



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Contract Approval

The purpose of the meeting is to ensure compliance with the procedures laid out in the code on contracts and professional services. This meeting is being live streamed and recorded. The video will be posted on the city website. Remember your manners, exhibit good behavior and smile.

Roll Call: President MacLean

Present: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Julio Guridy

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-2948](#)

R41

Authorization for a Contract with Baseline Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$470,975 for 2019 the ADA Pedestrian Ramp Program - 4 bids.

Attachments: [R41 Baseline](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this Bid #2019-15. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 34 vendors with four responses being received. Baseline being the lowest of the four. This vendor has provided services in the past.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated satisfactory he presumes. He asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked why the company from R42 is not doing this work in combination of what they are doing.

Mr. Kyle Sergent stated that these are two different contracts. The R42 Contract is a 2019 curb and sidewalk contract. That's the one we do where the residents pay the money back. This is a contract where we use CDBG money.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that both vendors bid on both bids. Baseline won this bid and Construction Masters won the other bid.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that according to R42 it shows that it was only a single bid on that.

Mr. Mike Hanlon stated that it was his mistake.

Ms. Jessica Bakaret stated that was a typo and she spoke to Mike because there were two bids on that.

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

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Julio Gurdy

Enactment No: 29812

[15-2949](#)

R42

Authorization for a Contract with Construction Masters Services in the amount of \$986,180.00 for 2019 Curb and Sidewalk Program - single bid.

Attachments: [R42 Construction Masters](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it was done as Bid #2019 - 12. It was advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 35 vendors. There were two responses were received. One by Construction Masters. One by Baseline, with Construction Masters being the lowest. They have successfully provided services to us in the past.

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

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Julio Gurdy

Enactment No: 29813

[15-2951](#)

R43

Authorization for a Contract with Miller Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$150,023.22 to install a new traffic signal at Emaus Avenue and South Church Street – 2 bids.

Attachments: [R43 Miller Bros](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid # 2019 - 14 and advertised on Public Purchase and accessed by 21 vendors with two responses being received with Miller Bros. was the lowest response received. This is the first time we will be using Miller Bros.

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

public.

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Julio Gurdy

Enactment No: 29814

[15-2950](#)

R44

Authorization for an Engagement of Professional Services with Johnson, Mirmiran, Thompson, Inc. (JMT, Inc.) in the amount of \$25,000 to conduct a historic resource survey of all buildings 50 years old or older along Hamilton Street between American Parkway and 12th Street (approximately 160 houses) – 6 quotes/bids.

Attachments: [R44 JMT](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Quote 2019 -0010. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 38 vendors. Six responses were received. There was a committee of four individuals who evaluated based on a technical evaluation, a cost evaluations and an oral interviews. Responses were evaluated on four separate criterias. They were meeting the requirements of proposal. The qualifications, the prior experience and costs. The committee is recommending an award to JMT.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked what are they going to do.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that this is a study that involves taking photographs and recording architectural information of 160 buildings that are 50 years and older between American Parkway and 12th Street along Hamilton Street. The information can be used for creating an inventory for possibly improvements to the historic buildings. Demolition overlays for recommending properties for listing national registry for historic places for recommending properties for tax incentives for historic properties.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked if there were any comments from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked wouldn't specific homeowners do that if they are interested in their homes being a part of that.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that if they are interested in being listed on the national registry, yes. The property owner has to be involved.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked why are we spending money to get it done.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that the city is spending the money not necessarily to get it listed, but identify properties that might have potential to be listed on the national registry.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if this would be on the Deed from the start.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated not necessary, no.

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

Mr. James Whitney, 924 Walnut Street, asked about the \$25,000 and if it is coming from City Center Corporation. It is not city funds. He stated that he is concerned because he owns a building that was built in 1872. At the HARB meeting last night and asked Mr. Kimmerly what the study was all about. He said it was just a study at this point. The dire straights we are in this community it is not time to spend \$25,000 on a study that the goal is to be used by Mr. Kimmerly if he has his way to create more regulations and more policies.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that the \$25,000 was a result of the demolition of two buildings on Eighth and Hamilton Street. They had to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for a Special Exemption and the Zoning Hearing Board placed a condition on the buildings for this \$25,000 for this project.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that it still has to be passed by City Council. He asked Mr. Kimmerly what negative impact it will have on the homeowners if they are identified as historic properties.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that it would not necessary be any negative. It would be positives and most will be commercial properties and not a homeowner. It is going to be a commercial property that could potentially be able to use the federal historically tax credit. That is one plus, one advantage. One the goals of this study is to identify the absolute, prior top historic buildings on Hamilton Street. And to get as much protection for those as possible.

Mr. James Whitney stated that the Americus is safe and the Post Office is safe.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that the Post Office is not safe and the Americus is not safe just because they are listed on a National Registry. It needs to be a local protection of those buildings. In terms of his particular house and his property the study will determine whether it is necessary one of the top properties or not. The \$25,000 has been decided a long time in 2017 or 2018 that it would be earmarked for this study.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked about the negative impact. The only negative it

would fall under HARB regulations.

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that it would be a Zoning regulations. This might lead potentially to a plan and the plan would lead to policies, and regulations.

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

Mr. David Kimmerly stated that it was just pointed out that any changes that would be made to the Zoning Ordinance or regulations, policies or programs would have to be approved by Council.

Yes: 3 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, and Daryl Hendricks

No: 2 - Cynthia Mota, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29815

[15-2952](#)

R45

Authorization for a Contract with Trestle Redevelopment Partners, LP in the amount of \$91,500 for the sale of surplus owned property (unimproved land – industrial) located at Furnace Street and Jordan Drive – single bid.

Attachments: [R45 Trestle Redevelopment Partners](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid 2019 - 06. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It is for the sale of property and one response was received.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked how many properties they were going to handle here.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this is for one. There were several properties, but this is for one property.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked what are they going to do for \$91,000.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that it is part of a larger project. That land is needed for a larger project going forward for the City of Allentown.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked any questions from Council.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked if the city is paying \$91,500 to sell property for us. What are they getting in return?

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that they are paying the city.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that the piece of the property that the city owns. We are selling a piece of property that is unapproved land, industrial uses.

Mr. Roger McLean stated that makes sense. He asked if there were any other comments from Council or the public.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it is a little shift from what you used to thinking. You are used to approving the purchase of it. It is the sell of it.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated that we are getting money instead of getting money.

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

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked what is the size of the property that is for sale for \$91,500.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he has to get back to him.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that Council has to vote it down.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that he can get that information.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that she can get that information. She can grab it easy.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated if you want to do that.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated to give him a second. He stated 25.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated 25.439 square feet.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that 25,439. About a half of acre.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked if there was any water on this property.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated no.

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

Yes: 5 - Candida Affa, Roger MacLean, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, and Ed Zucal

Excused: 2 - Courtney Robinson, and Julio Guridy

Enactment No: 29816

[15-790](#) Contract Procedures - The Code

Attachments: [Contract Procedures - Code](#)

[15237 Bill 58 Non-Competitive Bids and Campaign Provisions](#)

[15224 Bill 39 Contract Approval Process](#)

ADJOURNED: 6:52 PM