



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Contract Meeting

Call to Order: Council President MacLean

Present: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 1 - Roger MacLean

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2278](#)

R59

Authorization for Contract with Pine Run Construction in the amount of \$536,800 to obtain the services of a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Certified Contractor to remove or perform in-place closure services for the existing fueling station at the Municipal Garage. This project shall also include the removal or closure of two (2) 10,000 gallon underground storage tanks and replacement with two (2) 15,000 gallon above ground double wall fireguard storage tanks. All required Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) soils testing and closure documentation and reports shall be included – competitively bid, three bids.

Attachments: [R59 Request for Council Approval - Pine Run Construction](#)
[Resolution #29642](#)

Ms. Candida Affa asked Ms. Jessica Baraket to explain it to Council.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid No. 2017-29. The bid was accessed by 24 and three responses were received. Mr. Craig Messinger will be addressing the details.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that after reviewing them, this was the low bid and they did meet all the requirements of what it is necessary for it. The last Council meeting we were here for a transfer to make sure the proper funding was in the account. We are ready to go and we want to get the process rolling and requesting Council's approval.

Ms. Candida Affa thanked Mr. Messinger and asked for any comments from her colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if the tanks have to be removed.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated either needs to be removed or remediated in place with the proper testing. The tanks are not going to the same place. These were underground and were going to be above ground storage tank for this. the existing tanks do need to be remediated, cleaned and environmentally tested.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it was 24 bids sent out.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that we have an automatic bid notification system. We send out the notification based off of commodity codes that match similar commodity codes of that type of service. It was sent to more vendors than that. She stated that 24 vendors accessed the bid documents itself. It's based off of commodity codes, not all of those vendors might match the commodity codes. It gets sent to a large number of vendors to capture everybody who could potential offer that type of service, but not everybody that gets the bid documents is going to offer that service.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if the current tanks that are under ground are required to be situated above ground.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is not a requirement. Environmentally we are better off being able to see the tanks and maintain the tanks. Every year or so we are required to have a permit every year. Every other year we have to get them tested. Because they are underground tanks those expenses won't be there anymore due to the fact that they are above ground. We figured that we would be getting a better price. We are taking the guess out of it and they will be above ground.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any questions from the public.

Mr. Tom Hahn, 2016 E. Highland Street, asked to explain double wall construction, the pad that is going to require and the amount of space that has to be in case of a spill incorporated in this move as you are moving the tanks to another area. Is it a pumping station?

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that some of those are above my knowledge. We have the proper contractor to take care of this. As far as every regulation, I am not up on it, but DEP is fine with it.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked where is the money coming from.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is coming from a Capital Account. He stated that he has the account number, if Mr. Guridy wants it.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he is looking at the Director of Finance and he is smiling, so the money is there.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any other questions.

A motion was made by Candida Affa that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29642

[15-2279](#)

R60

Authorization for Contract with McMahon Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$184,783.54 for municipal engineering services for traffic signal improvements, competitively bid, two bids.

Attachments: [R60 Request for Council Approval - McMahon Associates Resolution #29643](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as an RFP. It was RFP 2017-28 and it was evaluated by a four person evaluation committee. The evaluation committee conducted a technical evaluation and as the results of the technical evaluation the committee chose to go with McMahon.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any questions from her colleagues.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked what improvements are they doing and aren't there any resources available for our local or city signal maintenance to assist with this.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is for the \$2 million grant that we received from Multi-Module for other improvements. Twenty more intersections with McCain Controllers with the GPS for our emergency services for preemption. This is also a design of two intersections at Sixth and Lehigh and also at Sixth and Union. While we do have people in-house that actually can do some of this work, the workload that we do have won't constitute to do anything this size and large of the project that it is.

Mr. Courtney Robinson stated that he is ecstatic that the city is doing Sixth and Union. He asked Mr. Messinger the 20 intersections that is going to be added to this system and where they are going to be.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and right now it goes to Turner and all the way out to Tilghman Street. This is going to take us from Hamilton to 15th Street. It is going to tie into another project that we are working in conjunction with PennDot that is starting this year. That will tie the whole corridor of 15th Street along with this project. It is a very large scope of area it will encompass. Linden Street goes out to 15th Street. We are working in conjunction with the Project that PennDot is doing.

Mr. Courtney Robinson asked about the timeline of when it will start and when it will be completed.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they are hoping in the next couple of months we will go out for an RFP for the work to be done. We are hoping that the RFP will be sometime this fall. Hopefully, having spring construction for next year.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that what are we doing on Sixth and Union.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that it is taking an antiquated intersection and making it into a full intersection and tying it in to one controller with Sixth and Union. This way it is timed correctly. You will be able to make every movement.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked is it next to the Arts Academy.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that will provide a safer crosswalk. As kids go to and from the schools it will be a safer intersection for them.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked when is this happening again.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they are hoping construction will be in the spring. Unfortunately, we have to go through the whole design and go out for an RFP and get the contractors online. They have to make sure we have all our permits that are necessary. There is some time. If it goes quicker, I will be happy for that. Looking at it logically, it probably will be spring. We will do whatever we can to work with the schools to make sure they have a safe way to go. This intersection will help them dramatically.

Ms. Candida Affa asked starting in the spring or the school year in fall this project will be done. She asked if there were any questions from the public.

A motion was made by Candida Affa that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29643

[15-2280](#)

R61

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Base Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 to provide a structural engineering report and subsurface analysis of compromised structures located at 820, 820 ½, 822, 824 N. 5th Street, 4 quotes.

Attachments: [R61 Request for Council Approval - Base Engineering](#)
[Resolution #29644](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as 2018-02. It was sent to three vendors and two responses were received. One vendor responded with a no-bid response and Base Engineering was the lowest overall response that was received.

Ms. Candida Affa asked if there were any comments from my colleagues or the public.

A motion was made by Candida Affa that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Candida Affa, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Absent: 1 - Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29644

ADJOURNED: 6:16 PM