The Public Hearing for the Infills No. 2 Sewer Project by the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 6, 2012, in Conference Room "A" of the Parsons Complex, 70 West River Street. Chairman Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert J. Carroll, Vice-Chairman Donald

Anderson, Commissioner Lee Cooke, Commissioner Edmund Collier and Commissioner Bradford Hubler

(6:45pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Consultant Raymond Macaluso, of Westcott and Mapes, Inc.,

Charlie Smith of AECOM and James Cooper, Superintendent of

Wastewater

EXCUSED: None

<u>Chairman Carroll</u> opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. and read the Legal Notice to those in attendance as follows:

The City of Milford, Connecticut, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parsons Complex, 70 W. River Street, Milford, Connecticut, in Conference Room "A" by Mayor Benjamin Blake and the Sewer Commission with reference to the Infill No. 2 sewer project. The sanitary sewer Infill Project No. 2 will construct approximately 5,000 linear feet of 8 inch and 12 inch gravity sanitary sewer and 1,200 linear feet of 4 inch force main. This project will also construct a pump station at the end of Wilson Street. This project will provide sewer service to a portion of Plains Road, Raton Drive, Wilson Street and a portion of High Street from Interstate 95 South to the Boston Post Road.

<u>Chairman Carroll</u> then asked that Mr. Macaluso of Westcott and Mapes give a presentation for everyone. Westcott and Mapes is the consulting engineer to the Sewer Commission and also the designers of the sewer main projects.

Mr. Macaluso of Westcott and Mapes, Inc. opened his presentation with a description of the Infill No. 2 sewer project and a display of maps for everyone to see. Mr. Macaluso informed the audience that this project is not fully designed yet. This public hearing is an informational hearing to inform the public that the City is planning on installing sewers to serve these areas: Wilson Street, High Street from the Boston Post Road to the Turnpike overpass, Plains Road and Raton Drive. Mr. Macaluso first displayed the plan for Wilson Street. He explained to the public that they would install sewers to serve every house on the

street. He also explained that they are not definite on whether they will have to construct a pump station or not at the far end of Wilson Street. His designers will look at all the aspects first. He went on to explain that on Plains Road the sanitary sewers stop at the top of the hill. This project will extend the sewers past Raton Drive to the railroad tracks and will also extend down Raton Drive for gravity sewer. This also is not designed yet.

Mr. Macaluso told the public that before the project is fully designed they have to present it to the Board of Finance and the Board of Aldermen for funding. Then after design it is presented to the Inland/Wetlands Agency, Planning and Zoning and CT DEEP for approval. It would then go to out to bid in 2013. That would be the next phase for this project before construction. Mr. Macaluso then asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Gordon Levi of 79 Wilson Street – Asked what the time table was for this project.

Mr. Macaluso responded that they are projected to go before the Board of Aldermen on February 4 2013 to secure funding. Westcott and Mapes will then design the project. Then they will present the plans to the Inland/Wetlands Agency and DEEP then to Planning and Zoning. After they get authorization from the Board of Aldermen and the design is complete they will probably put it out to bid the end of 2013. Mr. Levi stated that he lives at the end of the cul-de-sac and he is concerned about the pump station. He said this street is all downhill so they will probably need the pump station. He asked how noisy the pump station would be?

Mr. Macaluso responded that the pump station would not be noisy and the station and pumps would be away from the houses. He explained that there would not be any barbed wire. It would have a nice picket fence. Mr. Levi asked is there any backup in case the power goes out. Mr. Macaluso explained that all the pump stations have backup generators that would kick in if the power went out. Mr. Levi stated that they do not have any storm drains on the street and the water runs down the street into the swamp where the pump station would be. He continued that the snow plows dump the snow at the end of the street causing more water.

Mr. Macaluso replied that he would discuss the drainage issues with the Mayor and the Public Works Director and maybe install them at the same time as the sewer. Mr. Levi asked if the contractor will work with the homeowners to hook their houses to the sewer. Mr. Macaluso stated that Westcott and Mapes along with the City Engineering Department will contact each property owner and schedule an appointment to meet with each property owner to design the best location for the lateral for their house. He told everyone that the property owner decides where he or she would want the lateral for their house. After the sewer main is constructed and accepted by the Sewer Commission the property owners could hire a licensed plumber contractor to connect their house to the new sewer line.

Ms. Joan Poirier of 95 Wilson Street – Stated she is concerned about the pump station. She continued that they have a lot of noise on their street coming from I-95 and they don't need any more noise. She is also concerned that a pump station will be a visual issue and reduce her property values. Mr. Macaluso responded that after they design this project he will know better where it will be. After design and acceptance by the various agencies the City will have another public hearing and will have more definite information for everyone and we will be able to show you exactly what the pump station will look like. We work with the property owners when designing the esthetics of the pump station site. Mr. Macaluso continued that they will try to design the sewer by gravity but if they need the pump station they will have to design one for the project. One of the audience replied that the sewer line would have to be very deep if a gravity line was designed.

Mr. Michael Kross of 29 Wilson Street stated that when the potential sewer project was last put in the newspaper back in 2006 he received a letter dated August 17, 2006 stating that the sewer project had been approved by the Board of Aldermen at a cost of \$930,000.00 and that it would include Fresh Meadow Lane. What happened?

Mr. Macaluso responded that they produce a Capital Improvement Plan every year at which time they put the projects on a list on a priority basis but sometimes priorities change. Past Mayor Richetelli's priorities changed and the project got pushed back. The West Avenue Pump Station which is a major pump station that carries most of the east side of Milford to the treatment plant was in critical need of repairs. The Bridgeport Avenue project at the bridge was removed and became a separate project. Priorities sometimes have to change. Roller Terrace was moved to Infills No. 1 project which is starting right now. That is the new priority. Mr. Kross stated he was told that the sewer line would go thru the yard to the back and follow the waterway to White Oaks Terrace. Mr. Macaluso stated that the sewer has not been designed yet.

Someone from the audience asked if this project could be constructed together with the project on the Boston Post Road at High Street. Mr. Macaluso explained that that project was a state DOT project. The Sewer project is a City of Milford project. Mr. Macaluso reiterated again that this project would probably be out to bid in late 2013 and construction could start that winter. Someone from the audience stated that they probably wouldn't start until the spring of 2014. Mr. Macaluso replied that the Mayor has told them to go forward so unless the Board of Aldermen turns the project down it is moving forward. This audience member stated that he was in favor of the project. He had heard that Great River was asking for sewers and their houses are only 10 years old. He hoped that they got sewers before Great River did as they need them now.

Chairman Carroll thanked Mr. Macaluso for his presentation. He asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:50 pm. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing for Infill No. 2 at 6:50 pm. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Chairman Carroll informed the audience that the regular meeting of the Sewer Commission would be called to order at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Lynch

Recording Secretary Sewer Commission