

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS

September 21, 2022

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 137-22
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday September 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

President Pro-Tempore Joseph DeLucia
Alderswomen Stacy Gould
Alderman Swarnjit Singh

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Tara Cardelle, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Gould
Second: Singh)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT – the following residents were in attendance - Christine Aubrey 193 Vergason Ave, Jon & Cyndi Tagliaferri 10 Brookside Dr, Kate Loomis 31 Brookside Dr, Diane Herr 37 Brookside Dr, Carl Williams 221 Vergason Ave, James Langan 185 Vergason Ave, Dominic Diangi 17 Meadowview Lane whom all voiced their concerns about opening the Connecticut Avenue gate. All were opposed. DeLucia read an email into the record from a Tom Giroux of 24 Old Oak Rd., Norwich to McLaughlin, expressing his support of the removal of the gate at the intersection of Vergason Ave. and Connecticut Ave.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge –Manafort has completed their health and safety plan and has resumed construction with the smaller bridge, which should be in place by late October. The road will remain closed through the winter.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park - Currently working on the Wetlands permit. Construction is scheduled to start in the Spring 2023.
- Mohegan Park Disc Golf – Secondary baskets are being installed in the first nine holes and tee pads in the second nine holes. The expansion is on schedule to be completed in the fall.
- Street Paving – Paving has been completed in the West Side area and will continue in the Asylum Street area next. So far this year PW has reconstructed 3.5 miles of roadway not included Dunham Street which was 0.75 miles.
- New London Tpke – Survey for the north end is complete, design is at 50% complete for the southern LOTCIP project. Comments from SCCOG have been reviewed and sent back which will then go to DOT for approval.
- Dunham Street – American Industries is finishing up a few punch list items ahead of project acceptance.

- 23 Union Street – Project is complete and lower level is now ADA accessible.

B. Property Disposition

The owner of 2 Union Street has approached the City about purchasing 10 Union Street for the purpose of installing an elevator to the existing building. Also granting the city a permanent easement for the existing bus stop at 10 Union St. No City Departments are interested in the property, so the Tax Collector will be asked to sell the property in accordance with City procedures.

C. Connecticut Ave Gate

McLaughlin explained that the removal of the gate would have to go before the City Council. He also mentioned that tax payer money helps maintain that road and it should be accessible to more people. PW will install a traffic counter on Vergason Avenue to get the base traffic count with the barrier in place. Then the barrier will be temporarily removed, and additional traffic counts will be taken. It was also decided that PW will install a stop sign at the intersection of Huntington and Vergason to help traffic concerns.

D. Central Avenue / North Main Street intersection

Long has spoken with the CT DOT and they are requesting a design plan to be submitted for the proposed improvements. They will not accept temporary line striping. PW will request and RFP from our on-call engineers.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rose City Senior Center sign recognizing Janice A. Stewart – a request has been made to add a double sided sign to the additional signage, already outside of the senior center, and a plaque in the lobby referencing Janice A. Stewart. Janice served as the Senior Affairs Director for over two decades and received numerous awards for her achievements. McLaughlin will coordinate with the Mayor and the family to the specifications of the plaque.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Gould had asked about the potential loading zone for These Guys Brewing Company which Long replied that it is still under review.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Gould Second: Singh)



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