



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting: Review and Approve Contracts

Call to Order

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that the purpose of hiring a consultant is to help the city determine the economic and logistical feasibility for a site rehab and reuse. It used to be the Parks Maintenance Building at 2100 Linden Street.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked why are we doing it. He thought it was ready to fall down into the floodplain.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the building is in a floodplain, but we want to take a good look at the technological possibilities to reuse the building. It does have water issues. The location there is the best location for Parks. Right now, we are at a very difficult location.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked what do we need to do.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that if it were not feasible we would probably come to you with a plan to take the building down and add the area to the park. It was flood damage from Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the consultant would tell them to tear the building down and put up a pole building. We have building inspectors.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated no, what they would look at is the best management practice for having a building in an area that in the past has flooded on occasions. In talking it over with Rick and my staff, they felt that they would get better information for the rather minimum cost from an outside consultant.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated for this amount of money you are going to bring to an outsider, a consultant and they will give you a study to tell you what you can put in there. How long ago did you stop using it.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that they would look at the soils, the typography, the wetlands, the ground there and they will tell us what we can and cannot do there. It used to be the Parks Maintenance Facility, but was damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the point is that you don't feel that the in-house Engineers could be a consultant for us.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he can say and maybe he could understand that they don't have an expert in typography and land. What our engineers and inspectors are doing is inspecting buildings that have already been checked and put through an engineering process.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he is not an expert, but knows what a floodplain is. We should not go there.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he agrees with Mr. Hendricks. You have to hire someone that is an expert. We are talking about \$4,000. He stated that he would be in support of it.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other questions from Council or the public.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager stated that the building had damage by Hurricane Sandy and the city moved everyone out of there. Now, we want to waste \$4,000. It is a known flood area.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that we lost some trucks in that area. They knew it was in the floodplain, but could not go to the site to get the trucks out there.

Mr. Tommy Hahn asked what is the insurance on the building. What did the city recover from the storm? Who is going to guarantee the concrete would not crack or break in the floodplain.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that we are self-insured.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he doesn't think that is the scenario. He asked anybody else from the public.

A motion was made by Ray O'Connell that this be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

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R116

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,950 for a feasibility study on the rehabilitation of the Maintenance facility at 2100 Linden Street - one quote required for engagement under \$4,000

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R116 Hanover Engineering Resolution](#)
[RFA Hanover Engineering Associates - Feasibility Study](#)

Glenn was called to speakMr. Hahn was called to speak

Yes: 3 - Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, and David McGuire

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ADJOURNED: 6:17 PM

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