

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING ENGINEERING AND BID PREPARATION WORK FOR THE
WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE – WALKWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, On September 4, 2018, the Board of Representatives approved a contract with Wengell, McDonnell & Costello for the West Main Street Bridge - Walkway Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, the contract included work generally describing the engineering and bid preparations for the rehabilitation of the existing truss bridge in place, preserving the historic character of the bridge, while still providing a safe and aesthetically improved structure for pedestrian walkway use as well as emergency vehicles, such as ambulances or police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives required a “100-day” review in the contract to ensure that cost estimates and other engineering assessments were substantially correct, and

WHEREAS; the review has been completed, with the conclusion that, while there have been some revisions in the initial estimates and assessments, some of which related to the requirements to accommodate emergency vehicles, the original estimates and assessments were substantially correct, and that the rehabilitation project is ready to proceed; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence in order to substantially complete this rehabilitation project before winter 2020-21, and delays that will result from postponing initiation of bridge rehabilitation will further jeopardize the structural integrity of the bridge and risk increasing the cost; and

WHEREAS, upon awarding bid contracts for the rehabilitation of the bridge the City will have more definitive estimates of total cost and completion time of the project; at which time should there be a substantial deficit in funding the administration shall review the situation with the Board of Representatives and obtain necessary additional approvals as may be required; and

WHEREAS, there may have been members of the Board of Representatives who voted for the contract assuming that an additional approval by the Board of Representatives would be required for the contract to move forward after the initial “100-day” review; and

WHEREAS, while the administration affirms that no further contractual approvals are required to continue the engineering and bid preparation phase of the project, the administration has agreed to follow the directive of the Board of Representatives should it decide that continuing the planned rehabilitation of the West Main Street Bridge is not desirable at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Representatives determines that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to not continue work on this project at this time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board instructs the administration to cease bid preparation work for the West Main Street Bridge - Walkway Rehabilitation Project.

Submitted by Mayor David Martin

Approved by: The 30th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford

Matt Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nable, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives