



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:45 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting: Contract Approval

Roll Call:

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Courtney Robinson, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3332](#)

R116

Authorization for Contract with Snyntek, Hodges Rash, Genesis Turfgrass, Inc., Site One Landscape Supply, Walker Supply, Aquarius Supply, Inc., & Fisher and Son Co., Inc. at prices identified in the bids, for an estimated budget of \$146,796.82 for turf chemicals at the Golf Course – competitively bid.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R116 Turf Chemicals - Bid No. 2019-35](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid 2019-35. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 31 vendors and an award is being recommended by the lowest responsible response bidder by item.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this is nothing unusual. We have done this before. He asked Ms. Baraket if the city used this vendor before.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that we used all these vendors and we do this big every year. It is an annual bid.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues.

Ms. Candida Affa stated that the course is wonderful. It is the best it has ever been. It is in great shape.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he heard that from many others.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were 31 other bidders.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that there were 31 people that accessed the bid. Everyone that responded to the bid is being awarded a portion of it.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked what will they work on.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this is not for work. It is for chemicals and to purchase as needed. It is an annual bid that runs from January to December of 2020.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked anybody from Council or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29906

[15-3331](#)

R117

Authorization for Contract with Ferguson Waterworks, Neenah Foundry Company and Monarch Precast Concrete Corporation at prices identified in the bid, estimated at \$200,250, for storm sewer fittings and other services per the bids – competitively bid – Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council (LVPC) bid.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R117 Storm Sewer Fittings-BID No. 2019-31](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it is \$200,000.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid 2019-31, advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 16 vendors and an award is being recommended to lowest responsible and responsive bidder by item. This bid includes quantities for both the city of Allentown and the LVPC. It is a cooperative bid that we do with the Purchasing Council. The \$200,000 is for the City of Allentown portion and the rest of the amount awarded is for other municipalities in the Purchasing Consortium that participated.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any questions from Council or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29907

[15-3333](#)

R118

Authorization for a Change Order in the amount of 4,000 with Synergy Environmental, Inc., for additional work related to the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) approval.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R118 Change Order to Synergy contract](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this is a Change Order to an existing contract in the amount of \$4,000 for an additional work plan to be prepared for approval. This is a prerequisite for project reimbursement.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29908

[15-3334](#)

R119

Authorization for with Ross Body & Framework, Inc. dba A-1 Towing Service for towing, impounding and storage services – competitively bid.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R119 Towing Services](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid #2019-33. It was advertised on Public Purchase and it was accessed by nine vendors. Two responses were received. One response was rejected. An award is being recommended to the highest responsible responsive bidder. This vendor has successfully been providing the service to the city. This is a revenue generating contract which is why it goes to the highest vendor.

Mr. Roger MacLean thanked Ms. Baraket and asked if there were any comments from Council or the public.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that the city has a liaison with the Police Department. He stated that he did that when he was on the job.

Mr. Lou Hershman asked who was the other bidder. He stated that the city would do the storage and if people don't pick up their car, the car gets sold. Some of these cars are expensive. The city can sell the car and make money. He stated that the city should do a one year contract. That were the money is with storage and abandoned vehicles.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she does not have the information in front of her, but believe it was Cybers Towing. She stated that this is for two years.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it was already bid as a two year. This is something that the city looked at before.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that years ago that was his job under Mr. MacLean. The liability, storage, security, the staffing of it is much more of a headache and not profitable. The city makes a pretty good penny without the liability.

Mr. Jessica Baraket stated that the Contract amount for year one is \$288,000 and for Year 2 is \$289,200.

Mr. Kenneth Heffentrager asked if the city is setting up the fees. The A-1 towing does nothing, but steal from the public. He stated that he had his car stolen and it cost him \$500 to get it out. They didn't allow him to get his own tow truck there. They have storage fees and overnight fees. They have a gate key fee. It is a ripoff. No one can get their cars back with these people.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that they did the same comparison with other towing companies within the state and they are in the same towing guidelines with other contractors within the state. They are allowed to charge those specific fees.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he hears what Mr. Zucal is saying, but he hears Ken and other people. He stated that he knows that the city makes money, but the fees are exorbitant, and outrageous. He asked for the city to do something in the contract itself. He suggested that Mr. Guridy contact the Police Department and he can find out who that person is. Any complaints should be directed towards that person.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they should not wait to contact the Police Department. They should have a ruling now before the city enters into a contract with them.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he agrees with Mr. Guridy on true stolen vehicles, but there are many instances where the vehicles are not truly stolen.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that there are provisions in the contract that allow for that, but they would have to work in coordination with the Police Department to confirm that.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he worked many times with them on similar situations and they are 100 percent cooperative.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any other comments from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Courtney Robinson, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, and Ed Zucal

Enactment No: 29909

ADJOURNED: 6:59 PM