



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON CT

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Alderman McPherson called the March 7, 2023 Street Committee Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Shelton City Hall. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT

Alderman McPherson, Chairman – Present

Alderman Durante - Present

Alderman Simonetti – Present via phone

Alderman Anglace, President – Present

Brian Roach, Superintendent of Highways & Bridges – Present

Rimas Balsys, City Engineer – Present

Sargent Mark Siglinger, Police Department.

Alderman McPherson: Before we start, we have an add-on under new business, Item 2.3, which is Meadow Ridge Estates, Reduction of Bond.

There is no public portion.

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 REGULAR STREET COMMITTEE MEETING -

Alderman Durante MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Regular Street Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

(Please visit www.cityofshelton.org to view minutes)

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously

Alderman McPherson: We will move to Item 3.1 as Sgt Siglinger cannot stay.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #877 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Alderman McPherson: This is regarding the ordinance we have specific to downtown where asphalt sidewalks are not allowed.

Rimas Balsys: That is part of the amendment we are trying to make.

Alderman McPherson: Well, they are not. I remember Paul DiMauro helping to put together this. They are not allowed in the downtown. They have to be concrete with the brick inlay.

Rimas Balsys: For the special sidewalk district. The rest has to be concrete. We have had issues where people have just paved them without telling us. I believe the amendment we are trying to make is to eliminate the concrete curb and change that to granite.

Alderman McPherson: This is two-fold. I did mention it this morning when we met with the Mayor about the two places that without a permit put in the asphalt sidewalk. He said we should notify them and give them time to come in and respond. I am willing to sit down with you and them.

Rimas Balsys: I did it before, we sent them the same letter.

Alderman McPherson: They have the offer of the reimbursement per the ordinance, 60% concrete, 30% for the brick and then the 10% for the curbing. If they refuse to do anything then, I will go back and there may be other actions we may have to take to do that. Go ahead and send the letters. When you do, could you send a copy to me for our file?

Rimas Balsys: To this committee as well?

Alderman McPherson: Yes. I'm willing to sit down if they come in, we will give them whatever time is required by the ordinance. If they don't, we will have to proceed to the next available option. Any questions?

Rimas Balsys: Are we going to recommend an amendment?

Alderman McPherson: Yes.

The amendment would be: (Page 4 of the original ordinance)

(6) All new or replacement curbing within Sidewalk District Number One shall be ~~either precast or cast in placed concrete curbing~~ **granite curbing**. Existing granite curbing may be reset if in a condition acceptable to the public works department.

Alderman McPherson: We are going to strike "either precast or cast in placed concrete curbing" and substitute "granite curbing". Can we say polished? There were some comments because people cut the tires.

Rimas Balsys: It is more the top edge that cuts the tires, not the face.

Alderman McPherson: Can we mandate that that be smooth to some extent?

Rimas Balsys: Honestly, I don't think I have ever seen smooth concrete on a curb. A smooth face. I've never seen smooth granite curbing. The top is polished, but the face is always...

Alderman McPherson: So, we are going to substitute with granite.

Rimas Balsys: It should read: All new or replacement curbing within Sidewalk District Number One shall be **granite curbing**. Existing granite curbing may be reset if in a condition acceptable to the public works department.

Alderman McPherson: That is the change. I will move to amend this with the word granite as discussed.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Alderman McPherson: That will go to the full Board for public hearing and will come back in April for a vote.

Ordinance and Amendment highlighted on the following pages.

Ordinance #877

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER
PUBLIC PLACES (SEC. 14-9; 14-15; 14-51; 14-64; 14-65)

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen: March 13th, 2014.

Approved by the Mayor:

Date

Mayor's Signature

Attested to:

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AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES (SEC. 14-9; 14-15; 14-51; 14-64; 14-65)

Sec. 14-9. - Sidewalk repair and construction.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Director or director of public works shall mean the director of public works for the city or his designated agent. Public sidewalk shall mean that sidewalk located within a city street right-of-way, or such other sidewalk for which the city bears responsibility under the general statutes.

(b) Sidewalk maintenance required. The owner of land abutting a public sidewalk shall maintain that sidewalk which fronts their property in a safe condition at all times. Whenever a sidewalk is found to be unsafe and in need of repair or replacement, the director of public works shall notify the abutting landowners, in writing, of the defect and order the landowners to repair or replace the sidewalk within thirty (30) days of such notification, or such longer time as may be specified in the notice. Such order and notification shall be either personally served by an indifferent person or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(c) Appeal of order to repair. Such landowner shall have the right to appeal such order to the board of aldermen, which appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the board of aldermen within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the original notice. The board of aldermen shall conduct a hearing on the appeal within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal. The decision of the board of aldermen shall be final.

(d) Repair of sidewalk by city. If the landowner does not appeal or does not comply with the order to repair a sidewalk or request an extension of time to complete the ordered repairs, the director of public works is authorized to repair or replace the sidewalk. The director may extend time to complete ordered repairs upon request.

(e) Assessment upon repair by city. Whenever an abutting landowner fails to complete an ordered sidewalk repair and the city, pursuant to subsection (d) of this section performs the repairs, either by itself or by others, upon the completion of the work, the director of public works shall send a full and complete report to the board of aldermen which report shall contain among other things a complete breakdown of all costs incurred and a description of the property and condition of the sidewalk as it existed before and as it exists after the work. The board of aldermen shall make an assessment of benefits, if any, and the city shall notify, in writing by certified mail, the abutting landowner as to the amount of the assessments, provided that the liability of the abutting landowner shall be limited to the actual cost of repairs or the assessment of actual benefits whichever is lesser. The city may recover such costs in an action at law.

(f) Construction specifications. The specifications for sidewalks constructed or repaired under the provisions of this section shall be as follows:

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(1) All new sidewalks shall be constructed of concrete (cement concrete). Existing asphalt (bituminous concrete) sidewalks located outside of downtown and Huntington Center may be repaired, overlaid or replaced with asphalt. Asphalt overlays, replacements or repairs are not permitted on existing concrete sidewalks or those concrete sidewalks previously overlaid with asphalt. Concrete or stone curbs shall be replaced by concrete curbs only.

(2) The construction of new and replacement sidewalks shall conform to the current sidewalk specifications of the department of public works. In general sidewalks shall be concrete (cement concrete) and have a minimum width of four (4) feet and a minimum thickness of four (4) inches. The concrete shall have a twenty-eight-day compressive strength of three thousand (3,000) psi and an air entrainment of five (5) to seven (7) percent. Expansion joints shall be provided at least every twenty (20) feet. Asphalt sidewalks shall have a minimum compacted thickness of one (1) inch. Asphalt sidewalks shall be constructed of class 2 bituminous concrete. (3) All curbs and sidewalks constructed or replaced at or within an intersection or crosswalk, shall include curb cuts or ramps to provide adequate access for the movement of physically handicapped persons. (4) No public sidewalks shall be installed, repaired or replaced without a valid permit from the department of public works. All public sidewalk construction and repair is subject to inspection and approval by the department of public works.

(g) City financial responsibility. The city shall be responsible for a percentage of the cost of construction or replacement of concrete sidewalks and curbs constructed within the city right-of-way, which cost shall be calculated according to a unit price list which shall be established by the city engineer. If the actual unit cost of construction is greater than the items listed on the unit price established by the engineer, the city shall be responsible only for the established percentage of the unit cost as calculated from the city engineer's price list. The following percentages are established as the portion of the cost of construction or replacement of sidewalks and curbs which is the financial responsibility of the city:

(1) Concrete (cement concrete) sidewalks-sixty (60) percent.

(2) Curbing (all types)-thirty (30) percent.

Between November fifteenth and December thirty-first of each year, the city engineer shall prepare a unit price list which he proposes to use for the ensuing calendar year, January first to December thirty-first. He shall file the same with the street committee of the board of aldermen, with the city/town clerk and with the clerk of the board of aldermen, who shall place the list on the agenda of the board of aldermen during the month of January in each year. Unless the board of aldermen changes the price list at its January meeting of each year, the figures established by the city engineer shall go into effect and be effective for the calendar year immediately following. No sidewalk shall be replaced or constructed within the city right-of-way without the prior approval of the city engineer and without obtaining such other permits as may be required by law.

(h) Exception. The provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the public works director may approve new sidewalk construction of material other than concrete where the material used is of a quality and cost at least equal to the concrete and where the material is approved by the Public Works Director as safe for use by the general public on a public sidewalk. In such event, the cost of reimbursement by the city shall not be any greater than the reimbursement if the sidewalk had been constructed of concrete. Reimbursement to property owners installing such sidewalks is authorized if such sidewalks were installed after March 1, 1985.

(i) Sidewalk District Number One:

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- (1) Sidewalk District Number One is hereby established. The district shall include the public sidewalks within the state highway right-of-way on Howe Avenue (Route #110) from Hill Street to Beard Street on the south side and from Hill Street to Wooster Street North on the north side.
- (2) All new or replacement sidewalks within District Number One shall be constructed of concrete (cement concrete) with a brick paver accent strip. The width of the concrete sidewalk and brick paver accent strip shall be approved by the Public Works Director. All construction methods and materials shall conform to the current sidewalk specifications of the public works department.
- (3) Existing asphalt (bituminous concrete) sidewalks located within sidewalk District Number One cannot be repaired or overlaid with asphalt. They must be replaced by concrete sidewalks with the brick paver accent strip.
- (4) An abutting landowner whose existing concrete sidewalk does not require repair or replacement shall not be required to install the brick paver accent strip. However, the landowner may saw cut and remove a portion of an existing concrete sidewalk and install the brick paver strip and still be eligible for reimbursement from the city.
- (5) The following percentage is established as the portion of the cost of construction or replacement of sidewalks and curbs which is the financial responsibility of the city within Sidewalk District Number One:
- a. Brick paver accent sidewalk strip: Forty (40) percent;
 - b. Concrete (cement concrete) sidewalks: Sixty (60) percent;
 - c. New or reset curbing: Thirty (30) percent.
- (6) All new or replacement curbing within Sidewalk District Number One shall be ~~either precast or cast in placed concrete curbing~~ **granite curbing**. Existing granite curbing may be reset if in a condition acceptable to the public works department.

(Ord. No. 238, 2-10-75; Ord. No. 344, 9-11-78; Ord. No. 412, 7-9-81; Ord. No. 446, 5-12-83; Ord. No. 465, 8-9-84; Ord. No. 488, 10-10-85; Ord. No. 517, 3-12-87)

Sec. 14-15. - Obstructions on sidewalks and highway rights-of-way.

(a) Sidewalks.

(1) It shall be the duty of the occupant, owner, or of the person having the care of any building or land abutting any street in the city where there is a foot path or public sidewalk, whether the same be paved or not, to keep said sidewalk free from snow, ice, sleet, mud, stone, rubbish, or any fixtures or materials including, but not limited to, vending machines, dumpsters, retail merchandise, signs or any other obstruction, so as to permit the free and safe passage of pedestrians through the same.

(2) No person shall place, store or display, on a public sidewalk, any object or material such as, but not limited to, vending machines, dumpsters, retail merchandise or signs. Temporary approval for the use of the public sidewalk for a special purpose may be authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

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(b) Highway rights-of-way.

(1) No person, firm, corporation or company shall place, install, construct or store within the limits of a city street or state highway right-of-way any fence, wall, sign, structures, vending machine or earth materials, (including fill or boulders).

(2) Trees or shrubs may be planted within a city street right-of-way with the permission of the tree warden provided it is located at least three (3) feet from the edge of pavement and it is of a species acceptable to the tree warden and such plantings will not hinder the line of sight on any city street or access to or from any private driveway of public road. Permission must be obtained from the Connecticut Department of Transportation in order to plant with the state highway right-of-way.

(3) No fence, wall, structure, hedge, shrubbery grading or other obstruction to vision at a street intersection in excess of three (3) feet in height above the centerline road elevation shall be placed or allowed to grow or exist within the area of a triangle formed by joining points on each streetline fifty (SO) feet from the point of intersection of the two (2) streetlines, and the two (2) streetlines. No hedge, shrub, tree or other growth shall be maintained so as to create an unsafe condition to the general public

c) Enforcement and penalty.

(1) The Shelton Police Department shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this section (subsection (a)(I) and (2)) relative to keeping sidewalks free from snow, ice, sleet, mud, stone rubbish, fixtures, materials, vending machines, retail merchandise, signs or any other obstructions. Any person willfully refusing to remedy and such conditions when notified by the city shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon complaint by the Shelton Police Department to the superior court and upon conviction of the same shall not be fined more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for such offense. The penalty provided in this subsection shall not be in lieu of the collection of the cost of remedying such condition by the city.

(2) The City of Shelton shall have the right to order the removal from the city street right-of-way including sidewalks and areas near intersections, any and all objects including, but not limited to, those previously described in this ordinance which may create an unsafe condition to the general public. The director of public works or his agent shall notify the landowner or occupant in writing of the unsafe condition and order the responsible party to correct the condition within thirty (30) days of such notification or such time as may be specified in the notice. Said order and notification shall be either personally served by an indifferent person or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. No notice shall be required for removing items including trees and shrubbery from a city right-of-way that hinder pedestrian or vehicular travel including any hedge, tree or shrub.

(3) Such landowner or occupant shall have the right to appeal such order to the board of aldermen, which appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the board within ten (10) days of the mailing of the original notice. The board of aldermen shall conduct a hearing on said appeal with thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal. The decision of the board of aldermen shall be final.

(4) In the event that the landowner or occupant does not comply with the order, requests an extension of time to complete the necessary remedy or appeals the order, the director of public works is authorized to remove the object and/or remedy such condition within the city street right-of-way, and charge the costs thereof to such person so failing, and such costs shall be a lien upon the property

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occupied by such person where the condition existed, and such lien shall date from the time such notice was served and may be foreclosed in the same manner as liens for taxes.

(5) The right of the city to order the removal of objects within a city street right-of-way and adjacent to intersections shall apply to all objects which existed in the right of way before the effective date of this ordinance that in the opinion and of the city creates an unsafe condition.

(Ord. No. 521, 4-9-87; Ord. No. 808, 4-12-07)

Sec. 14-51. Permit-

(a) No person shall make any opening, excavation, or construct any walk, curb, pavement, driveway, or perform other construction work within, on, through, or under any public street, highway or public right-of-way located in the city, including a state highway, for any purpose whatsoever, unless a permit has been obtained pursuant to this article from the director of public works or his designated agent. Any permit issued shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date thereof. Any work performed pursuant to such permit shall be subject to approval by the director of public works or his designated representative.

(b) On state highways located within the city, the city street opening permit must be obtained.-A \$25.00 City Street Opening Permit shall be required where a public sidewalk within a state right-of-way is impacted by the excavation. A no fee City Street Opening Permit is required in all other cases. This article does not supersede any regulations as set forth by the State Department of Transportation with regard to excavation in state highways.

Sec. 14-52 Same - notice to director of public works; term.

The Director of Public Works and the Police Department shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of actually starting any work authorized under a permit. Failure of the permittee to notify the city will result in the revocation of the permit. Permits are void three (3) months after their issue date.

(Ord. No. 454, 2-9-84, ord. no. 715, 10-9-97; Ord. no. 791, 4-14-05; Ord. no. 818, 4-12-07)

Sec. 14-53 Public service companies.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent making of any necessary excavation or the performance of any work related thereto by any public service company in the event of an emergency. In the event of an emergency, the public utility company shall notify the city immediately or if after hours the start of the next city hall business day at which time application for a permit shall be made.

Any public service company which has complied with the provisions of section 16-230 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be exempted from the requirement of posting a bond as here-in before set forth provided that the utility shall place on file with the city a written agreement constituting a continuing obligation binding the utility to make the permanent repair required by this article at its own expense and in such a work were to be done by the city contractor as further guaranteeing the quality of the workmanship and materials to the same extent as would be city contractor and agreeing to the complete the work at the times required by the city engineer. The utility shall warranty all their permanent repairs for one (1) year.

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Ord. No. 454, 2-9-84; ord. No. 715, 10-9-97; Ord. No 791, 4-14-05; Ord. No 818, 4-12-07

Sec. 14-54. Requirements if closing of public highway required.

No highway may be closed without the approval of the traffic authority. Such approval shall only be issued in extraordinary circumstances, for a short period not to exceed one (1) work day and when occupied properties can obtain access by an alternate route. If the work of the permittee requires the closing of a public highway for any period of time, notice shall be given in writing to the traffic authority and to the director of public works or his designated representative twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The traffic authority may determine the need for closing the highway and may require the work or work method be so altered as to provide for traffic flow. The director of his agent shall provide written notice to the police and fire departments upon receipt of notice of the intent in advance of closing any public highway.

(Ord. No. 454, 2-9-84; ord. No. 715, 10-9-97; Ord. No. 791, 4-14-05; ord. No 818, 4-12-07).

Sec. 14-55 Tunneling or jacking.

Tunneling or jacking shall be permitted only when plans prepared by the registered engineer are submitted to and approved by the city Engineer. Ord. No. 454, 2-9-84; Ord. No. 715 10-9-97; ord. no. 791, 4-14-05; ord. No. 818, 4-12-07)

Sec. 14-56 Materials not to interfere with travel; barricades required.

All excavation materials shall be compactly piled and shall not interfere with public travel to any greater extent than necessary. Suitable barricades shall be provided, and warning lights kept burning between sunset and sunrise and any other time as may be required by the Director of Public Works or his agent. If the location and the opinion of the director of Public Works or his agent, is required, such traffic director shall be provided at the expense and responsibility of the contractor.

Or. No. 454, 2-9-84; Ord. No. 715, 10-9-97; ord. no. 791, 4-14-05; ord. no. 818, 4-12-07.

Sec. 14-57. Backfilling.

Backfill in trenches within paved areas shall be placed in layers not more than twelve (12) inches thick and shall be thoroughly compacted by tramping or other approved means to the satisfaction of the Director of his agent. Compaction equipment must be at the excavation site and shall be utilized during all backfilling operations.

The material used for backfill shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the director, or his agent, and if in this opinion, the excavated material is unsuitable for backfill, the contractor shall be required to dispose of the unsuitable materials in the amounts and proportions specified by the director or his agent. When backfill has been completed within fifteen (15) inches of the finished pavement or surface grade, the next fourteen (14) inches shall be filled and compacted using an approved grade of bank run or processed gravel. The last two (2) inches shall be covered with adequate temporary hot bituminous paving material (when available) and in such a manner as shall be approved by the City Engineer.

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Ord. No. 454, 2-9-84; ord. No. 715, 10-9-97; ord. No. 791, 4-14-05; Ord. no. 818, 4-12-07)

Sec. 14-58 inspections.

The Director or his agent is empowered to inspect all excavations for workman ship and materials. The excavation may not be permanently backfilled without the Director or his agent present at the site. The city will require the permittee to excavate and expose for inspection any portion of the excavation backfilled without inspection or authorization to backfill.

Ord. no. 454, 2-9-84; ord. No. 715, 10-9-97; ord. no. 791, 4-14-05; ord. no. 818, 4-12-07)

Sec. 14-59 Maintenance of work by contractor.

The contractor will be required to maintain his work until permanently pay

Sec. 14-64. Termination of permit; release of contractor's obligations. Permanent link to this piece of content

No earlier than Six (6) months after completion of construction, the contractor shall apply for termination of the permit and release from any obligation involved thereafter. If in the opinion of the director or his agent the work is not satisfactorily completed or settlement is occurring, necessary repairs shall be undertaken by the contractor and an additional period of liability established by the director or his agent will be established before release. The installation of permanent repairs by the city to such opening shall terminate the permit and release the permittee from any obligations thereafter. (Ord. No. 454, n, 2-9-84; Ord. No. 715, 10-9-97; Ord. No. 791, 4-14-05; Ord. No. 818, 4-12-07.

Sec. 14-65. – Driveways, walks and curbs.

No driveway, walk or curb shall be constructed and no alteration or repair shall be performed on any driveway, walk or curb, paved or otherwise within the public highway right-of-way of the City of Shelton, until the required permit has been obtained. Permittees shall conform to the following regulations: (a) No driveway, shall extend into the street further than the curb line or within any regularly constituted crosswalk and shall not be closer than twenty (20) feet to a driveway on the same property.

(b) No private driveway shall be constructed in excess of twenty (20) feet in width not shall it extend beyond the extension of the side property line of an abutting property.

(c) No public or commercial driveway shall be constructed in excess of thirty (30) feet in width without approval of the chief of police and the director of public works or his authorized representative, nor be closer than five (5) feet from a side property line nor shall the flare of the approach extend beyond the extension of the side property line of an abutting property.

(d) Before a permit for a driveway can be issued, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office of the city engineer that adequate sightline will be available and that the installation of the driveway will not cause any adverse condition. In the event of a dispute the final decision will be made by the public works director.

(e) All driveways, walks and curbs shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications of the city and as on file in the office of the city engineer.

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(f) All portions of new driveways within the city street right-of-way (including new subdivisions) shall be paved a minimum distance of ten (10) feet as measured from the edge of street pavement in a manner approved by the city engineer.

(g) All curbs shall be constructed of concrete, machine laid asphalt or granite in accordance with the specifications of the city engineer and as on file on his office. Location and elevation shall be obtained from the office of the city engineer.

(h) All phases of the work involved in the construction or repair of driveways, walks and curbs shall be subject to the inspection and supervision of the director of public works or his authorized agent.

(i) A permit to construct a driveway and other required improvements on a city street shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit. All work required under the permit shall be completed or bonded to the satisfaction of the city prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

(j) The city reserves the right to require a driveway permittee, for a new home, to install curbing along the front of the lot on an existing city accepted street and maintain pre-existing discharges of storm water from the street onto the property.

(Ord. No. 520, 4-9-87; Ord. No. 800, 2, 8-10-06)

2.2 MALTBY/DIVISION/ORCHARD ROAD REPAIRS

Alderman McPherson: I thought at one of the previous meetings we had talked about this.

Brian Roach: Yes, Brennan. They didn't do anything on Orchard. I was up at the top and know the part you are talking about.

Rimas Balsys: They are coming back probably in May.

2.3 MEADOW RIDGE ESTATES, REDUCTION OF BOND

Alderman Durante MOVED to forward to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the City Engineer, the reduction of the \$250,000 performance bond for Meadow Ridge Estates to the amount of \$50,000 to be held as maintenance bond for one year.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman McPherson: We have the engineer's letter attached recommending such reduction. I take it they are all in accordance and everything is all set.

Rimas Balsys: Everything was built to line and grade, workmanship was fine.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS – FOLLOW-UP**3.1 UPGRADE OF CROSSWALK ON NORTH CONSTITUTION**

Alderman McPherson: This came up, I had gotten a letter from Mrs. Gallagher from Conservation Commission requesting that we upgrade the crosswalk on Constitution by the Intermediate School. I spoke with the Mayor this morning, to upgrade not only the signs like the ones installed when you come out of the trails, but the markings, the triangles, the pedestrian crossing, but also requested the brick inlay. The Mayor said we should do it so we can go ahead and do that.

Sgt Siglinger: Representative Chris Rosario has submitted to a program with the State Traffic Projects, part of the DOT capital plan, submitted for us and hopefully we can get some items out of this. Pedestrian crosswalk flashers, that is the price per unit and what they look like.

Alderman McPherson: That would be really nice.

Sgt Siglinger: There is a list of eight crosswalks that I would like to get done, which is a wish list, but depends on how much money we can get. Also, a new speed trailer with a camera on it. They are not cheap.

Alderman McPherson: They are not, but there may be some sources here if we can't get a grant.

Sgt Siglinger: He is pretty confident that we may get something out of this.

Alderman McPherson: This would be very big. On the subject of the flashing lights, I got a call from a resident today and I understand where he is coming from, where they are doing the construction, when you are coming back over the Derby/Shelton Bridge where the State is renovating, coming towards the downtown, there is a stop sign. I have to tell you, I never saw it. By the time I saw it, I was through it. I'm not speeding or anything. A resident called me this afternoon about it with the same thing about that stop sign. I wonder if we can get – I have seen them on Route 67 – the solar that flashes with LED. Is that, I'm thinking because it is a bridge, it is the State.

Sgt Siglinger: Maybe it is the wrong spot, maybe we need a bigger stop sign.

Rimas Balsys: That was put there based on the plans, you can't just go move it.

Sgt Siglinger: I will call the State inspector tomorrow to see what he recommends. Maybe a little higher. It is on the left-hand side.

Alderman McPherson: I had not seen it and when I realized it, I was already through it. I am thankful no one was behind me because I hit the brakes.

Sgt Siglinger: There should be a "Stop Ahead" sign too.

Alderman McPherson: They can put one of those flashing ones there or something.

Sgt Siglinger: I will ask them.

Alderman McPherson: The other question that came up and I think this may be the State, when you come up from Pier 131 and that new road that they put there, the question is, it is going to be one-way and I told the person it is likely State mandated that you can only come out to go onto the bridge, you cannot enter through that way. I believe too because it is the bridge and the State has jurisdiction with that, I think it is related to that, that is just a one-way, you can only go that one way. I wanted to be sure I gave the right information.

Sgt Siglinger: That will all get reconfigured when the bridge is done.

Alderman McPherson: That stop sign isn't going to be a permanent thing, is it?

Sgt Siglinger: No. For the time being. Because the construction is in the middle of the road, there are barricades and fencing, so people can't see coming over the bridge towards Shelton, coming out of Riverside Drive.

Alderman McPherson: Exactly. I would never encourage anybody, and I told this gentleman, coming up to ever take a left turn to come back over the bridge. If you are going to come up, you take a right turn. People sometimes fly over the bridge too. I appreciate you doing that, we can get signs and the markings.

Sgt Siglinger: I will do that. Since this was on the agenda, I wanted to clear it up and tell you what I am doing. I will take care of that. Another thing I want to tell you about. I have these signs in the middle of the road, the crosswalk signs, there was one there, but it was stolen. It is not the first one that has been stolen. So how many do I buy?

Alderman Durante: Would this eliminate those? You wouldn't need those signs.

Sgt Siglinger: All you would do is hit the button and flashers start. It is all solar panels. Easy to install. \$2000 a piece.

Alderman Durante: What is the grant that we are looking at?

Sgt Siglinger: It is a State grant from Capital Improvement Project.

Alderman Durante: Is there a date they will get back to you on.

Sgt Siglinger: No, only have contact with Chris daily, as he works in our building.

Alderman McPherson: That would make a huge difference. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Sgt Siglinger: As far as painting, we can't do that now. Springtime project. I will take care of that and get this off the agenda.

Alderman McPherson: When we do the painting, can we re-paint the triangles on Meadow? They look like they are getting faded already. We can go ahead with that brick inlay, Brian?

Brian Roach: Do you have the contact on those? The Mayor knows the guy that did the brick inlays on Long Hill.

Rimas Balsys: I know a company that does them and I think it is the same one.

Alderman McPherson: He also suggested that I contact our State Representatives because the crosswalk, where the dog park is, everyone is using that and he said this would also be a good thing to put there if we can get our two reps involved.

Sgt Siglinger: Across 108?

Alderman McPherson: Yes.

Brian Roach: We have to involve the State. You have to mill that, it has to be fresh asphalt when they put their stamp in.

Alderman McPherson: He suggested and I will contact our State representatives to see if they can get the State to do that. It is just an inlay?

Brian Roach: A pattern, heat treatment. That's why it has to be within 24-48 hours of paving.

Alderman McPherson: Where we have them, they hold up very well.

Brian Roach: Absolutely. I like them a lot.

Alderman McPherson: I will start that process and contact the representatives about that.

3.2 UPDATE ON STORM DRAIN CLEARING

Alderman McPherson: I think we talked a little bit about it.

Brian Roach: I gave you guys a printout of all the storm drain cleaning we did at the last meeting.

Alderman McPherson: That's good. We are in good shape.

3.3 WOOSTER STREET FROM MEADOW TO SHELTON AVENUE

Alderman McPherson: I think this is more follow up because of the utility markings on Wooster Street.

Brian Roach: That's another one for Brennan with the water. They are paving that as well.

Alderman McPherson: Are they doing that soon?

Brian Roach: Probably in May. It has to be pretty warm weather.

Alderman McPherson: The line is in already, they are all set with the line right?

Brian Roach: Yes. It is a temporary patch right now.

Alderman McPherson: They are looking to do the entire road, curb to curb right?

Brian Roach: Yes.

3.4 UPGRADE TO BLOCK THE BOX SIGNS/SIGNS AROUND HUNTINGTON GREEN

Alderman McPherson: We talked about upgrading the signs. I forgot to mention to Mark when he was here. But I think the placement too – I will see if we can meet down there. One of these signs, I don't think you can see it and it is going to have to be relocated. I don't know if they have bigger ones. I will give him a call on that one. We are going to proceed with the top and bottom of Church Street with block the box as well, so they will have to get the grid for that.

3.5 UPDATE ON HOWE AVENUE BETWEEN BRIDGE AND CENTER STREET – UTILITY MARKINGS

Alderman McPherson: We are still in limbo with Howe Avenue.

Brian Roach: That's all the Bridge Street and Center Street. We do have a meeting with UI next week. Maybe I can find out.

Alderman McPherson: I know they can do the grid at White Street and Howe Avenue intersection, but it is the Center Street one, in front of the buildings there. All of the markings are all the way down.

Brian Roach: They were supposed to replace the gas main there last year, two years ago, so it was all marked up and they never came in.

Alderman McPherson: I'd hate to re-do the grid and then they are going to come in and dig it all up and then we are back to square one again. We will wait for an update on that. We are good on these two.

3.6 TRASH & RECYCLING COMPLAINT UPDATES

Alderman McPherson: I put this on because I had gotten a call from somebody because the robocall had gone out that there was no pick up or whatever. I forget where the area was. I know when we discussed this last, Sheila was getting the calls and Sheila was supposed to be keeping a record because we wanted to see at the end of each month where we were to see if the number is trending downward. I believe it is. I noticed a tremendous amount of improvement, but it wouldn't hurt periodically for us to just see the numbers and that they are trending downward.

Brian Roach: Drastically it is trending down.

Alderman McPherson: I have noticed it myself, but it does not hurt to get it on the record and see that we are making progress.

Brian Roach: The drivers were basically proactive, so they didn't have to work all day Saturday. If someone's can was out there, they would get it.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

4.1 Alderman McPherson: At the Post Office lot, if you are coming out of the Post Office there is a sign on the utility pole, #2440, "No Parking". It is completely faded.

Brian Roach: I will ask Mark. He gets the signs for us. I will talk to him tomorrow.

Alderman McPherson: I was there the other day and noticed it. I think there are some potholes around that area too so if they could put some cold patch in. There is a pole with some sign on it and it is kind of leaning.

Brian Roach: In that same area?

Alderman McPherson: Yes. I have to tell you those barriers are fantastic. No one has tried to drive through the handicap spots. It is a homerun. They did an excellent job with that. I don't have anything further.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NO ITEMS

REPORTS OF:

- A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
- B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES
- C. CITY ENGINEER
- D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Durante: I didn't know if with sports starting up with Parks and Rec, signage wise, does that fall on us? Near the parks, like the Nike Site or Pine Rock, some of the parks with the signs you can't see and traffic is kind of heavy. Does that fall on us? Does that fall on Parks and Rec? I asked Parks and Rec about a few of the soccer fields and they said that is a public road and it would fall on Public Works. They took care of one of the inner parks, I brought this up last year.

Brian Roach: Do we have that kind of sign, the signs you are looking for?

Alderman Durante: Something that says Public Park. Especially when you are coming from Trumbull. Capewell Park, the sign is on the opposite side of the park and it is covered with brush and stuff. I'll bring it back up to Ron. We took care of it, I just didn't know who takes care of all the park signs.

Brian Roach: I'll talk to him.

Alderman Simonetti: As always, I compliment these people for what they do. It is a tough job out there and I know it is a short crew. Nice job everybody. Thank you very much for the cooperation. Although there is not a lot of snow, I was told it got taken care of right away. I have a question. What is the timeframe for finishing Constitution Boulevard? Does anybody have that answer?

Brian Roach: I do not. That's a while out.

Alderman Simonetti: 6 months?

Alderman McPherson: Hard to tell, we are just not sure yet. We are making progress. I have nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn the Street Committee Meeting at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Alderman Durante.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

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