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THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
of the City of Norwalk
Special Commission Meeting
March 20, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Johnnie Mae Weldon, Chair; Debora Goldstein;
Pamela Parkington

STAFF: Kevin Barber, General Manager; Ron Scofield, Asst. General Manager

OTHERS: Peter Johnson, CMEEC Ratepayer Representative

PUBLIC: Jim Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was in attendance to comment.

EAST AVENUE DESIGN PROJECT

Mr. Barber reviewed the email from Mayor Rilling to the Commission dated March 15, 2019 with regard to the East Avenue Design Project, which includes undergrounding of the utilities. The City of Norwalk is asking Third Taxing District to work with them on a design for the East Avenue undergrounding, as the City has now indicated that the 90% plans for the Walk Bridge Program are due by May 4, 2019 for distribution in June.

In Mayor Rilling's email, it states that the City of Norwalk would not commit the Third Taxing District to anything as the City will pay for the design. Once designed, Third Taxing District can then decide whether or not to move forward with implementing it. If the undergrounding is not possible, the road widening will require the poles to be moved. If the District makes the decision to underground their wires, a new street light design will need to be undertaken for East Avenue.

Mayor Rilling's email also mentioned that Third Taxing District has indicated that they would like to "monetize" 215 East Avenue which the City feels is an ideal location to realign the railroad station driveway with the Fort Point Street intersection.

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Mayor Rilling is requesting to work with Mr. Barber and appropriate Third Taxing District staff to complete the design work, but understands Mr. Barber would need the approval of the Commission before moving forward with any work.

The Commission would like to meet with Mayor Rilling and his team to discuss these matters in more detail before making any type of a decision. In advance of any meeting with the City of Norwalk, the Commission would like to obtain copies of the following documents to review:

- Executed Copy of the Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects
- Executed Copy of the Master Municipal Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Projects
- Executed Copy of the Master Municipal Agreement for Construction
- Copies of the Minutes, Presentations and related material from the East Avenue Design Committee

The Commission has asked Mr. Barber to contact Mayor Rilling and set up a meeting between the City of Norwalk and Third Taxing District's Commission and staff.

The Commission is also asking that legal counsel review the above Master Municipal Agreements and Third Taxing District's Executed Master Agreement For Readjustment, Relocation and/or Removal of Municipal Facilities on Highway Projects.

The Commission asked Mr. Barber to put together a small report indicating statistics, i.e., cost to maintain, lifespan, outages, etc. for the proposed undergrounding on East Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Tenney
Executive Assistant
Third Taxing District

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