



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

City Council

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

6:45 PM

Council Chambers

Contract Approval

Public Comment: The meeting will be livestreamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting. Council will consider all comments from city residents. All comments must include name and address, including your city, and be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at Courtesy of the Floor or Public Comment periods of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable

Roll Call: President Hendricks

Present: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

[15-3713](#)

R87

Engagement of Professional Services with McMahon Associates for \$9,750.00 for technical assistance for the Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund (CFA-DCED- MTF), PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (PennDOT MTF), Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA), Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant (ARLE) and Green Light Go (GLG) grant submissions including conceptual plan, cost estimates and necessary documentations for the grant submission, 2 bids.

Attachments: [R87 McMahon](#)
[Resolution #30019](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns. He stated that he knows that McMahon Associates a number of projects over the years and they are highly regarded transportation firm. He asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30019

[15-3714](#)

R88

Authorization for Contract with B.E. Construction Co., Inc. for an estimated annual amount of \$25,000 based upon the unit prices to perform standard boarding up services for commercial and residential properties, 2 bids.

Attachments: [R88 BE- C26-000012 - -BID No. 2020-11](#)

[Resolution #30020](#)

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues. He asked if there was anything from the administration.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this was done as Bid 2020-11. It was advertised on Public Purchase. It was accessed by 22 vendors. Two responses were received and an award is being recommended to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if it is properties in fire. What are they boarding?

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated residential properties. It is commercial and residential properties.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that he knows, but are they the city's properties or somebody else's properties.

Mr. Leonard Lightner stated that these properties are after fires or vacant properties that have been abandoned. They can be a variety of fire and abandoned properties that can be boarded up.

Mr. Ed Zucal asked is this a contract that is separate. He asked if the city still uses Cityline.

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that the city doesn't use them anymore. The city has two contracts. We have an emergency board up and a standard board up. The emergency board up is a separate contract. It is with Stellar.

Mr. Ed Zucal stated that he was just curious to see if the city had two different companies doing it.

Mayor Ray O'Connell stated if it is a fire, then they will go and board it up right away.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues or the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30020

[15-3715](#)

R89

Authorization for Contract with Buell Kratzer Powell for \$82,928 for consulting and engineering services for design, construction documents, cost estimates, construction bidding assistance, construction administration services, and close out services to assist the City of Allentown in the replacement of an existing pool with a splash activity pool at Irving Pool, 6 bidders.

Attachments: [R89 BKP C27-000079 - RFP No. 2020-15](#)
[Resolution #30021](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that it was done as RFP #2020-15. It was advertised on public purchase and it was accessed by 34 vendors. Six responses were received and the evaluation committee of six members conducted technical and cost evaluation of all the proposals that were received. The proposals were evaluated on the ability to meet the RFP requirements, prior experience and costs. Oral interviews were then conducted with the top two ranked firms and the committee is recommending an award to the highest scoring proposal.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Ms. Baraket and asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from his colleagues.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked about the contract and when is the pool supposed to be built. How long will it take for the consultants to do the engineering design and services.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that they anticipate, if approve to work with the Design Consultant as soon as possible. They gave the city approximately 10 - 12 months for the design to be completed there are various permit requirements incorporated into this. Probably construction will start potentially the end of summer next year.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked if the city has the funds available.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated that they have the design funds and they have the DCNR grant, partial funds for the construction itself. they have a DCNR grant and something in the Capital Projects budget that they will discuss in a little while.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated that at this point the city doesn't have a freely set ideas on how much this will cost until they do the design work.

Ms. Karen El-Chaar stated correct. That is part and partial with the design.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there were any other questions. He asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

Enactment No: 30021

[15-3721](#)

R94

Authorization for Engagement of Professional Services with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for \$26,500 to provide remote consulting services to assist the City with GIS operations around COVID-19, state contract.

Attachments: [R94 Esri C22-000034](#)

[Resolution #30022](#)

Ms. Jessica Baraket stated that this is a contract for consulting services and is part of the PA bidding is not required on it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if it would be for Contact Tracing.

Mr. Joe McMahon stated yes. He stated that is exactly what it is and although it was not bid, Vicky, Matt Leibert and several others looked at other vendors. ESRI is the company that produces the GIS. We have many platforms built on GIS. This is a much cheaper price than going out if you can purchase another one that could equal this, the price will be much higher. Because this is an add-on to what the city has he understands from discussions today Bethlehem and others are now looking the same. Vicky is behind this. The IT department is behind this. This is a low price to build something that the Vicky and the Health Department feel that it will fulfill the needs they have for Contact Tracing. It will have future applications beyond just the COVID-19 for the Health Department.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks thanked Mr. McMahon and stated that he recalls Ms. Kistler commented that this is a very great price for what they will do. He asked if there were any other questions, comments and concerns. He asked if there were any questions, comments and concerns from the public.

Yes: 7 - Candida Affa, Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks, Julio Guridy, Ed Zucal, Ce-Ce Gerlach, and Joshua Siegel

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ADJOURNED: 6:56 PM