



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Approval of Contract/Professional Services Meeting

Call to Order: Council President O'Connell

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

[15-1043](#)

R141

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with McMahon Associates in the amount of \$3,250 for services required by PennDOT for the reimbursement agreement for the Middle School TAP Program – McMahon completed the original work for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R141 Resolution McMahon](#)
[Memo McMahon Associates 8-17-16](#)

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that is a program to provide pedestrian safety. The city participated in a Feasibility Study. We applied for a TAP grant and was awarded. The survey work design has to be perfected before we can enter into a reimbursement agreement. We had McMann and Associates helping us with that. The right of way work is still ongoing. We need their expertise to finish. The Contract before you is to get that work done.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. McKenna. He asked any questions.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked about the difficulties and did that result in any increase costs to the city because of those difficulties.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that the only difficulties would be that we budgeted an amount for the contract and we still need some design work. Each handicap ramp which is part of the project is designed in the field. There are slopes and mechanics involved in some interaction that is encroaching on private property and we have to have access to that. PennDot is overseeing the proper assessment of that access.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other questions from my colleagues.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he was involved with them while he was on the job and they are very beneficial and a great fit to the students. Many members of the community go out with a traffic engineer on the way to the schools and look for different hazards. They look at things that should be changed and modified.

Dr. David McGuire asked if this is for all the schools in Allentown, public and private. He pointed out that we have programs for students going to school and all programs for students going to school are not covered then should there be an unfortunate accident. The city may be exposed to this.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that the projects specifically is for Raub and Trexler Middle Schools. The assessments that we spoke about are for all the elementary and middle schools. We have not done a study on the high schools.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she agrees with Dr. McGuire. We should emphasize the high school students. We have been having a lot of problems when it comes to violence and bullying. She asked when do you see another study happening.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that they agree and we are blessed to getting this great start and being able to leverage these studies. We are going to continue that process. We are in contact with all the schools and provide pedestrian safety with the crosswalk. Each summer, we talk to the schools and make sure that the crosswalks are good and listen to any issues they may have, take their comments and package them into potential projects. We are funding driven. She stated that we just went through a round. The goal is to make sure everything is covered and maintained correctly.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that what we are voting on tonight is strictly a project that was focused on Raub Middle School and Trexler Middle School.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that the grant was for \$125,000 to do specific intersection improvements. Sumner and 13th Street is a spider intersection with five roads that come in and that is taking up the majority of the grant money. We are putting in signalized pedestrian hand man features, improving the crosswalks, improving the ramps. One intersection at Trexler and one at Raub.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that we have to get the school district to teach the kids what it means. It is not like there has been no improvements at

intersections at private schools.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he was going to elude to the same thing Mr. MacLean stated. He asked if Central Catholic was done through this type of grant. He talked about the intersection at Central Catholic not to happen at Trexler and Raub Middle Schools.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that she does not have it in her memory.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it was not. It was a special RACP, pass through.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that they are called bulb-out intersections and to his understanding not to be repeated in the city.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that he spent a few years at Trexler Middle School and if you can improve the five points coming in at 13th and Sumner, you deserve a medal.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that you will be happy of what we are doing there.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any other comments from my colleagues or the public.

Mr. Lou Hershman asked if it was an addendum to the original contract. He talked about Reverse Auction Bidding.

Ms. Jennifer McKenna stated that it would have been. Unfortunately, we are working with PennDot and the right of way issues came up after we concluded the original contract. We would have issued a Change Order which would have been the proper way to do this. Our contract ended so we needed to have a new minor contract.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked what is it called Reverse Auction Bidding.

Mr. Brent Hartzell stated that he would look into that. If we are dealing with a bid that is under \$4,000, we have come to a conclusion/solution that is cost-effective, and is quick in getting done.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else from the public.

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

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