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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2021**

Attendance: Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igneri
John Bove
Tom Keegan
George Tsirinides
Edwin Camacho

Staff: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations

Vanessa Valadares, Principal Engineer, DPW
Wilber Giron, Permit Engineer, DPW

Others: John Marcin, Project Manager, SUEZ
Mathew Todaro, Verrill Law

1. Public Hearing on the proposed sanitary sewer extensions:

- a. 238 West Rocks Road (notice and drawing included)
- b. 174-176 Bouton Street (notice and drawing included)

Mr. Clark opened the public hearing at 5:38PM.
Mr. Igneri closed the public hearing at 5:40PM.
No one from the public attended.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Igneri called the meeting to order at 5:40PM.

- 3. APPROVE THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AT 238 WEST ROCKS ROAD TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FOR THE ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND POTENTIAL 12 PARCELS ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION. THROUGH TECHNICAL ANALYSES, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER FLOW GENERATED FROM THE PROPOSED CONNECTIONS. THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DPW AND WPCA SANITARY SEWER PERMIT PROCESS AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY (ADOPTED JULY 7, 2021) AND BE REFERRED BACK TO THE WPCA BOARD FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE.**

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. TSIRINIDES**

- 4. REFERRAL OF ITEM 3 TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT AND RECOMMEND ACTION PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. 8-24**

Mr. Clark said now that the sewer extension has been voted on and approved by the WPCA the next step will be to refer it to the Planning Commission and the Public Works Committee for approval.

**** MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. TSIRINIDES.**

5. REFERRAL OF ITEM 3 TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION.

**** MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. TSIRINIDES.**

6. APPROVE THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AT 174-176 BOUTON STREET TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FOR 5 PARCELS. THROUGH TECHNICAL ANALYSIS, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CAN ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER FLOW GENERATED FROM THE PROPOSED CONNECTION, THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DPW AND WPCA SANITARY SEWER PERMIT PROCESS AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY (ADOPTED JULY 7, 2021) AND BE REFERRED BACK TO THE WPCA BOARD FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Clark said the sewers are being extended on the dead-end section of Bouton Street and that five houses will be eligible to connect to the sanitary sewer. Mr. Camacho asked when these sewer extensions are done if there is any type of assessment done that is levied on the affected property owners or is it completely absorbed by the WPCA and or the City of Norwalk. Mr. Carr said there is no tax or assessment levied so both extensions are being privately funded by a private entity, so the construction costs are levied and carried by the entity that is completing the work. The only time the sanitary sewer extension would be levied on a parcel is if the City of Norwalk decided to go through the freeholder's process, but we are not going through the freeholders process because this is not a city project and both of the sanitary sewer extensions that are being proposed are through a private entity and at this point will just need approval from staff and various board and commissions.

**** MR. TSIRINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. REFERRAL OF ITEM 6 TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REPORT AND RECOMMEND ACTION PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. 8-24.

**** MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. REFERRAL OF ITEM 6 TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION.

**** MR. CAMACHO MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JULY 7, 2021 AND WPCA MEETING HELD ON JULY 19, 2021. (COPIES INCLUDED)

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION, DRAFT CONSENT ORDER AND SEWER APPEALS

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:45PM

Executive session ended at 5:50PM.

There were no motions made and no votes were taken.

11. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. SUEZ Monthly Report- August 2021 (copy included)

Mr. Marcin reported and said as he reported in July there were two significant storm events in July and that one had ended on July 3rd and the other ended on July 10th and the event that occurred on July 3 lasted approximately two hours and the event that occurred on July 9th lasted much longer and lasted almost 22 hours and was a result of a 6.49" of rain over a 24–36-hour period. He said the Wastewater Treatment Plant performed well and the facilities worked well and was able to treat and manage all of the flow that came into the plant and were in compliance with all of the permit parameters and all of the sampling and testing requirements for the month of July.

Mr. Marcin said that the month of August was much calmer and were able to catch on the jetting and TV inspections, and also spent a significant amount of time cleaning the headworks and influent pumping system because there was a significant amount of grit and sand in the collection system that found its way into the headworks so SUEZ staff had to clean all three of the bar screens, two wet wells and the grit systems. He said that work has been completed and the system is at 100% availability.

b. IDA Storm Event- September 1st and 2nd

Mr. Marcin provided an update of the September rain event and said that 7.51" of rain was received and was over a much shorter period of time than the July storm events and according to Mr. Kolb the official calculation was that it was a 200-year storm event. He said his team did an excellent job and handled the flows, and all of the pump stations worked at 100% as well as all of the influent pumps and all of the equipment at the plant and were able to manage the flow. He said again there were no permit exceedances and the plant recovered very well and is operating great.

- c. Dewatering Equipment (centrifuge) and Odor Control Update

There was no discussion.

- d. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Update

There was no discussion.

12. REPORTS:

- a. FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copies included)

Mr. Carr reported of the highlights and said the revenues are beginning to level off and exhibit more of a pre-covid trends.

- b. Financial Model Update

Mr. Carr provided an update and said that staff is working with Woodard and Curran to develop a financial forecasting model which will show where the WPCA needs to be from an operating expense perspective, and to set the rates where we need to be to either break even or have a recommended surplus and will be updated semi-annually. He said that staff is still in the process of providing the consultant with additional detail and plan to present it to the WPCA board with Woodard and Curran leading the presentation later this year.

Mr. Camacho left the meeting at 6:55PM

- c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Collection- Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation- Various Locations
 - a. Smith St CIPP Lining

Mr. Carr said the WPCA has successfully completed CIPP lining of Smith Street between Wall Street and Moody's Lane.

- 2) Collection-Sanitary Sewer Evaluation and Design (copy included)

Mr. Carr said a new task order was signed with Brown and Caldwell and the main task will be to evaluate the Bell Island and Sammis Street sewer sheds.

- 3) Collection- Flow Metering

Mr. Carr said that 40 flow meters were installed throughout varies manholes to capture the normal daily flow as well as the flow during storm events and Brown and Caldwell will use the data and import it into their model which will give us better data on how the sanitary sewer is actual working under normal conditions as well as during storm events.

4) Site Development and Sewer Capacity Analysis Support (copy included)

Mr. Carr said this task order was signed with Brown and Caldwell and is to assist the WPCA and DPW staff on sewer capacity for future developments.

5) PS- Five Mile, Old Trolley Way, Karen Dr., and Woodward Ave. Rehabilitation

Mr. Carr said the project is advancing and a pre-construction meeting was held for all the sites and are now waiting on delivery for material and equipment purchases.

d. Information Copies: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd