

## **ROAD BOND MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016 – 6:45 P.M. (Time Approximate)**

**JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

### **MINUTES**

Chair Ronald Sill called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Ronald Sill, Barbara DeGennaro, Anthony Staffieri, Carmen DiCenso

Also Present: The Honorable Mayor Anita Dugatto  
Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer  
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk  
Anthony DeFala, Street Commissioner  
Alderman Thomas Donofrio  
Alderman Steven Iacuone  
Alderman Joseph DiMartino  
Alderman Peter M. Olenoski, Jr.  
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

#### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA**

There were none

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Sill asked three times if anyone wished to address the committee. Hearing no one wishing to address the committee the public portion was closed.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2016 MEETING**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

#### **UPDATE ON 2015 ROAD BOND PROJECT – PHASE 3**

Mr. DeFala said everything is moving along well. He said you have numerous invoices in front of you this evening. Mr. DeFala said there were a lot of infrastructure problems on water on pretty much all of the roads. He said they have all been corrected. There was recently a sinkhole issue that they found. He said when the Water Company moved the hydrant off the road into the island next to the Police Station. It was a thirteen foot deep sinkhole, which has been fixed. Mr. DeFala said the project is running on schedule. He said he is looking at mid-week next week to do binder patching with paving occurring shortly after. Completion should be the first two weeks in July.

Mr. DeFala said he doesn't know if there have been any complaints from the business owners on Derby/Milford Road. He said they have had traffic issues there and they will continue to have them. As everyone is aware it is an extremely road and traffic never stops. He said they have been trying to let local traffic through. Mr. DeFala said he has had a few complaints from Greco & Haines. He said the Police are doing the best they can.

Mr. Sill asked Mr. DeFala to please get his phone repaired so they can communicate.

### **REVIEW INVOICES – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Sill said everyone should have a copy of the invoices. He noted that they have been signed off by the Street Commissioner.

Ms. DeGennaro asked Mr. DeFala if the work done by Pepe Construction – the catch basins – was that part of the bid. Mr. DeFala said the catch basin tops and the manhole tops were part of the bid – not the infrastructure.

Ms. DeGennaro said she has brought this up before – we have issues with bidding, we have issues with bid waivers. She said she added up invoices that refer to the actual catch basins – 1, 6, 2, 7, 3, 4, 5 and 8 that those invoices total \$27,975.00 – they're separate invoices. Ms. DeGennaro said we're trying to do the right thing here. She said we're not taking the same stance. Different boards, different contractors and we're picking and choosing who can give a piecemeal invoice. In my opinion that work should have gone out to bid. The rest of it should have been part of the bid. I'm just going to state that because it doesn't sit well with me. Especially when you deny people that come in and wants to provide a service at \$25,000.00 but they got to go out to bid. That's a rule – we have rules. Ms. DeGennaro noted that a couple of invoices she's assuming is supplemental because there's an "S" in front of the number and then there's an invoice for materials that was submitted for the catch basin. Again this should have been bid.

Mr. DiCenso asked if we know at the beginning of the job that all eight of the catch basins were being replaced. Mr. DeFala said it may be beneficial in the future to engineer these roads, which will incur a cost and he isn't sure if the City can afford to do that. Or do we want to waste road bond money on engineering. It would probably be \$10,000 to \$15,000 to engineer each road. Mr. DeFala said they actually go into the catch basin and look at it. After the catch basin is sucked out and cleaned if the sump is collapsed it's an issue that needs to be taken care of right away – it can't wait. He said having scheduled the bid and awarding the bid and then the contractor comes in and we see these issues – he understands exactly what Ms. DeGennaro means about going out to bid – but the project is really going to be delayed. Mr. DeFala said the numbers that Pepe Construction is giving us are below what we would probably get if we went out to bid.

Ms. DeGennaro said unfortunately we have other projects that are delayed, specifically the WPCA, because they didn't go out to bid. Mr. DeFala said the way to remediate that issue would be to spend some of the bond money on engineering for these roads so we're not stuck with these issues when we start the project. He said a lot of this

would go away with engineering. Ms. DeGennaro said it could have been in the bond language.

Mr. Iacuone said in the past when we did road bond work we did things like catch basins and drainage work prior to the project bidding. We would probably be better off going back to that practice instead of engineering. He said when Public Works opens the catch basin and vacuums the catch basin and pulls the dirt from that catch basin and it starts to collapse he's committed. It has to be done from there. So bidding first he will have a list so this way here is something happens during the year and he does a project on his own outside of road bond he's still covered because he has a bid process. Otherwise we're throwing good money against bad. Mr. DeFala said you would end up spending more money on engineering and less on actual road work.

Atty. Welch said the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution that any project which is anticipated to exceed \$10,000 has to go out to bid.

Mr. Sill asked if there is any other discussion. He asked if the committee wished to table this item. Ms. DeGennaro said the work has been done – we don't have to table them.

Mr. DeFala said he understands the process. He said it was his understanding to mill and pave the roads. There was no engineering talked about. He said as a taxpayer the taxpayers want to see work done in this town. So it's either less roads and more engineering or more roads and less engineering. That's what's going to happen. Ms. DeGennaro said she doesn't want to beat this to death but there is a process. If we're going to follow the process every board in this City, every commission in this City is going to follow the process. We're not going to pick and choose who has to go out to bid – that's what we're doing. My point is the projects in this City are not being treated the same.

**A MOTION** was made by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Staffieri to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of United Concrete Products Invoice #110425 dated 5/17/16 in the amount of \$2,730.00.

#### **DISCUSSION ON MOTION**

Ms. DeGennaro asked if there were any more invoices coming from United Concrete. Mr. DeFala said there are some other catch basin tops. There are five more total.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of Derby Police Department Invoice #522206 dated 5/22/16 in the amount of \$2,556.00. **Motion carried.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. Sill to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of:

- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #S051416 dated 5/14/16 in the amount of \$485.00.

- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #51616 dated 5/16/16 in the amount of \$4,385.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #51716 dated 5/17/16 in the amount of \$4,425.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #051816 Catch Basin #2 dated 5/18/16 in the amount of \$2,245.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #5051816 Catch Basin #7 dated 5/18/16 in the amount of \$3,715.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #051916 Catch Basin #3 dated 5/19/16 in the amount of \$3,945.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #S052016 dated 5/20/16 in the amount of \$615.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #52316 dated 5/23/16 in the amount of \$4,835.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #52416 dated 5/24/16 in the amount of \$3,325.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #52516 dated 5/25/16 in the amount of \$1,350.00.
- F. Pepe Construction, LLC Invoice #52616 dated 5/26/16 in the amount of \$3,475.00.

#### **DISCUSSION ON MOTION**

Ms. DeGennaro said just for the record I think that the numbers 052516, 052616 and S052016 are for Bluff Street and those total just short of \$6,000.00. And then invoice 052416 is for a catch basin at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the last one I don't know where the material was provided – S051416. Again I'm just going to comment that the work is done; however I'm not happy that we didn't follow the bid process with regard to Water Street and any catch basin work because I'm sure we're going to get more catch basins for other streets. Mr. DeFala stated he has brief reports for each of those invoices, including photographs.

**Ms. DeGennaro – NO. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of O&G Industries Invoice #41849 dated 5/27/16 in the amount of \$1,246.92. **Motion carried.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Mr. Sill to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of Derby Police Department Invoice #5292016 dated 5/29/16 in the amount of \$543.15. **Motion carried.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Staffieri to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of New Haven Register Invoice #998589 dated 5/6/16 in the amount of \$702.00. **Motion carried.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Staffieri to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of Schryver's Tree & Landscape Invoice #1978 dated 6/7/16 in the amount of \$1,850.00.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION**

Ms. DeGennaro asked if this company is doing any work other places with regard to tree removal. Mr. DeFala said no.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of The Grasso Companies, LLC Invoice #2242 dated 6/9/16 in the amount of \$62,500.00. **Motion carried.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Staffieri to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of Derby Police Department Invoice #652016 dated 6/5/16 in the amount of \$255.60. **Motion carried.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Staffieri with a second by Ms. DeGennaro to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen payment approval of John J. Brennan Construction Co. Invoice #18774MB dated 6/9/16 in the amount of \$342.36. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Staffieri to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn  
Recording Secretary

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ROAD BOND COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**