

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS

April 21, 2022

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 051-22
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

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

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
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 March 21, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Gould Second: Singh)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT – McLaughlin received an email from Bill Kenny regarding a damaged crosswalk signal at Broad Street and Broadway. Public Works will coordinate with NPU to get this signal repaired.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – DOT is still considering information which was submitted by the low bidder Manafort regarding Manaforts D.B.E requirements in the preaward documents.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – SLR has started the design process.
- 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 delivered and the install should start in the next few weeks.
- Mohegan Park Disc Golf – Algonquin Gas Co. has granted permission to cross the gas line with the small tractor which will be used to move materials for the proposed project.
- Street Paving – Paving is scheduled to start next week in the downtown area.
- New London Tpke – Survey for the north end pedestrian and bike improvements is currently underway with the design to follow.
- Dunham Street – American Industries continues with curbing installation and utility relocation.
- 23 Union Street – Renovation of the lower floor conference room is just about complete and the roof replacement should begin by the end of April once materials are received. The accessibility improvements for the outside of the building are currently out to bid.

B. Property Disposition

- a. 98 Washington St. – The RFP was 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.

C. MSW Collection Trading Cove Commons

- a. McLaughlin, after reviewing zoning regulations, stated that Trading Cove Commons does not fall under Condominium status but they are considered a Planned Unit Development. He will coordinate with the property manager Jill Brennan on how to move forward with trash collection services.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Traffic Concerns – DeLucia asked about the progress at the intersection of Central Avenue and North Main Street, McLaughlin stated that PW will prepare a cost estimate for the widening of the intersection and also look into funding sources to cover the cost of this project.

6. OTHER BUSINESS – McLaughlin received a request from John Post to install a monument on Chelsea Parade which would commemorate the employees of the Norwich Savings Society Bank who served in the armed forces during WWII. This request will be referred to corporate counsel for a feasibility review.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Gould Second: Singh)



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