



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Julio Guridy, David McGuire, Cynthia Mota, Ray O'Connell, and Daryl Hendricks

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1655](#)

R115

Authorization for Contract with BSI Corporate Benefits to provide a full suite of consulting services pertinent to the administration of the City's employee benefit plans - actuary work on healthcare budget, obtain stop-loss insurance, manage open enrollment, provide on-site staff, conduct RFPs - there were two other bidders, payment based on stop-loss premium commission, one year contract, may be renewed for four additional one year terms (they have been here for three years).

Attachments: [R115 Request for Council Approval - BSI - RFP No 2016-46](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that these services were contracted through the RFP process. The RFP was advertised on January 26th. We held the opening for the proposals on March 2nd. The RFP was evaluated by an evaluation committee and they determined that the particular company was the best value for the city.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that we have dealt with corporation before. We are very satisfied with this corporation. This is a replicable corporation.

Mr. John Marchetto stated that we are very satisfied with their services they go above and beyond what any contractor that I am familiar with will do.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated and no cost to the city.

Mr. John Marchetto stated correct.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from his colleagues about R115.

Dr. David McGuire asked Mr. Marchetto asked with this renewal for this one year term, when it is time for a renewal is each of those four years, does this have to be rebid each year.

Mr. John Marchetto stated no.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any other question or issue from Council or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29495

[15-1659](#)

R116

Authorization for Contract with Asphalt Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$266,207 to perform advanced roadway maintenance techniques on various roadways located within the City limits, along with incidental work as may be authorized and required by the City Engineer - sole bidder.

Attachments: [R116 Request for Council Approval - AMS- BID No 2017-03](#)
[BID Tabulation](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this work was released through the official invitation to bid process. We advertised the rebid on March 22 and had the public opening on April 18th and they were to sold bidder.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked have we dealt with them before.

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated yes.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked regarding the fact that they were the sole bidder. Is that common for this? He asked what is advance roadway maintenance.

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that it is not uncommon. The original bid that we released they were to sole bidder as well, but the cost was too high so we had to rebid it.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that the process of what they are doing is the same as what they have done on 15th Street to Highland north to the city line. It helps seal the small cracks. It makes the road last a little bit longer.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the location and how do you choose the location. At the parkway, I can see there is a section that you paved. There

are other roads that are worse than that in the city. How do you choose. How long would it last?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that Hamilton Street there were federal funds available to get that roadway done and the city only paid 20 percent and not to go along with that project would have been a bad idea. Tilghman Street is a state highway and we have Union Boulevard. If a roadway is in too bad of condition this is not the process that needs to be done. He stated that the process will last another seven to 10 years.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there is a breakdown per mile on what it cost.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that if you are looking at a mile for something like this, it is probably going to be about \$50,000.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any other comments from his colleagues or the public.

Mr. Lou Hershman stated that the in the packet they also say they do incidental work. That means potholes.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated no. The only work that they are doing is the actual maintenance in that area. We do all the rest of the work in-house.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is more preventative maintenance to extend the lift of it rather than repair it.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any other questions from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29496

[15-1656](#)

R117

Authorization for change order for \$92,060 - initial contract was for \$592,315 - with Wyoming Electric and Signal, Inc. The Contract is to construct, reconstruct or remove and dispose of concrete ADA-compliant curb ramps and a pedestrian-scale lighting system located within and along the City limits, along with incidental work for the City.

Attachments: [R117 Request for Council Approval - Wyoming Electric- CO 1- BID No 2016-28](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this Change Order was changed by the Change Order Committee on May 19th. As you know, the Change Order Committee consist of the Finance Director, the City Solicitor, the City Controller and the Purchasing Agent.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any questions from my colleagues on R117 or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29497

[15-1654](#)

R118

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Langan Engineering in the amount of \$3,800 for Community meeting attendance, concept sketch plan development and cost estimates for Valania Park Master Plan.

Attachments: [R118 Request for City Council Approval-LANGAN](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that these services will cost less than \$4,000, only one quote was required which is why you see on the report only one in front of you. These tasks include a project kick-off and community meeting, as well as, site concept plan.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from my colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29498

[15-1653](#)

R119

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with American Federation of Musicians in the amount of \$4,500 for Band performances as part of the Dancing Under the Stars concert series at Cedar Beach Park.

Attachments: [R119 Request for City Council Approval- SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT CEDAR BEACH - American Federation of Musicians](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this is a sole source contract primarily because American Federation of Musicians is the only provider for scheduling and payment of the bands in the organized union for the Allentown Municipal Bands.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that this is for six performances by the Royal Aires conducted at Cedar Beach with Dancing Under the Stars.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Mr. Guridy if he remembers the Royal Aires. They perform every summer. It was one Friday night at Cedar Beach. He asked if there were any other comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Candida Affa asked Dr. McGuire if they are going. She asked if this is

for six performances this \$4,500.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked obviously this is union wage.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated yes.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29499

[15-1657](#)

R120

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with American Federation of Musicians in the amount of \$30,000 for Band performances as part of the Summer Concert Series.

Attachments: [R120 Request for City Council Approval- SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RCA- American](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this is a sole source contract as well for the same reasons we mentioned except with will be for four municipal bands.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked how many performances.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated 30.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any comments from my colleagues about R120.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked is it throughout the city or the same place. Why didn't they put it all together. It is the same group, isn't it?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated Union Terrace, and West Park. They are at four different locations throughout the summer.

Mr. Beth Ann Strohl stated that they historically has been done separately as two separate contracts.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any other comments from my colleagues about 120 or the public.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, asked if they could get a statement where the money is going. Is it budgeted money, new money, or money we are spending that is not in the budget.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that it is budgeted money.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it is budgeted money and now we are going to spend it. He asked if there were any other comments from the public about R120.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that this it is in the General and Civic Budget, Program 6 and 9 in Department 1.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29500

[15-1660](#)

R121

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Erin Kelly in the amount of \$200.00 for 40-minutes acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park End of Season Concert at West Park.

Attachments: [R121 Request for Council Approval - Erin Kelly Performance 9-29-2017](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this is one of many performers that you have approved. This is trying to get lose ends.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that some of the charges are very reasonable for these people and they working in Allentown and they deserve a lot. I am happy to see that we are doing these kinds of performances in our city.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he would like to complement the group that was at West Park last Saturday night. The House Band was fantastic, but the turnout was dismal.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the comments that they got were very positive. It was a new direction for us and adding different varieties of music over and above the municipal band.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any other comments from Council.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the bands are listed on the city's website on when they are playing and where.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated yes they are. We have regular Facebook updates on our Facebook page.

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Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Ray O'Connell, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and David McGuire

Enactment No: 29501

Adjourned: 6:20 PM