



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting: Review and Approve Contracts/Professional Services

Call to Order: President O'Connell

Rollcall

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-1534](#)

R71

Authorization for Contract with Ferguson Waterworks (Whitehall) in the estimated annual budgeted amount of \$22,000.00 to furnish and deliver geotextile road materials, sole bidder.

Attachments: [R71 Request for Council Approval - BID No 2017-11- Ferguson Waterworks](#)
[BID Tabulation 2017-11](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this was an Invitation to Bid. This bid was from the road materials bid earlier in March. These particular items were a no bid at the time.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Strohl and asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 29448

[15-1552](#)

R72

Authorization for Contract with ERI in an estimated amount of \$10,000 for the collection, transportation, dismantling, salvage, sale, reuse and/or recycling of computer and electronic scrap as part of the City's Electronics Recycling Program - sole bidder, one year contract that upon mutual agreement may be extended for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.

Attachments: [R72 Request for Council Approval - RFP No 2016-45- ERI](#)
[RFP Tabulation Memo - 2016-45](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that the request in front of you results from an official RFP that was released in December with a Public Opening held at the end of January.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked how many people bid.

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this was a sole bidder.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it is normal to get a single bidder on this. Have we done this for quite a few years now.

Ms. Ann Saurman stated that we are under contract with ERI now as an emergency contract because our previous bidder defaulted on the contract.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that is kind of odd because it is only a \$10,000 contract from Fresno, California.

Ms. Ann Saurman stated that the state law requires that the manufacturers of electronics actually pay for the collection, disposal, transportation and recycling. The covered devices are computers, there peripherals and televisions. The \$10,000 is for non-covered devices. (VCRs, gaming systems, old tvs, stereos and that is a per pound charge.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker, South Allentown, asked if they could elaborate on the collection part. He asked how many pounds was this estimated and is there a limitation of the tonnage or pounds.

Ms. Ann Saurman stated that the city runs a collection event throughout the year. We do have an overtime cost because it is a Saturday morning. They provide the materials for collections and tractor trailers. There is no limitation. In 2016, we recycled 389,544 pounds of electronic components.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Mr. Hunsicker and asked if anyone else from the public had a question on R72.

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

Enactment No: 29449

15-1543

R73

Authorization for Contract with Michael Baker International, in the amount of \$188,871.60 to provide consulting and engineering services for design, construction documents, cost estimates, and bidding assistance in the construction of the greenway / trail – competitively bid, multiple bidders - effective for three (3) years from the date of execution.

Attachments: [R73 Request for Council Approval - Request for Council Approval - RFP No. 2016-56-Jordan Creek Greenway Trail](#)
[RFP Tabulation Memo - 2016-56](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this is an official RFP that was bid in December. It was returned at the end of January and evaluated by an evaluation committee.

Mr. Ray O'Connell thanked Ms. Strohl and asked if there were any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that this \$188,000 - \$189,000 doesn't get one shovel of dirt moved for the project. It is just engineering services.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated yes.

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that they also are helping with bidding and construction documents.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked anyone else on Council has a question.

Mr. Lou Hershman stated that this is a three year contract for design. What happens when you award contract for construction? Do we keep Michael Baker on?

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this particular contract is for construction assistance that would take them through to the end of construction.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that it is just for assistance after the bidding process. The reason it is for three years is because it is grant funded. We have no costs outside of the City of Allentown.

Mr. Robert Trotner, stated that the agenda notes it was originally \$220,000. I am gathering that I always thought that you got the information about the evaluation committee/scoring committee. Michael Baker International is a very dysfunctional company. Since 1980 they have been losing money and delaying contracts. There are always cost overruns. Has anybody evaluated the company its to see if they are reliable.

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that the evaluation committee reviewed the RFP on multiple criteria. I do not have a program available to search financial history.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that our references consists of calling other municipalities that have projects. I myself has worked with Michael Baker in my previous employment. I had a very good experience with him.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that for the sake of clarification, I think they are the same company that worked on the 15th Street Bridge.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that they worked on the 15th Street Bridge. We did not have any problems with it. They also worked on the design on our street light project that we are working on Turner Street right now.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that they worked for the company that I work for and has done a great job for the commission.

Mr. Robert Trotner asked if the city was putting money to the side for cost overruns.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that it is for the design. They don't have a blank check to go over the contract award.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that it doesn't sound like it would be a crossover thing. Are you should this is the same company?

Mr. Robert Trotner stated that it is the same company.

Mr. Glen Hunsicker asked if there was a Capital Project associated with this for the next Phase of this that you have money set aside on the consultant work and design.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated no. We would need to seek grant funding for that. There are tasks and deliverables. They will submit an invoice for that and we would pay them for that. Their schedule is for 13 months.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that they are doing the design. Once the design is in we will go out to get money to do the build itself. Would the company that we are looking at right now have to post any type of bond?

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that there will be a Performance Bond. This is not a construction project so their bonding will be based on everything up to construction.

Dr. David McGuire asked if there is a bond on those companies putting together the swimming pool at Cedar Beach.

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that all of our projects that have construction have bonds.

Yes: 5 - Julio Guridy, Daryl Hendricks, Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa, and David McGuire

No: 2 - Ray O'Connell, and Roger MacLean

Enactment No: 29450

[15-1560](#)

R74

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Solutions Services, Inc. in the amount of \$16,500 for Oversight by staff and referees for the Midnight Basketball Program - sole source.

Attachments: [R74 Request for Council Approval - Solution Services Inc - Midnight Basketball](#)
[C28-000017 MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL MEMO - City](#)
[C28-000017 MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL MEMO2](#)
[Solution Services Political Disclosure Form](#)

Ms. Beth Ann Strohl stated that this is for Midnight Basketball. It is solicited through parks.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that this is an annual appropriation that has been in our budget for the past several years to fund the program. It serves annually over 200 Allentown youth that play basketball from 9:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight after they go through life skills, exercises, workshops and character building.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that it is a great program to keep kids off the streets and keep them active. He asked any comments from my colleagues.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the parks department following the kids on the program after they are out of the program. He asked what age bracket?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that this is a pass through. The company that operates the program watches after the kids. She stated middle school and high school.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that she doesn't know if they do a follow up, but they do a lot of positive things about this program. They keep kids out of trouble.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked if this was Mike Comick doing this. It doesn't get any better than Mike Comick.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated yes and she will get more information to Council.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if that was Solution Services. Are they going to do it at the Eastside Youth Center again.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated yes. She stated that she believes so, but is not sure.

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

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that to keep the lights on at Irving Street, Midway Manor and to have lighted playground, go home at 9:00 PM and go home and do their homework.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that is not the program we are talking about.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that it is year round.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that they do their homework before they play basketball, and mentoring and tutoring before they play basketball. They have referees. To get into this program you have to be straight and narrow.

Mr. Tom Hahn stated that there is no proof that this is working.

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

Enactment No: 29451

[15-1538](#)

R75

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Norman Taylor in the amount of \$150.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park.

Attachments: [R75 Request for Council Approval - RCA Norman Taylor LLITP17](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Ms. Lindsay Taylor to give one explanation to Council and to the public what a lively lunch is and then we could call the names of the entertainment.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the Lively Lunch Program will run beginning in May and run through September, Tuesdays through Fridays this year. There will be 1 1/2 hour performances in the Arts Park. For each performance, they will receive \$150. You will see some \$300, but that is because they will perform twice during the summer.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked where will they be held.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated at the Arts Park.

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

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if the performances on 7th and Hamilton and 9th and Hamilton also. These are strictly in the Arts Park. He asked the other ones we are having downtown, who is paying for those.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated these are Tuesday through Friday, on 7th and Hamilton. She stated that she doesn't believe the city is paying for it.

Ms. Vicky Kistler stated that she doesn't know the correct answer right now, but it used to be through the Chamber.

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

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

Enactment No: 29452

[15-1539](#)

R76

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Stefanie Johnson in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R76 Request for Council Approval - RCA Stefanie Johnson LLITP17](#)

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated that Lively Lunches with Stefanie Johnson. He asked if there were any comments from his colleagues or the public.

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

Enactment No: 29453

[15-1540](#)

R77

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with William H. Travis in the amount of \$150.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park.

Attachments: [R77 Request for Council Approval - RCA William H Travis LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29454

[15-1541](#)

R78

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with William Bauer in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park.

Attachments: [R78 Request for Council Approval - RCA Billy Bauer LLITP17](#)

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

or the public.

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

Enactment No: 29455

[15-1542](#)

R79

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Heidi Ott in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R79 Request for Council Approval - RCA Heidi Ott LLITP17](#)

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

Mr. Julio Guriy stated that unless someone has an objective, we can say R75 - R97 and it will cover all of them.

Mr. Ray O'Connell stated no. According to our Ordinance, we will go through each one, one by one. Council, public, and vote.

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

Enactment No: 29456

[15-1535](#)

R80

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Jordan White in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R80 Request for Council Approval - RCA Jordan White LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29457

[15-1544](#)

R81

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Jordyn Kenzie in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R81 Request for Council Approval - RCA Jordyn Kenzie LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29458

[15-1545](#)

R82

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Kayla Avitabile in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R82 Request for Council Approval - RCA Kayla Avitabile LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29459

[15-1546](#)

R83

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Lauren Marsh in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R83 Request for Council Approval - RCA Lauren Marsh LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29460

[15-1547](#)

R84

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Paulie Knakk in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R84 Request for Council Approval - RCA Paulie Knakk LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29461

[15-1548](#)

R85

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Steve Brosky in the amount of \$300.00 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R85 Request for Council Approval - RCA Steve Brosky LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29462

[15-1549](#)

R86

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Adam Jacob in the amount of \$150.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R86 Request for Council Approval - RCA Adam Jacob LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29463

[15-1550](#)

R87

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Erin Kelly in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R87 Request for Council Approval - RCA Erin Kelly LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29464

[15-1551](#)

R88

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with James Supra in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R88 Request for Council Approval - RCA James Supra LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29465

[15-1536](#)

R89

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Katherine Rondeau in the amount of \$150.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R89 Request for Council Approval - RCA Katherine Rondeau LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29466

[15-1553](#)

R90

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Just So Duo in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R90 Request for Council Approval - RCA Just So Duo LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29467

[15-1554](#)

R91

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Kendal Conrad in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R91 Request for Council Approval - RCA Kendal Conrad LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29468

[15-1555](#)

R92

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Mike Pilgermayer in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R92 Request for Council Approval - RCA Mike Pilgermayer LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29469

[15-1556](#)

R93

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Robin & Jim in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R93 Request for Council Approval - RCA RobinJim LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29470

[15-1557](#)

R94

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Tim Harakal in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R94 Request for Council Approval - RCA Tim Harakal LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29471

[15-1558](#)

R95

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Adam Web in the amount of \$150.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R95 Request for Council Approval - RCA Adam Web LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29472

[15-1559](#)

R96

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Hannah Violet in the amount of \$300.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R96 Request for Council Approval - RCA Hannah Violet LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29473

[15-1537](#)

R97

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Kris Kehr in the amount of \$150.00 for 1.5 hours acoustic performance as part of the Lively Lunches in the Park series at the Arts Park

Attachments: [R97 Request for Council Approval - RCA Kris Kehr LLITP17](#)

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

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

Enactment No: 29474

ADJOURNED: 6:41 PM