

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 16, 2023

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 129-23
SUBJECT: **MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday May 15, 2023 at 4:00 p.m at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

President Pro-Tempore Joseph DeLucia - Absent
Alderswoman Stacy Gould
Alderman Swarnjit Singh

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Kendra Cook-Eggert, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 17, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved with a typo correction. (Motion: Singh, Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – Utility work on Asylum St. is continuing. One way directional traffic has been set up. Once sewer work is complete traffic will be open during the day. Started driving piles for the retaining wall on the Asylum St side.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – Wiese Construction was the low bidder. Bids came in slightly higher than budget by \$400k. Currently reevaluating bids to determine if there are items that can be eliminated, or if additional ARP funds will be requested.
- Annual Paving Contract – Sunrise area is complete. Grant Ct and Alms House Ln are next.
- Armstrong Tennis Courts – Parking lot project bid package is in progress. Surface coating will be done once the overnight temperature permits.
- Sidewalk Project (Prospect St) – Bid awarded to Pontes. Started this week.
- Pickle Ball Courts– Bid awarded to Prime Electric. Started last week.
- Lake St Basketball Courts & Lighting – Bid awarded to Prime Electric.
- Master Park Plan – FHI Studio is working on it. There will be a special Recreation Advisory meeting next week, May 24th, to solicit input from the community.

- Lower Broadway Curb Extension – Design ongoing. Going out to Bid soon.

B. Property Disposition

- 702 New London Turnpike, and 52 Palmer St being transferred to Habitat for Humanity.
- Corporation Council is working on 10 Union St.
- Lot 39-1 Buckingham is being listed for sale with the Realtor.
- 28 Cedar St – the owner of 16 Cedar St., the large abutting parcel, expressed interest in purchasing. Motion made by Alderwoman Gould to recommend the Revenue Collector offer it to both abutters, with a second by Alderman Singh. Motion was unanimously passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Infrastructure Improvement Bond

First reading is scheduled for the May 15th Council meeting. Public Hearing will be held on June 19th.


6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Floating Docks at Howard Brown Park

Bid opening on May 26th, with work done in September and October. There will be no special events scheduled in the park during that timeframe. The park and boat launch will remain open to the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Singh, Second: Gould)



Patrick J. 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