

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 18, 2023

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 172-23
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday July 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman Stacy Gould
Alderman Swarnjit Singh
Alderman Grant Neuendorf

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Kendra Cook-Eggert, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Vote for Committee Chair

A motion was made by Alderman Singh to add voting to fill Committee Chair position. (Second: Neuendorf). Motion was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Neuendorf to elect Alderman Gould as the Public Works & Capital Improvements Committee Chair. (Second: Singh). Motion was unanimously passed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Singh, Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

David Rutherford and Joanne Philbrick of Elm Ave were in attendance to bring up multiple issues with traffic safety on Elm Ave by the Norwichtown Green.

Mr. Rutherford stated that cars speed down the one-way street and drive recklessly. He requested that speed bumps be put in or that Elm Ave be blocked off with only business owners & residents able to use the road.

Ms. Philbrick expressed a concern regarding a lack of response from the City and requested that a plan be put in place with timeframe for completion to address the traffic safety concerns or that a public statement be released stating that there is no plan.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – Project continues to progress with work on both abutments to the second bridge.

- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – Bid awarded to Wiese Construction. Bid does not include bid alternate for stairway connection to Sachem Street. Work should start the first week of August with a one year completion schedule, to include a winter shut down.
- Annual Paving Contract – Finished Gilette Rd and Rosewood Place.
- Armstrong Tennis Courts – Project is complete and the tennis courts are open. Lighting will be included in the upcoming Parking Lot bid.
- Pickle Ball Courts– Paving completed. Expected completion in one month.
- Lake St Basketball Courts & Lighting – Paving completed.
- Master Park Plan – No updates currently. The Committee suggested to schedule a meeting to go over collected data at either City Hall or the Senior Center.
- Lower Broadway Curb Extension – Out to Bid.
- Greenville Park Mural – Reviewed proposed mural ideas. Alderman Neuendorf stated that he would like to see some community sports figures reflected in the mural. Alderman Singh stated that he would like to see a clear vision reflected in the mural. Alderwoman Gould requested an interpretation of the meaning of the symbolism used in the proposed artwork. The members liked the quote from Angela Davis.
- Floating Docks at Howard Brown Park – Project was scaled back to reduce the cost. Piles have been located by Terry Construction, with work to be done this fall.
- Browning Road Water Main Project – Ready to be awarded.

B. Property Disposition

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Singh, Second: Neuendorf)

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

Committee Members:

Alderwoman Stacy Gould (Chair), Alderman Swarnjit Singh, Alderman Grant Neuendorf, Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner