

Public Works Committee Actions

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

MAY 1, 2001

ATTENDANCE: Peter Nolin,
Chairman; Joe Mann; Ed Bowers; John
Tobin; Andy Conroy (7:45 p.m.)

STAFF: William Grumman,
Director; Martin Overton, Assistant
Director; Peter Romano; Richard
Linnartz; Michael Mocciaie

OTHERS: Laurel Lindstrom; Garrett
Fredrickson; Peter Kerner; Mr.
Santana; Madeline Scarr; Lorie Dobson

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nolin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

(1.) Public Hearing for the Freeholder's Report to assess benefits and damages for the construction of Sanitary Sewers on a portion of Crooked Trail and Barnfield Road, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Fredrickson stated that he felt the method that was used for assessment was totally unfair and he noted that Lot #27, which was a much larger piece of land than his, had an assessment of \$1,200 and the lot right next door which was the same size had an \$8,000 assessment. He asked the Committee to readjust that assessment and to average the assessment rates to avoid neighborhood spats. He pointed out that was the method used when the assessments were assigned to Ledge Road and Range Road. He remarked that if this were done it would

eliminate the incongruities but noted that because it cost the City more to run the lines they charged more. He commented that the reason a pipe was run along the front of the property was to benefit all so why charge more to one person. He added that since everyone was getting the same benefit and lived in the same area everyone should be charged the same amount.

Mr. Nolin advised the assembly that this was the appropriate time and place for questions to be asked. Mr. Fredrickson asked if the homes on a sewer street had a higher mill rate and Mr. Nolin replied yes and noted that theirs would be 2.3 mills more.

Mr. Kerner stated that he had spoken to some of the other residents and they all decided that they would rather not have the sewers put in at all. He asked if the project could be deferred since they were all in agreement and it was a small, dead end street. He pointed out that 4 of the 6 residents were not interested and they had not spoken with the other 2 homeowners yet. One of the residents said that at first they thought they did not want it but then they thought it might increase the value of their house so they changed their minds.

Since there was no one else wishing to speak Mr. Nolin closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE
FREEHOLDER'S REPORT.**

Mr. Tobin commented that they should use the same formula that they had before and Mr. Nolin advised that they had not done any averaging but there were 2 assessments that were out of proportion and they had brought them down.

Mr. Conroy arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Tobin stated that they had averaged other properties and Mr. Grumman explained the process. Mr. Overton stated that if the assessment were averaged it would be \$5,000 per property. Mr. Nolin asked how the assessment could be reduced for # 3, as it was a curved property. Mr. Overton stated that 2 would divide the frontage average.

Mr. Fredrickson stated that in the case of the residents of Ledge Road he spoke to 2 of the residents and they had said that their assessment had been averaged. Mr. Grumman stated that he would investigate this.

Mr. Nolin advised the assembly of the process involved and how they had decided to go forth with the project as a Council and now they were voting on cost. Mr. Overton explained that the project would go before the Conservation Commission next month and then out to bid in June. Mr. Grumman remarked that when the sewers were brought to Rowayton it was understood to extend the sewers over the years, as this was now a requirement of the State. He remarked that any property under ½ acre had a short life septic system and if any of the people on Barnfield Road had septic failure they would have to have it taken out and it would cost between \$25,000 - \$30,000. He noted that it was proper and obviously everyone felt it was proper at the Public Hearing but the trunk line had not been brought up yet. Mr. Nolin commented that most of the neighbors in Rowayton had been requesting that this situation be cleaned up. Mr. Grumman pointed out that although the septic systems might be working fine now this was a chance at a reasonable price that would be insurance against the cost they would have to pay if they had to replace their septic systems.

Mr. Bowers stated that there were individual properties that they had elected to use an average price on and those properties that were under were not increased they only decreased and he remarked that it might be appropriate in those cases. Mr. Conroy noted that there were no complaints about the rate it was the disparity among the different lots that people felt strongly about. Mr. Nolin stated that there were a couple of properties at \$5,000 and a couple at \$7,000 and then one at \$8,000. He added that they might want to propose capping the assessment at \$7,500 for all of the homeowners on either side of the street. He said that they would pay 1/3 of the cost and the taxpayers would pay the rest. He explained that after the project was completed and accepted by the City the assessments would go out to the property owners and they would have 10 years to pay their assessment at 6% interest. He noted that a \$7,500 assessment would be approximately \$1,000 a year. He went on to state that construction wise the City would get off the road and the homeowner's contractors would pick up the project from there at a cost of \$30-\$35 a foot. He commented that the design took into account properties that were set lower by gravity and while they did not have to hook up to the sewer if their septic system should fail they would then be ordered to hook up to it. He said that at the end of the process when they were hooked up their contractor would get a permit and before he backfilled the City Inspector would come out to look at it.

(2.) Accept the Freeholder's Report to assess benefits and damages for the construction of Sanitary Sewers on a portion of Crooked Trail and Barnfield Road.

Mr. Bowers stated that \$7,500 seemed to break even on a couple of the properties and he proposed that the cap be set at \$7,200.

**** MR. BOWERS AMENDED THE MOTION TO CAP THE ASSESSMENT AT \$7,200.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. NOLIN CHANGED HIS MOTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF MR. BOWERS.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(27.) Discussion – Sidewalks

A. Request from Councilwoman Judy Rivas – Status of Couch Street Project

Ms. Rivas addressed the Committee and stated that a resident of the neighborhood wanted to speak to them. Mr. Santana stated that he and other residents of Couch Street were concerned about their sidewalks. He remarked that they looked awful and were only patched. Mr. Grumman said that he had discussed this situation and noted that this was a drainage project. He explained that the storm water was going into the sanitary sewer and because the streets were filled with many different types of utilities they chose to put the drainage line along the curb line. He noted that when they put the storm drains in they removed the curbs and sidewalks and then they replaced them. He commented that their contractor had finished and some of the curbs and sidewalks were in good condition. Mr. Grumman stated that it was his thought to have a public hearing for necessity of installation of curbs and sidewalks and then they could assess damages. He said then they could put it into the Capital Budget and they could do the work next year. He noted that the trenches had been properly paved but it looked like a patchwork quilt in some places on the 100-year old road. Mr. Grumman said that the total cost would be \$86,000 and that the sidewalks themselves would be \$60,000. He noted that the sidewalk would be \$3,000 a property in this area and in many cases they put the curbs in at City cost. He also noted that because they had to put them in to make sure that the water got in the catch basin it could be paid over 10 years.

Ms. Scarr stated that a truck was on her sidewalk and made a dent in it. She went on to state that she fell in it and the contractor asked her if she was going to sue and she said she would not but she wanted it fixed and he put asphalt over it. Mr. Mann commented that some of the areas had a concrete sidewalk and then others had areas of asphalt that might be sound but definitely looked awful. He went on to say that when this sort of thing was done someone had to think about what they were doing. He commented that it made the area look bad and even though they made an improvement they made it look worse. He asked if they were going to do the sidewalks then why not have asphalt everywhere and Mr. Grumman replied that the problem was that it was an urban area and if a house were being built today a curb and sidewalk would need to be put in. He added that if they took a sidewalk out they would have to put back concrete. Mr. Tobin stated that this should be a regular capital project and the people should not be charged. Mr. Grumman stated that they had to come up with a philosophy and decide what they wanted to do. He added that they would come up with a cost and put it in next year's Capital Budget. Mr. Mann reiterated that the streets on the map looked patchy and noted that when a project was being done some thought had to go into how it would look afterward.

Mr. Santana stated that the sidewalks on Couch Street were over 50 years old and he remarked that the City made the downtown area look good but when it came to the neighborhoods the people had to pay. Mr. Nolin stated that this would be put on next year's agenda and Mr. Romano said that in the past when they chose to do road reconstruction the Council chose to install and pay for the new sidewalks. Mr. Romano went on to state that this was a drainage project and this Committee and the Council could decide if they wanted to fund it completely or have an assessment. He added that this could still be done in one or two projects next year. Mr. Nolin reiterated that this would be on the agenda next year for the Capital Budget and they would consider it. Mr. Bowers commented that when it was time for this next year they would need public support and Mr. Nolin stated that he was sure they would be prompted by their Councilmen to come out. Mr. Romano said that they would put it together for the budget and the residents could call to see when the hearing was. Ms. Scarr said that there was a little hole in front of #11 and it was determined that there were holes in front of #13 and #15. Mr. Nolin asked that the Department check on this.

B. East Avenue/St. Paul's Church

Mr. Grumman stated that the trucks were not making the curb and they wanted to be able to widen the road. He went on to state that he was going to request a Public Hearing for necessity in the early fall. He added that he wanted to assess the adjacent property owners for the new sidewalks. Mr. Romano stated that they would be putting in a new curb and narrowing the sidewalks and would be assessing St. Paul's Church for the cost of the sidewalk. He noted that seemed more of a possibility of what the church could afford then for them to be able to fund it themselves. He said that they could do the entire sidewalk and assess the homeowners. Mr. Romano said that this would be late fall or early next spring but the process had to go forward if this was to be a Freeholder's. Mr. Nolin asked if they wanted this to be a Freeholder's or a City project and if they had to vote tonight. Mr. Romano said that if he were to go in and put in a curb he would not touch the sidewalk. Mr. Bowers stated that a notice should be sent to the property owners that that they had to redo the sidewalk or the City would do a Freeholder's. Mr. Nolin stated that he favored a Freeholder's and Mr. Romano said that he would draft a letter.

(18.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to grant an easement for the rights to occupy the airspace above a portion of Glover Avenue to 35 Glover Associates, LLC, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a roadway bridge.

Attorney Waters showed an aerial photograph of the site to the Committee and stated that they had submitted a plan to the Zoning Commission for a development park with two additional buildings with interconnected parking below. He went on to state that one of the things they were proposing was direct access to Main Avenue and he commented that there was a bridge that had been approved that would go from Main Avenue directly to the residential building. He said that they proposed to move it 60' and it would land at the plaza level of the entire complex. He remarked that they had submitted a traffic report and it would take 60% of the traffic off Glover Avenue and onto Main Avenue. Attorney Waters stated that they were present tonight to acquire some air rights over a section of Glover Avenue. He added that the bridge would be built entirely by his client and it would be privately maintained. He noted that it would never become a City Street or asset. He stressed that it would meet the City specifications. Mr. Grumman stated that the project was going to generate considerable revenues for the City.

Ms. Dobson requested that an independent traffic study be ordered by the Committee but Mr. Nolin pointed out that the Committee would merely be granting the easement and the proposal would still have to go through Conservation and Zoning. Attorney Waters advised that the State and their own consultant had advised them that bringing the traffic out there was preferable and it allowed for better cueing and would be a better system.

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED FOR APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(17.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute apply for federal grant funding (80%) and any and all documents through the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, Local Bridge Program in connection with Bridge No. 01345, Route 136 over Five Mile River and Bridge No. 04995, Old Tokeneke Road over Five Mile River.

Mr. Grumman stated that if they were going to make the federal funding deadline the papers had to be in by May 18, 2001. He commented that the Selectman from Darien said that he was not interested but the people in Rowayton said that they might be interested in picking up Darien's share. Mr. Conroy said that the vehicular capacity of the bridge should be kept but it should not be used for vehicles. Mr. Nolin asked if they were limited to pedestrians and Mr. Grumman stated that Darien was not opening the bridge. Mr. Romano stated that it would be done in 10 ton standard. Mr. Conroy asked if it could be added that the bridge would be used as an alternate for emergency use. Mr. Romano noted that it would not be suitable for fire trucks. Mr. Grumman said that the bridge was bumped up and made eligible for 80% because it was closed to traffic.

**** MR. CONROY MOVED FOR APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(3.) Accept the Minutes from the Public Works Committee held on April 6, 2001.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(4a.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with the New England Paving Company for Project No. 4R 2001-1, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair with the Northern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$80,280.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(4b.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to the New England Paving Company for Project No. 4R 2001-1, proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Pavement Repair within the Northern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$8,028.

Account Number 03 0000 2602

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5a.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with the Deering Construction Company for Project No. RD 2001-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Sidewalk And Curbs at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$66,975.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5b.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to the Deering Construction Company for Project No. RD 2001-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Sidewalk And Curbs at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$6,697.

Account Number 01 40 21 5268

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**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6a.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with M. Rondano, Inc. for Project No. RD 2001-3, Proposed Concrete Sidewalks and Curbs at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$54,900.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6b.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to M. Rondano, Inc for Project No. RD 2001-3, Proposed Concrete Sidewalks at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$5,490.

Account Number 01 40 21 5268

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**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7a.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Project No. RD 2001-1, Proposed Painted Pavement Markings and Legends at Various Locations and Schools, for a sum not to exceed \$41,231.50.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7b.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Project No. RD 2001-1, Proposed Painted Pavement Markings and Legends at Various Locations and Schools, for a sum not to exceed \$4,123.15.

Account Number 01 40 23 5269 (Bid opening 4-27-01)

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8a.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Project No. 4R 2001-4, Proposed 4R Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$_____.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF 05-07-01.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8b.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Lowest Responsible Bidder for Project No. 4R 2001-4, Proposed 4R Crack Sealing at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$_____.

Account Number 01 40 21 5571 (bid opening 05-07-01) TBA at Caucus on 05-07-01.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF 05-07-01.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9a.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with the New England Paving Company for Project No. 4R2001-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Repair Within the Southern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$80,280.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9b.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to the New England Paving Company for Project No. 4R2001-2, Proposed Bituminous Concrete Permanent Repair Within the Southern Section, for a sum not to exceed \$8,028.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(10.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to New England Paving Company, for Project No. 4R 2000-3, for a sum not to exceed \$30,000 to pave the Crescent Street Parking Lot East of Pine Island Cemetery in connection with the Heritage Park Project (subject to approval from the State of Connecticut, DOT).

Mr. Grumman stated that they were not proposing to park, they might need to encroach. He said that they had no funding left and they were asking for \$30,000 out of the account for utilities.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(11.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with Fuss and O'Neill, Inc., to provide consulting engineering services in connection with the GIS Implementation Plan, for a sum not to exceed \$7,000.

Account Number 01 40 30 5258

Mr. Overton stated that they would be retaining the company to work with the Public Works Department to prepare the GIS Implementation Program and the first part of the project was the initiation meeting and staff reviews. He said that they had the basic mapping and property lines but then there was additional information and that was what made a true GIS. He said that they were struggling to do applications on GIS without the system and added that this pulled it altogether for a modest sum. Mr. Nolin asked if they had any experience and Mr. Overton replied that they had worked with them on other projects and this would be a real kickoff, not just basic mapping. Mr. Conroy stated that it could be expensive and they already spent \$1 million dollars and if they did not have a very precise use for the information ahead of time then they had a problem. Mr. Overton said that interns were putting the information in and this request was to give the overall department plan. Mr. Conroy stated that made sense but there needed to be a separation of tasks and it had the potential of being either very beneficial or very expensive. Mr. Overton said that unfortunately they did not have the entire town mapped and GIS only came into its own when it's mapped 100%. Mr. Romano named the Departments involved but Parks and Recreation was not on the list and Mr. Nolin asked that the Parks Department be put on it.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(12.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to A.J. Penna and Son Construction for Project No. DRG 2000-4, Proposed General Drainage at Various Locations, for a sum not to exceed \$150,000.

Account Number 01 40 21 5573

Mr. Overton said that they had done this with other contracts and they were asking for authorization for change orders as this was the first time they had asked for it and they would not ask two years in a row. Mr. Grumman remarked that in the future they would not ask for multi year contracts.

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MR. NOLIN).**

(13.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with the Tyree Organization, Ltd., for the removal of contaminated soil at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.

Account Number 02 40 60 5777 C0043

Mr. Romano said that the contract was awarded last year to Nation Watermain and some of the materials that came out had lead and other materials in it.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(14.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute an Agreement with SNEW to provide historic street light maintenance and repair for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2001, for a sum not to exceed \$12,000 for fiscal year 2001-02

Account Number 01 40 21 5267

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(15.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to issue Orders on Contract to Complete Construction Improvements State Heritage Park – Norwalk, for a sum not to exceed \$140,000 and reduce the retainage form 5% to 1%.

Account Number – To Be Determined

Mr. Romano said that they had been in heavy negotiations with the contractor for a year and originally the cost was up over \$200,000 and now they had gotten it down to \$140,000. He said that they had also been talking to the State about funding this. Mr. Overton said that the money was approved and in the original Grant agreement from the State and when the bids came in they would not allow them to move items from participating into nonparticipating and they reduced the amount of the Grant loan unilaterally.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR (MESSRS. NOLIN, BOWERS, MANN, CONROY AND ONE (1) IN OPPOSITION (MR. TOBIN).**

(16.) Authorize the Director of Public Works to reduce the retainage to the Schultz Corporation for Project No. HP 2000-2, Riverside Deck at Norwalk Heritage Park and Amphitheater Stage at Oyster Shell Park, form 5% to 1%.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(22.) Discussion – Transition of Responsibility from Construction Management to Operation Management for Heritage Park.

Mr. Mocciae stated that the park was incomplete, scheduled to open on June 2, 2001 and there was no money to pay for it. He explained that the decking was completed on the amphitheater but there were no steps to

get up and down so it was unusable. He said that they were looking at the landscaping, fencing and milling that needed to be done before the opening. He said that they wanted to put down topsoil and seed so that it would look nice for the opening. He said that the electrical did not run the amphitheater and so they wanted to take that money and do the work on the park since they would not be using the amphitheater at night. He said that a generator would be used in the day and noted that the electric did not give them a power source. He said that they needed to go under the railroad and contract with SNEW to hook up the power source. Mr. Overton said that they were short as the last leg of this project was to bring the actual power to that enclosure and it was an unfunded \$10,000 item. He added that the award of the contract and the Agreement with SNEW was in hand for approximately \$40,000. Mr. Nolin asked how the money would be replaced if they used it now. Mr. Nolin cautioned that they could not cannibalize one part of the project to fund another. Mr. Mocciaie said that they would be doing the project in pieces.

Mr. Bowers said that this came back to an underlying problem and noted that this was a park item inside a park and he asked why DPW was running it. Mr. Mocciaie said that it was still not Park's specifically, it was a combined project. Mr. Grumman said that they were not anxious to get more contracts and take any other department's responsibility but they wanted to finish the project they had started. Mr. Grumman stated that people would see at the opening that this was a work in process and Mr. Mocciaie said that they wanted to get the park to look pleasing. Mr. Bowers commented that the Mayor's impression was that it was still a disaster and other than the lower area by the bridge walkway it could not be opened to the public. Mr. Nolin questioned why they were not looking to get money through other ways and noted that he had just found out about this yesterday. Mr. Mocciaie said that they were concentrating on the bike paths and needed \$50,000 and he noted that there were some slopes that had no fencing.

Mr. Conroy then said that it sounded like they had a plan and he advised that they call Mr. Miller and inform him that Mr. Conroy said to make a special appropriation to this project for \$50,000. Mr. Conroy said that he would call as well as did Mr. Grumman and Mr. Romano. Mr. Nolin said that DPW had to finish what they were doing and turn the project over to Parks and Recreation and then they all had to pledge their support to Mr. Mocciaie to help him get this done.

(19.) Adopt the amended City of Norwalk Department of Public Works Drainage Manual dated May 1983, by the addition of Standards for Removal of Oil, Grit and Other Material from Storm Water.

Mr. Grumman said that they had been doing this unofficially and they wanted to add it to their manual. He said that they took some recognized standards for removal of oil and grit and it jumped up to 90%. He noted that there was a draft in the packet. Mr. Nolin asked if they worked this out with other departments and Mr. Grumman said that they had and the first draft was prepared last year and they would like to add it formally to their drainage manual.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

Mr. Nolin asked what they would do if they didn't like it and Mr. Linnartz said that Conservation was using it now and Mr. Grumman said that most contractors liked it. Mr. Nolin noted that it was a definitive standard.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(20.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute the NPDES Permit Renewal application governing discharge quality from the Norwalk Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**** MR. BOWERS MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(21a.) Approve the Assignment of the Agreement for mapping and monitoring services for the implementation of the City-wide GIS System by and between the City of Norwalk and ASI Landmark, Inc., a Subsidiary of Analytical Surveys, Inc.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(21b.) Authorize the Mayor, Frank J. Esposito, to execute a Consent to Assignment document expressing the City's consent the assignment of its written Agreement with ASI Landmark, Inc., a

Subsidiary of Analytical Surveys, Inc., for mapping and monitoring services for the implementation of the City-wide GIS System, to Sanborn Colorado LLC and the Sanborn Map Company, Inc.

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED THE APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(23.) Discussion – Maritime Aquarium Garage Status Report

Mr. Nolin stated that he sensed that the Maritime felt it was not getting the best utilization. He asked if someone from Central could speak with Maritime because they were concerned that once there was a design on paper they would be locked in. He added that they were looking to have discussions. Mr. Overton said that the sprinkler system needed to get through the first phase of the design and when Central did that they would have a meeting. He added that they were glad to have Central Parking as part of the design team because they were very knowledgeable. Mr. Nolin said that he heard they were cannibalizing too much of the parking space with the retail space around it and he asked if any of the Reed Putnam money could be used for the parking garage and Mr. Overton said that they could. Mr. Bowers said that they had reservations about the folded ramp and Mr. Overton said that was the most cost efficient method. Mr. Bowers said that they did not believe that they would get their 469 spaces on their full days. He said that there was a concern that Spinnaker would slant in favor of the garage since they were the developer for the garage too. Mr. Nolin said that they should think about the extra spaces since the City got the Grant and they should make a call to Bob Greismer. Mr. Overton said that he would have them call Mr. Greismer tomorrow.

(30.) For Information Purposes – Preliminary Design of the Maritime Aquarium Garage.

Mr. Tobin said that they would be coming tomorrow to get a letter for the preliminary design.

(25.) Discussion – Status of Reed Putnam planning

Mr. Overton said that the access and egress had to be agreeable and he noted that they were in the process of revising their plans. He said that they persuaded DOT, who wanted a traffic light on the street and wanted

them to do it to do it themselves when he had told them no. Mr. Nolin said that he would defer to Mr. Overton and Mr. Overton said that they would need traffic aids and 2 traffic gates.

(24.) Discussion – Update on traffic calming studies and various requests for additional traffic control mechanisms

Mr. Linnartz distributed his report and said that it was a first draft. He said that traffic calming was not just speed bumps and some of it was traffic enforcement. He asked the Committee if they had any roads that they wanted considered and Mr. Tobin said that he would look at Saw Mill Road. Mr. Linnartz said that they would have a public hearing.

(26.) Discussion – Status of Police Building Project

Mr. Overton said that he had met with the architect and walked through the 10% design. Mr. Romano said that they would have a report next week that list the cost of data collection and equipment specification collection. He said that the final set of construction specs had been delivered and were ready to go out to bid with demolition and cleanup. He said that the also asked for a proposal up front for the survey required for the demolition of the old building. He said that they were designing it to the specifications of the National Association of Police Chiefs and it covered everything in terms of spaces and circulation. He said they allowed 15% circulation and they doubled the amount in the corridors. Mr. Nolin asked if they were building it to be in the City for 100 years and Mr. Overton said that they certainly were and added that long term was built into every design decision. He said that they adopted City Hall for the basis for the furniture and walls. He mentioned that it was sufficiently utilitarian and they had a lot of brick and the style would be Victorian. He noted that they were working with the Urban Renewal Agency.

(28.) Discussion – Yard Waste pick up

Mr. Romano said that waste was usually picked up every two weeks but they would only be doing it once a month in June, July and August. He explained that it was the only time that his crews were allowed to take vacation. He said that the Council did not have to approve it but he wanted to let the Committee know.

(29.) For Information Purposes – Parking Authority Steering Committee Roster

Mr. Nolin said that Mr. Bowers, Ms. Rivas, Mr. Torrano, Mr. Wilms and Mr. Mann had been assigned to the Committee. He said that the meeting would be on June 5th and he said that it could be done before the Public Works meeting, which would limit it to an hour.

(31.) Action on discussion items as needed.

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND SAW MILL ROAD AS THE THIRD TEST CASE IN PLACE OF OAK HILLS PARK.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. NOLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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