

CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS

January 19, 2022

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE#: PWD 007-22
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE –

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

President Pro-Tempore Joseph DeLucia
Alderwomen Stacey Gould, Absent
Alderman Swarnjit Singh

Administration

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 December 20, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: DeLucia
Second: Singh)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT – Roberta Vincent was present to speak about the request of putting a way finding sign up referencing Talman Street to be known as Cape Verdean Way. Singh questioned the placement and size of the sign as to not confuse traffic flow. Ms. Vincent presented two requests for the signage. DeLucia suggested that Ms. Vincent continue to work with PW to come up with a feasible solution.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – Project did go to bid on Wednesday, December 22, with bid opening extended to January 26, 2022. Long mentioned that the Army Corps of Engineers permit has been received and that DEEP permitting should be complete soon.
- Annual Paving – The contract with Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc. has been extended through 2022 paving year and the schedule is under review. DeLucia questioned the paving of Caribou Drive and Long responded once NPU is complete with the replacement of the water lines the paving can be done. He also mentioned that assessments are done annually for repaving but they have to be in coordination with such things as NPU as to not interfere with any infrastructure repairs that may already be scheduled.
- New London Tpke – The design scope with Alfred Benesch for the north end pedestrian and bike improvements is currently underway.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – SLR International Corp. is currently working on the scope of work for the design of the park.

- Dunham Street – American Industries has completed the tree removal and reconstruction of the catch basins for the season. Granite curbing will begin in the spring start-up.
- Mohegan Park Disc Golf – PW continues to work on the layout for the expansion of the disc golf course.

B. Property Disposition

- None currently.


5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Winter Storm Updates – DeLucia thanked the PW crews for their efforts during this past storm. Long mentioned that 20% of the winter budget has been expended thus far. Singh questioned the usage of free sand to residents, DeLucia explained how the sand was not being used for what it was intended for by the city and that although, it was a difficult decision to make many years ago, it just wasn't cost effective anymore.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Singh Second: DeLucia)



Brian Long, PE
City Engineer

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