

**Public Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2024**

Ms. Chamberland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Kim Chamberland and Ralph Vilardo Jr.

Staff: City Manager – Michael Doss and Executive Assistant - Jackie Bain

Visitor(s): Wallace Avenue Residents including residents Larry Luecke, Donna Luecke, Darryl Isaacs, Matt Davis, Michelle Davis, Steve Ciaccio, Denielle Bischoff, Tom Fremont, Brooke Shanks Kelly Isaacs Cloes and Ms. Teresa Will

Appointment of a Committee Chair: Mr. Vilardo made a motion to appoint Ms. Chamberland as the Committee Chairperson. All yes

Approval of October 12, 2023, Public Services Committee Minutes: Ms. Chamberland made a motion to make these minutes a public record as presented due to the absentia of previous council members. Mr. Vilardo seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT BIDS

Mr. Doss explained that every three to four years we replace the filter media at our water plant. We bid this out through competitive bidding. We only received one bid. That bid was from National Water Services LLC in the amount of \$71,717.00. In the 2024 budget, we budgeted for \$92,000 for filter media. It is a difference of less than \$20,283.00. We recommend that we accept National Water Services LLC bid.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE LAW DIRECTOR DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL WATER SERVICES LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,717.00 FOR FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT

DISCUSSION: SPEED BUMP REQUEST FOR WALLACE AVENUE

Mr. Doss mentioned that he received an email on April 5th from resident Denielle Bischoff asking the city to consider providing and installing a couple of speed bumps on Wallace Avenue. Many of the residents who live on Wallace Avenue were in attendance and had the opportunity to speak about their concerns with the committee. Mr. Doss discussed the differences between Speed Table, Speed Cushions, Speed Hump and Speed Bump for the location. Mr. Vilardo discussed that in the past Council commissioned a traffic study which recommended Speed Humps in the locations of Forest Avenue and Center Street. He would like to see, from a consistent standpoint, to get a traffic study done. We can then get a recommendation what the most appropriate traffic calming

situation is. In the interim, we can enhance enforcement with the Police Department and get a sign up. Mr. Doss asked if the Committee was asking for an all-out traffic study or just an analysis from the city engineer of this particular request. Mr. Vilardo would like to see a baseline consistency of what we have done previously. That way we have data to validate what we have done. In the meantime, we will speak to Chief Mills and get his opinion on this and possibly placing a speed sign there. Mr. Doss stated that whatever comes out of the study, and if it has been determined and valid to place a speed hump there, he would advocate for us possibly placing speed hump mats there as a temporary solution, because of the work that will be done on Wallace Avenue regarding Water Tower project. Once paving is completed there, a more permanent solution could be placed there, if that is the direction that the committee/council would like to go. Ms. Chamberland commented on us to overall, so some type of outreach for drivers to pay attention since we have so many pedestrians in our city walking and biking at all hours. We want it to be a safe city since we share the roadway. Mr. Doss will speak to Chief Mills about a speed signal sign, and he will also get with a city engineer group to have them take a look at the speeding issues on Wallace Avenue. Mr. Doss will follow up with Denielle Bischoff within a month to bring some updated information back to the committee. And hopefully, Chief Mills can place a speeding sign on Wallace in the meantime.

Other items brought to the committee:

Teressa Will – High Street

Ms. Will brought to the committee's attention that it has come to her attention that the Red Knot Developer has plans to build a duplex next door. And she was asking what is permitted or zoned at that location? Mr. Vilardo shared a picture that Ms. Will had shared with him regarding their recent proposal. Mr. Doss stated that they are building three houses at the site. And believes that it is permitted through zoning for duplexes on that site. Mr. Doss will discuss with Christine Celsor/Planning and Community Development Coordinator for the City of Milford and find out if that is correct.

Mr. Vilardo mentioned proposing to the Safety Services Committee a suggestion to participate using a Flock system of cameras throughout the city. They capture images of license plates as vehicles pass in front of them and send instant alerts to law enforcement officers. The images are stored for 30 days then purged from the system.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Vilardo Seconded by Ms. Chamberland

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bain, Executive Assistant

“These minutes have been approved and adopted by Ms. Chamberland, Mr. Vilardo and Ms. Evans on April 15, 2024.”