

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS**

November 17, 2021

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 128-21
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderwomen Stacy Gould
Alderman Derrell Wilson
Alderman Joseph DeLucia had an excused absence

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Deanna Rhodes, Director Planning & Neighborhood Services
Tara Cardelle, 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 October 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson
Second: Gould)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT – None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – DEEP recently has requested additional information which may delay the environmental permitting process. PW has a meeting with DOT on Tuesday to get updates.
- Annual Paving – Paving is finalized for the year with 5.5 miles completed, which also includes some smaller roads done in-house by the PW Streets and Maintenance crew.
- New London Tpke – Currently in contract negotiations with the Alfred Benesch for the design work.
- Granite Mill building – Stabilization work has been completed. RFP has gone out for park completion design work with a closing date of November 30, 2021.
- Dunham Street – American Industries currently working on tree removal before the end of the season and will begin drainage relocation & granite curbing in early spring.
- Mohegan Park Disc Golf – PW has started design work for the expansion of the course which will be funded by ARP funds.

B. Property Disposition

- Hunters Road Parcels – Rhodes had recommended to transfer ownership of the properties to Avalonia Land Conservancy to better manage this 2 lot parcel with over 26 acres of open space area for walking trails and a small parking area. Recommendation will be brought to the city council for consideration.
- 98 Washington Street – Tenant has vacated the property. PW will complete a final cleanup of the premises. Rhodes and McLaughlin will work on an RFP for this property.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Norwich Sister Mural – Market Street Garage

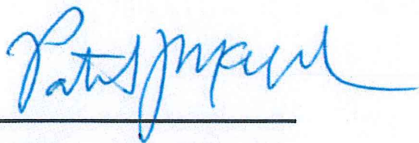
- Sheila Hayes spoke about the meaning behind the design of the mural which has been created by various community members to highlight Freedom, Civil and Human Rights. The mural would be installed by CT Murals. Discussion ensued about other significant people with connections to Norwich that could be incorporated into the mural. There was additional discussion about adding the city logo. Rhodes made a recommendation for the preferred background color to be blue. McLaughlin questioned the feasibility of installing the mural in cold weather. Ms. Hayes stated that CT Murals has told her it can be installed in temperatures as low as 45 degrees. Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould to bring to the City Council a favorable recommendation to move forward with this project.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Wilson mentioned the FEMA declaration from storm IDA, Long stated that PW is working with FEMA to help identify the hardest hit areas to prioritize the damage. Mark Waters from Emergency Management is the lead contact for the City.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 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