



February 18, 2015

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to discuss several important issues:

Closed session

Ed Buzak will be available to provide a brief update to the Council, but please be advised that his schedule requires him to leave by 6:30.

Legislation to keep our streets clear of snow

We are working with the Transportation subcommittee to propose this legislation to ensure that our streets are safely cleared of snow so that emergency vehicles can safely pass through our streets and more residents can find parking. Unfortunately, many residents, as many as 260 or more on some days, still do not move their cars for alternate side parking which allows us to clear snow from parking lanes, despite our increased communications including emails, phone calls, and text messages to parking permit holders. The purpose of this legislation is not to generate income or to place an additional financial burden on residents. Rather, we want to ensure that everyone moves their cars so that all the streets, including our narrow streets, can be cleared of snow. As requested by a Councilperson, we are adding a sunset clause for the end of the year to demonstrate our commitment to evaluating the effectiveness of this legislation.

It is absolutely critical for our city's emergency vehicles to have the ability to navigate our streets. Thankfully, there have been no tragedies during this harsh winter, but we want to do everything possible to prevent any unforeseen incidents. While we already have the ability to tow in cases that pose a public safety threat, the purpose of clearing snow from parking lanes is to avoid having those situations in the first place. If parking lanes are snow-covered, vehicles tend to park farther from the curb, sometimes narrowing the roadway so much that it obstructs fire trucks and other emergency response vehicles. By the time a fire truck is stuck, it may be too late to tow if they are en route to an emergency. Given this, I am writing to ask you to support the increase from \$45 to \$150. Again, we want to avoid issuing fines; we just want to motivate drivers to move their cars. Since this has been a harsh winter with no end in sight for the next four to six weeks, we hope that you will support this important measure.

Please be advised that at the present time, I do not support towing cars from street cleaning streets for the following reasons.

First, after discussions with Director Pellegrini and his team based on previous experiences, we do not believe it is feasible to tow cars and get the streets cleared within the one hour timeframe for street clearing designations. By the time we are able to tow all of the cars off of a given road, street cleaning hours will have passed.

Secondly, and most importantly, I think that expanded communication and the concern of a \$150 fine can motivate residents to move their cars. I think that towing, which can include not only the hassle of getting one's car back but also paying as much as \$250 in fines, is too harsh. While we sometimes have to tow cars from emergency lanes during a storm, I do not support towing cars from all of the street cleaning streets.

Again, since this seems to be a severe winter, and we do not want to end up with cars buried under mountains of snow and streets barely passable, I ask that you both pass and implement this new legislation immediately.

We strongly believe that a combination of an increased fine coupled with the expanded communications we have been doing will significantly help to ensure that more residents move their cars. Please be advised my office will do everything in our power to educate all parking permit holders about this policy change and will conduct extensive outreach to those who hold permits. The City will provide reports on the number of cars that move as a result of the legislation, so that both my Administration and the City Council can determine at the end of the season if this was an effective strategy or if it needs to be revoked.

Bike network funding

The City has been awarded a \$530,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for striping and expanding our bike network with thermoplastic, a much more durable material that is more visible and lasts many years longer.

North End planner

In consultation with the North End economic development subcommittee, the City has decided to conduct another RFP process in order to provide for an expanded RFP that will include more of a focus on transportation issues as well as seeking extensive experience in mixed use small scale urban manufacturing and green infrastructure projects.

Update on H-5 pump

North Hudson Sewerage Authority has awarded a contract for the construction of our City's second pump and officially received authorization from the State for this critical infrastructure project (Please see attached letter). In order to meet the requirement that the project be shovel-ready so as to enable funding to be received for construction this year, NHSA needed to resort to the use of eminent domain for the roadway area under which the pump will be built. While a negotiated solution without the use of eminent domain would have been preferable, no agreement was reached within the time period necessary to move this project forward, and delaying the project would have created an unacceptable public safety risk for the entire Western side of Hoboken.

Through the court process, NHSA received the easement on January 28th and the deadline for funding was just a few days later. With this tight timing, this means NHSA just barely was able to receive the funding to move ahead with the project this year. Since 11th Street is currently a private roadway, an appraisal was completed that determined the value of the roadway easement at \$523,000. This cost will be paid by NHSA and is currently still under negotiations with the Maxwell Place Board. As with any legal eminent domain proceeding, the cost for cleaning up the site will be deducted from the \$523,000 that has been deposited with the court, or the purchase price as ultimately negotiated or determined through the eminent domain process. We are working with NHSA and Maxwell Place residents to try and help facilitate a clearer understanding of the process and the importance of this project.

Thank you and best regards,



Dawn Zimmer



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Dear Sirs:

**Re: New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP)
State Project No. S340635-04
City of Hoboken, Hudson County
Storm Water Management Improvement Project
H5 Wet Weather Pump Station
Construction Contract No. 1 of 2
Authorization to Award**

We are in receipt of CH2M Hill's bid submission dated February 5, 2015 relative to the award of the above referenced contract.

Based upon our review of the bid materials provided, we have determined in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.29(c) and N.J.A.C. 7:22-4.29 that the North Hudson Sewerage Authority and the City of Hoboken are hereby authorized to award, provided there are no outstanding bid protests, the following contract:

H5 Wet Weather Pump Station to Rencor, Inc. of Somerville, New Jersey for their combined low bid amount of \$8,506,700, all of which is allowable for funding under the NJEIFP.

After the contract has been signed, we will require a certified copy for our files. Forward only the contract pages, which show the contract amount, the date and the signatures of both parties,

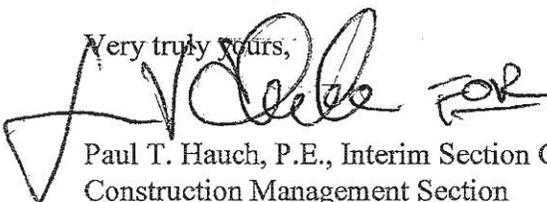
exclusive of the accompanying specifications. Certification that the appropriate bonds (performance and payment), if applicable, and all required insurance's have been purchased must be provided to this office prior to the issuance of the notice to proceed with the work. Please note that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17 (a) 19 and N.J.A.C. 7:22-4.17 (a) 19, evidence must be provided which verifies that the North Hudson Sewerage Authority, on behalf of the City of Hoboken (loan recipient), has included the State and its agencies, employees and officers as additional "named insureds" on any certificate of liability insurance of the contractor.

In addition, within ten (10) days of the award of the construction contract, we require you to submit a separate letter for our files listing the following:

- a. Loanee name, project and contract number, and site location of the contract.
- b. Name, address, telephone number, and employee ID number (tax number) of the contractor who is awarded the contract.
- c. The date and the amount of contract award.
- d. A confirmed date for the preconstruction meeting. Please note that the Department is required to participate in this meeting in accordance with the enclosed form.
- e. Estimated date as to when the contract period will commence (notice to proceed date) and be completed, and an estimated date for the initiation of operation of the contract.
- f. Estimated date as to when the final inspection of the contract will be conducted. Please note that a final inspection is required once all construction and restoration is completed to the satisfaction of the loanee and engineer.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Curley, Construction Management Section, at (609) 633-1180.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure (Preconstruction Conference Form)

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Enclosure

PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE FORM

Project Name: North Hudson Sewerage Authority / City of Hoboken
Contract: H5 Wet Weather Pump Station

PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

In accordance with the N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.29, 7:22-4.29 and 7:22-10.12, it is required that a Preconstruction Conference be held prior to the start of construction. The loanee, the engineer, construction inspector and environmental inspector representing the loanee, the contractor, inspectors from this office and a representative from the Department's Office of Equal Opportunity and Public Contract Assistance must attend this conference. The following items as a minimum should be considered with regards to the preconstruction conference.

1. Call the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Construction and Connection Permits, Construction Management Section to establish a date.
2. Invite the above listed attendees to the conference. Also, if applicable, we ask that you invite a representative from the Hudson, Essex and Passaic Soil Conservation District to the meeting.
3. Schedule the preconstruction conference in two segments --
 - a. A quick tour of the construction site.
 - b. A meeting immediately after the site tour to discuss the procedures to be followed to comply with the construction and environmental requirements of the contract documents and applicable regulations.
4. Call the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Construction EEO Monitoring Program at (609) 292-9550 to determine if their attendance is necessary.

Please realize that this conference will be limited to items primarily concerned with the Federal and State requirements of loan assisted projects. Therefore, it is not necessary to have representatives of the police, fire department, utilities, etc. at the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Construction and Connection Permits, Construction Management Section, at (609) 633-1180.