova, the city's Purchasing Agent, will be the point of contact for any showings on this property.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MSW Collection – regarding the request of MSW collection at Trading Cove Commons, McLaughlin explained the city's general policy of the MSW pick up in regards to being available to residences of five or less units. Trading Cove Commons has previously been categorized as a Condominium complex, which generally do not receive trash service from the City. PW will further study the classification of Trading Cove Commons, which seems to be a PUD, including how it was approved with Planning & Zoning, to see if they should be on the MSW collection schedule.

6. OTHER BUSINESS – none

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Singh Second: Gould)



Patrick McLaughlin, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Committee Members:

President Pro-Tempore Joseph DeLucia (Chair), Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Alderman Swarnjit Singh Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner