



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Contracts Review and Approval

Roll Call: Chairperson O'Connell

Rollcall

Present: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Julio Guridy, and Cynthia Mota

Excused: 1 - David McGuire

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1940](#)

R179

Authorization for Contract with Construction Masters Services, LLC in the amount of \$323,285 for ADA Ramps and other work, multiple bidders.

Attachments: [R179 Request for Council Approval - Construction Masters](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell introduced Judy Snyder who is the Acting Purchasing Agent. Ms. Strohl took a job in the county to be closer to her young kids. You will find that Judy will be ready to answer any of your questions. Both of the items we have tonight are based on CDBG grants and tied to ADA requirements. This was released as an Invitation to Bid on September 13. The public opening was held on October 16 and there were six bidders in total, including Construction Masters.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that this is a contract for handicap ramps. We have done another contract with CDBG money. This will be a second one. They gave us a grant to make a lot of the corners handicapped accessible. We did have six bidders. Construction Masters has our first contract.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if there were any questions from his colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it was at Raub and Trexler Middle Schools.

Mr. Ted Berger stated no. This was various locations throughout the city. Any residential area we can use CDBG money to put handicap ramps in.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that you can do it in residential areas. Do they have

to meet an income level at all.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that he was informed that they can do any corner, any handicap ramp in any residential area.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that it is only handicap. He asked if the city is fixing the sidewalks. He asked if they will have the whole city done or do they still have a lot more to go. He talked about an incident that occurred.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that corners for handicap people to access the sidewalks. He stated that we have many, many more to do. We are doing the handicap and the upgrades that are not meeting the new ADA requirements. We are targeting areas where we are doing overlays on streets. Right now, we are five years behind on that. We have to have an 8.33 percent coming off the street to a two percent landing and an 8.33 percent to match the exiting sidewalk.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she was in the restaurant and saw a video of that incident and the gentleman almost got killed. They called 911. She stated that it is important for Public Works to take a look at that video.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that they will look into it, but wanted to make a note that everything they do they make sure they make ADA requirements.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked where did Construction Masters fall in. There were six bids?

Mr. Ted Berger stated that they were the lowest bid.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it has been a while that they had six bidders on anything. He asked if anyone else had a question on Council or the public.

Mr. Lou Shupe, 625 N. Sixth Street, #5, stated that the southwest corner on Eighth and Hamilton Streets have issues where about two years ago they excavated along side of the building and did some ground work. The sidewalk raised up above the surface. Something like that should be marked off.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that they do. We take care of it.

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Julio Guridy, and Cynthia Mota

Absent: 1 - David McGuire

Enactment No: 29569

[15-1941](#)

R180

Authorization for Change Order with Wyoming Electric and Signal, Inc. in the amount of \$2,012.

Attachments: [R180 Request for Council Approval - Wyomissing Co No. 3](#)

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that he wanted to recognize the other Buyer in the city, Margaret Wells. He stated that he is very proud of the Procurement team. He talked about the Resolution and stated that this is one that they brought up at the beginning of the year dealing with the bollards being included in this particular project. We had a couple of Change Orders on this before. This one is a small one. It will bring us up to the total amount \$691,000 of which \$99,000 is the Change Order above the original contract.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that this is a small one. We found during the project the one pedestrian light that we wanted to put in at Sixth and Turner Streets. Right by the entrance of The Morning Call. When Tractor Trailers come out of The Morning Call on Sixth Street, they come down Sixth and they were looping around Turner Street, turning into the lot. Once we put in the new foundation in for the new pedestrian light which is not in the driveway, the trucks were jumping it and running into the foundation. They knew the light was going to get hit. We requested a price from the contractor to put two concrete bollards in on each side to protect the light. He stated that he watched the intersection when the trucks come in and notices when no one was parked on the northside of Turner right at Sixth Streets where there is a meter, the trucks would swing out nowhere near it. In the meantime we had one meter removed and put no parking there. As a precaution, I want to put up the two concrete bollards and that is what this Change Order is for.

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

Yes: 6 - Ray O'Connell, Daryl Hendricks, Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Julio Guridy, and Cynthia Mota

Absent: 1 - David McGuire

Enactment No: 29570

ADJOURNED: 6:14 PM