

**CITY OF NORWICH  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

May 20, 2021

**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** Director of Public Works  
**FILE #:** PWD 057-021  
**SUBJECT:** **PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – DRAFT**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4:01 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

**Committee Members**

Alderman Derrell Wilson  
Alderman Joseph DeLucia  
Alderswoman Stacy Gould

**Administration**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould)

**3. CITIZEN COMMENT – None**

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Public Works Projects Updates**

- Sherman Street Bridge – Design is on schedule, should go to bid this fall for construction to start spring 2022.
- Annual Paving – has started and is moving along smoothly.
- Franklin Square Roundabout – Notice to Proceed for May 17th. NPU is wrapping up on the gas line work.
- New London Tpke – Short listed 5 design firms with interviews scheduled for May 26th.
- Granite Mill building – Reviewing stabilization plans.
- Boswell sidewalk project started. Project runs from Oak St. to Roath St., should be completed in June.
- Sidewalk Ramps on North Main St – Clover Construction was awarded the project for the sidewalk ramp replacements in Greenville.
- Laurel Hill Fire Department retaining wall repair – new phase starting next week, plans are to extend wall and taper it down towards the road.
- 270 Thames Street - Demolition complete.

**B. Property Disposition**

- 15 Robbins Court - the city has taken possession and PW is working on cleaning out the property. We are awaiting an ok from Corporation Counsel before removing the contents.

**C. Public Works Vehicular concerns**

- Long submitted a sketch for a possible realignment of Central Ave and North Main St. As North Main is a State Road, Public Works will coordinate with them to get their concurrence. Next step would be a cost estimate and determining funding for the project. Suggested to look into accident history.
- The city received an email regarding putting in signage on Grant Court due to children in the area and people speeding. McLaughlin reported that there are already 25 MPH and Slow Children Playing signs located at both entrances.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Market Street Parking Garage Mural**

- McLaughlin had request from Sheila Hayes, President of the NAACP Norwich Branch, to use a portion of the Market Street garage wall for a mural for Public Art for Racial Justice. The mural will face Chelsea Harbor Drive, on the ramp section of the garage. Once the artist is selected, a mockup will be created for final approval. (Motion: Wilson, Second: Gould), to approve this location for a mural. As the design of the mural is phase 2 of this request, this is an approval for location of the mural only. All in favor, motioned passed unanimously.

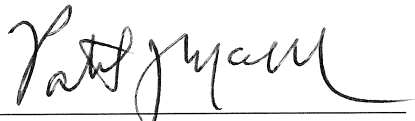
**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Clean Up in Greenville letter**

- Wilson received a letter from a gentleman regarding debris from a car accident left in front of his place of business on Central Ave. in Greenville. Discussion ensued about debris removal being the responsibility of the tow company
- Wilson mentioned complaints of Greenville tenants' trash not being picked up as scheduled.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 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