



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

6:45 PM

Council Chambers

Contract Approval Meeting

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Roll Call: Council President Guridy

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-4242](#)

R57

Authorization for the continued engagement of Henry the Dentist amending a previous contract previously bid, there is no cost to the City provided there is a minimum of 15 patients per day and if the daily minimum is not met, the City is charged a fee of \$350 for each patient under the minimum, not to exceed a daily sum of \$1,750.

Attachments: [R57 Henry the Dentist- increase](#)
[Resolution #30192](#)

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if anybody from the administration would like to speak about that.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this original contract was approved on January 3, 2020 for four visits in 2020. This is looking to amend that contract to add an additional four visits through the first quarter of 2022.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they are not obviously doing that 15 people for free. What are they charging the insurance company per patient?

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she does not have the information.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Mel was there.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that she is having issues trying to get back on.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that she can probably get that information for you.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she can follow up and make sure she can provide that information. She believes there are standard costs.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that and what is that.

Ms. Meloney Sallie-Dosunmu stated that the entire cost is paid by the insurance company. Henry The Dentist is paid the normal fee for service for all dental care. It depends on the service the person gets. If they get their teeth cleaned, it would be the normal fee of service that they would pay to any other dentist. If they have SEIU Dental Service or our insurance what is the normal fee of service. The city does not pay anything unless we go under \$15 and we never have. We never had to pay a fee for Henry the Dentist. It is just like going to your regular dentist, except you go to the dentist on city property.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they are charging us \$350 for each patient which is not the cost of a cleaning is.

Ms. Meloney Sallie-Dosunmu stated that the city does not pay \$350. This is the contract if we don't have people show up. In fact, we have to turn people away. Every time we bring in Henry the Dentist, the city has so many people sign up that they have to turn people away.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that there will be at least 15 patients per day.

Ms. Meloney Sallie-Dosunmu stated if 15 patients sign up, the city does not

pay anything. They go in and have their dental service done and Henry the Dentist bills their insurance for the service directly as though they have gone to their regular dentist. The way the contract is set up, if the city is not able to fill the service or get enough people (15 people) that is when the city will pay that.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any further questions or comments. Any comments from the public?

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30192

[15-4243](#)

R58

Authorization for Contract for Penn Mount Stone, LLC for estimated \$50,000 for masonry repair and preservation of the WPA retaining wall located along Park Drive, contract not to exceed 4 months, multiple bids.

Attachments: [R58 Penn Mount Stone LLC Bid No. 2021-02](#)
[Resolution #30193](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid 2021-02. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 23 vendors. Three responses were received and an award is being recommended by the lowest bidder. The city has done business with them before.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that they talked about it last year and the year after about possibly hiring someone that will do this kind of work because they have had a lot of repairs. There are many things that needs to be repaired. Any thoughts about that?

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any follow up on that suggestion.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she doesn't, but Rick is still on.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that Karen is still on the line.

Mr. Rick Holtzman stated that the Parks Department talked about this in the last few years and they are definitely still talking about it. These projects are large scale projects in the Lehigh Parkway to get these walls back in good shape. Your comment about hiring someone is valid and they are absolutely looking at that. They should do that down the road. It is going to take a lot of thought and a lot of process to do that with the equipment and a lot of startup costs to hire that person. Right now, they have these large scale projects: Lehigh Parkway wall, and damage from the Tropical Storm

Osceola that the bridge took on and the city needs a large scale crew to get in there to do the work. They absolutely could us a Mason on their staff to do daily maintenance work. If that person was hired today could probably work for next 100 years and never complete the work.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated wow, that's how much work we have.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated good observation, Ms. Mota. He stated that they have been talking about that for a while. Hopefully, they will get there sometime soon. He asked if there were any comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

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R59

Authorization for Contract for Armour and Sons Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$445,350 to replace existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) luminaires with Light Emitting Diode (LED) luminaires on the various existing poles and davit arms throughout the City, four month window, multiple bids.

Attachments: [R59 Request for Council Approval - C48- Armour and Sons - Bid No. 2021-03](#)
[Resolution #30194](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it was done as Bid #2021-03. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 34 vendors and six responses were received. An award is being recommended to the lowest bidder. The city has done business with them before.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments from the dais.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked Mr. Messinger is any of this a part of the lighting updates that the city has already had a contract for.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the contract they had was for Phase 1. That was from the area of 12th Street, down to the Jordan River and from MLK to Tilghman. This is for Phase 2, 3 and 4. This is to do the entire east side, Southside and this is to include Center City up to 17th Street, from MLK to north of the city line. This will put 85 - 95 percent of the lights LED throughout the city. It is a big project. It is over 4,000 lights.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if it will be done in four months.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that is the Plan.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Joshua Siegel asked what is the projected savings as a result of LED. Obviously, they use less energy. They should be more energy efficient. What do we anticipate the city saving as a result of this installation?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that he is hoping that it will save the city \$150,000 a year on energy cost.

Mr. Joshua Siegel stated excellent. Glad to hear it.

Mr. Julio Guridy thanked Mr. Siegel and asked if there were any further comments from the dais or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

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