

CITY OF NORWICH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 26, 2001

Present

Mayor Robert Raphael
Ald. Joseph Biviano
Ald. Robert Rabinowitz
Ald. Gary Clark

Also

Ald. Sharon Jeffer
DPW Supt. Carl Ivarson
Asst. Engineer Asa Allison
Clerk/CD Director Joseph Serbin
William Kennedy, Norwich Schools
Margaret Boice, Norwich Schools
Huemac Garcia, NYSEG

The special meeting was called to order at 7 PM in the Common Council Chambers at One Court Plaza by Ald. Joseph Biviano, Chairman.

Street Opening Permit for Norwich Schools -- Concerns from the School relative to the City's street opening policy brought School representatives before the Public Works Committee. Ald. Biviano explained the City's policy and the history behind it. A statement from Delaware Engineering regarding the policy was also distributed (copy attached). The School is requesting that the City either waive the curb to curb requirement or pay the \$16,000 cost of the additional paving. Ald. Biviano noted that last summer Supt. Ivarson and Asst. Engineer Allison met with School officials and their engineer regarding the projects and at that time the School was informed about the requirements for street openings. Ald. Rabinowitz stated that the burden is not for the City of Norwich taxpayers to bear and suggested the School take the funds from their contingency. Margaret Boice indicated the School has no contingency. Ald. Clark pointed out the policy is in place to prevent premature deterioration of the streets which would result in additional tax burden to residents. Discussion ensued. **** Ald. Rabinowitz moved to adhere to the Street Opening Policy. Seconded by Ald. Clark. Ayes all. Carried.**

2001 Dump Truck Bid -- Supt. Ivarson reported that the truck bid awarded to Smith Norwich is not available in yellow and would cost an additional \$1,600 to paint. The Committee concurred to accept the truck in the color white.

Curb Cut Request for East Park Place -- Asst. Engineer Allison reported he met with representatives of the East Park Supper Club regarding a curb cut at the front entrance of the restaurant. It was noted there are already two curb cuts on either side of the building. The matter of the bus stop at East Park Place was also discussed. Ald. Biviano will discuss further with the Traffic Commission and the Public Safety Committee.

Executive Session -- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss contract negotiations. Seconded by Ald. Clark. Ayes all. Carried.

-- Ald. Rabinowitz moved to go out of executive session at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Ald. Clark. Ayes all.

NYSEG Franchise Agreement -- Huemac Garcia of NYSEG reiterated the proposal from NYSEG for a 30 year franchise agreement and the promise of not grieving the property taxes on existing equipment for 10 years. Ald. Clark suggested a five or 10 year renewal agreement. Discussion ensued. **** Ald. Rabinowitz moved to forward to the Common Council a recommendation of approval of a 30 year electric and gas franchise agreement with NYSEG. Seconded by Ald. Biviano; 2 ayes, 1 nay. Carried.**

**** Action Items**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 9:05 PM.