

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.
JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Barbara L. DeGennaro called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Barbara L. DeGennaro, Anthony Staffieri, Carmen DiCenso (alternate)

Absent: Ronald Sill

Also Present: The Honorable Mayor Anita Dugatto (arrived at 6:47 p.m.)

Anthony DeFala, Street Commissioner

Alderman Stephen Iacune

Alderman Thomas Donofrio

Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none

PUBLIC PORTION

Christine DiMartino, 63 Sherwood Avenue, Derby, CT

I'm a PTO and Post Prom Committee member. I just wanted to put out there as a recommendation for the next food truck festival that we would like to share – we had great success last year. We would like to have it this year in conjunction with the homecoming with the high school football game. We will be talking with the principal, vice-principal and superintendent. We would like to have the food truck festival on the baseball side of the track. We would like to see if we could get on next month's agenda and just want to get the word out. The date that we're looking at is October 15th, which is a Saturday. We would like to possibly do 11:00 a.m. to 5 or 6:00 p.m. We need to determine the time but we just wanted to put that recommendation out.

Ms. DeGennaro said this would be a change of venue for your committee. She told Ms. DiMartino that she can send this information to Mr. DiCenso who will then forward to Mr. Sill to put on next month's meeting.

Tim Conlon

The last time I was here we talked about putting a playground/court on Hawkins Street. I didn't know if there's been any more talk regarding this item.

Ms. DeGennaro said it is on the agenda this evening to be discussed.

Ms. DeGennaro asked three times if anyone else wished to address the committee. Hearing no requests...

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to close the public portion. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING DATED JUNE 14, 2016

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES KNOWN AS NOS. 115, 119 AND/OR 123 HAWKINS STREET FOR PROPOSED BASKETBALL COURT AND PLAYGROUND.
DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Ms. DeGennaro stated that these are the three lots on Hawkins Street that are owned by the City. Mr. DeFala looked at the site to determine if a basketball court could be erected on the parcels.

Mr. DeFala said he measured the entire parcel of land. He said in order to construct a half-court size of 50' x 50', which would equal 2,500 ft.² we would need to use the entire parcel. He said there would be a lot of material noting that it is 9' 4" from the top to the road grade. The material would need to be dug out and removed. Mr. DeFala said the court would be parallel to the street and a fence would also need to be installed. There is also no sidewalk and they would have to add something there. Ms. DeGennaro questioned why it would be a half court and not a full court. Mr. DeFala said we can do a full court – it would just double the cost to \$84,000.

Mr. DiCenso asked if we have considered going to Irving School. Ms. DeGennaro said at the full Board of Aldermen meeting we approved an additional court. She said we really can't put anything else at Irving due to parking issues. We can have an additional hoop installed until we decide on the court.

Mr. DeFala said he also knows there's a basement on the property on Hawkins Street – that would need to be removed. Mr. Staffieri stated that he grew up on Hawkins Street and he thinks this is a great idea. He asked Mr. DeFala if the City would do the work. Mr. DeFala said he really doesn't have the machinery that would be needed to do this work nor the manpower. He said his department would be able to lend some support; however he envisions this being 90% subbed out. He said we could probably drop the cost with hauling the material.

Ms. DeGennaro said at least it's a start. She noted that we can't spend money that we don't have – we really have to button down these costs. Mr. Staffieri said his administration would approach contractors to seek donations. Mr. DeFala said this is a big undertaking. He also hopes that he doesn't hit ledge at this site. We need to make it compliant – we don't want a liability. Ms. DeGennaro said there are other factors that need to be considered such as continued upkeep, insurance. Mr. Staffieri suggested that Mr. DeFala ask other contractors to help out. It was noted that this would probably not be done for this season.

Mr. DeFala said there is another site that he would like the committee to consider. The City owns a lot on Lafayette Street. There used to be a blighted property and the City

took it over and tore it down. Mr. DeFala asked Mr. Conlon if that area would work. Mr. Conlon said that is in the same proximity of Hawkins Street. Mr. DiCenso said that site could probably be handled by Public Works. Mr. DeFala said mostly yes and noted that they would work with whatever contractor is chosen. Ms. DeGennaro said why not do the three lots on Hawkins Street. Mr. DiCenso said he feels that the Oak/Lafayette site would be a better fit – it is flatter and therefore much easier to do. Ms. DeGennaro said her main concern would be the little kids – that is still a good walk to that site. Mr. DeFala said if the committee decides to table this he will speak to some contractors about Hawkins Street and will take a closer look at Lafayette & Oak.

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to **TABLE** this item until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to re-open the Public Portion. **Motion carried.**

Tom Lionetti, 79 Sunset Drive, Derby, CT

How many kids are you talking about? If you're talking about 15-20 kids why don't you just pay for the Community Center. It's a central location and they can walk there.

Marc Garofalo, Town & City Clerk – City of Derby

One item has been left off the agenda. It's the sidewalk reimbursement for St. Mary/St. Michael School.

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to close the second public portion. **Motion carried.**

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Staffieri to go back to Item # 4 on the agenda – Additions, Deletions, Corrections and Adoption of the Agenda to add St. Mary/St. Michael School Sidewalk Reimbursement as new item #11 with adjournment now item #12. **Motion carried.**

REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT BORINGS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL SITE. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Ms. DeGennaro said there is an email from the Regional Water Authority indicating this request.

Ted Norris, Vice President of Asset Management for the Regional Water Authority addressed the committee. He noted he was here in May 2015 seeking permission at that time for the same thing. He said the deed restrictions have been reviewed and completed. At this point they are asking to do bore testing. The testing would be conducted in the yellow area indicated on the map – it is the same as last year. The "B" letter indicates where the testing will take place. Mr. Staffieri asked if this would determine if a tank can be placed on that site. Mr. Norris said yes – they would be conducting about nine borings. Mr. Staffieri said nothing would be done on sites that are asphalt covered. Mr. Norris said that is correct. Ms. DeGennaro said she didn't recall anything pertaining to deed restrictions the last time around. Atty. Welch said his recollection is from the title search – it didn't evidence any deed restrictions. Ms. DeGennaro asked if approved when would this work take place. Mr. Norris said they

would like to have this completed by the time school starts. Mr. DiCenso asked if there had been any discussions regarding either leasing or selling the property. Mr. Norris said they obtained three appraisals the last time, which ranged in \$34,000 to \$35,000 to sell. Mr. Staffieri said so the City would have to decide whether to sell or lease. Ms. DeGennaro asked Mr. Norris if these were appraisals done by the Water Authority. Mr. Norris said one of the appraisals was done by a firm hired by the City.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. DiCenso to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen to grant permission to the Regional Water Authority to conduct borings at the High School site.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION

Ms. DeGennaro said she feels that we need to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen contingent upon the Regional Water Authority providing some kind of Hold Harmless Agreement and Certificate of Insurance.

Friendly Amendment to the Motion was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. DiCenso to make the recommendation to the full Board of Aldermen to grant the permission to the Regional Water Authority contingent on receiving a Hold Harmless Agreement and a Certificate of Insurance. **Motion carried.**

REQUEST FROM HAKS FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THEIR AGREEMENT DUE TO A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OF THEIR WORK FOR THE GREENWAY PHASE III PROJECT. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Ms. DeGennaro said everyone should have a copy of the HAKS letter sent to Henry Domurad. Atty. Welch said the City is currently in litigation. The pre-trial is set to begin next week. He said we're at the end of our agreement and the funds to pay this would be substantially less if we resolve this sooner than later. Atty. Welch said any agreement he would have a not to exceed amount.

Ms. DeGennaro asked what the litigation is for. Atty. Welch said it has to do with Hammonasset Construction. HAKS is the company representing the City. He said they oversaw the project for the City. This would be for a supplemental amendment to the contract. Atty. Welch said there is \$35,000 outstanding. He said this will help us through the trial. We should place an amount not to exceed or an as needed basis. Atty. Welch said they are essentially our Clerk of the Works. Ms. DeGennaro said she doesn't recall ever seeing the original agreement. She suggested that we might have something a little more tidied up for the full Board of Aldermen meeting. She asked if we needed to have this done now. Atty. Welch said we do not need this before the pre-trial.

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. DiCenso to recommend this item to the full Board of Aldermen with a detailed explanation from Atty. Welch regarding the request from HAKS with a cap for the additional amount of money and that the full agreement is made available for the board to review. **Motion carried.**

REQUEST FROM TWO ROADS AND THE HOPS COMPANY TO HOST A 5K ROAD RACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 TO BENEFIT THE LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER NEW HAVEN. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Ms. DeGennaro said we have put this back on our agenda. Unfortunately no one is here representing the companies. She said she feels we would be better served if we told them to come back with a request to use the Greenway. There were people who spoke during last month's public portion. Ms. DeGennaro also noted that the transfer station is very busy on Saturdays. Mr. DiCenso said the Police said the road would be closed for three hours.

A MOTION was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to **TABLE** this item until next month's meeting. **Motion carried.**

SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FROM ST. MARY/ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,831.00. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. Staffieri asked Mr. DeFala if the work has been done and accepted in accordance with the City's guidelines. Ms. DeGennaro stated that the job was \$27,500.00 and they're looking for a reimbursement of \$5,831.00. Mr. DeFala said that's what he's recommending – those are his numbers. He said he based it on the 2007 revised reimbursement schedule. Ms. DeGennaro asked Mr. DeFala who put the job total on the sheet. Mr. DeFala said it was the contractor's final number with St. Mary's or the Archdioceses. He said he re-did the dimensions that were on the contract, which were inaccurate. The sketch was off and he re-did the sketch. Mr. DeFala said it's 33,700 ft. ². Ms. DeGennaro said one-third would almost be \$10,000. Mr. DeFala said based on the 2007 schedule it's \$4.00 ft.² per 5 inches of concrete. He said the contractor did a great job.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. DiCenso to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen the sidewalk reimbursement request from St. Mary/St. Michael School in the amount of \$5,831.00. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. DiCenso to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn
Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.