

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 28th, 2011
Chairman Steve Lee
Vice-Chairman Charles Julien

Members: Haston Lewis, Danny Millet, Charles Julien, Jaclyn Hotard, Darnel C. Usry, Cheryl Millet, Lucien Gauff, III, Ronnie Smith, Steve Lee

PRESENT: Haston Lewis, Cheryl Millet, Ronnie Smith, Jaclyn Hotard, Charles Julien, Danny Millet, Lucien Gauff, III

ABSENT: Steve Lee & Darnel C. Usry

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Brenda Labat – Authorization to award the low bid for the Homewood Drainage Basin Project to Civil Construction Contractors, LLC of Hahnville, LA in the amount of \$1,072,471.26, for the base bid and two alternates

Brenda Labat, Director of Purchasing, stated, "Administration requests authorization to award the Homewood Drainage Basin Project to the lowest bidder, Civil Construction Contractors, LLC of Hahnville, LA. The total award consists of the base bid at \$974,781.25, Alternate #1 at \$81,470.00, and Alternate #2 at \$16,220.01 for a total of \$1,072,471.26. This 2009 bond issue project was designed by Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. at an estimated construction cost of \$1,150,000.00."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "My concern is that this has been an ongoing problem for a long time that we all and Mr. Julien especially has experienced quite a bit of. Is this going to solve the problem is my question?"

Brian Nunes, Shread-Kuyrkendall, stated, "This project will solve the problems. It will not only solve the Homewood problems but it should address the Central Avenue problems as well because we are going to prevent a lot of back flow from the Trosclair Canal into that area. The additional pump that we are installing at Homewood will not only collect from the Homewood area but also from down Central Avenue. It will solve the problem."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Where is it pumping it to?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It is going to pump it out towards Lake Pontchartrain where it is going right now. No, the Reserve Relief Canal, sorry about that."

Councilman Millet asked, "Aren't you all going to put a culvert under the Airline with that also?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes. That is part of what we are doing. We are not just adding a second pump. We are adding more drainage out of the area. There is a 72 inch pipe going underneath Airline Hwy., which is going to allow a lot more flow. Again not just in the Homewood area but also from the Central Avenue area it is all going to come to these pumps and

it will flow out to the Reserve Relief Canal."

Councilwoman Millet asked, *"So it is actually going into Lake Maurepas not Lake Pontchartrain?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"Yes. I am sorry I said that wrong."*

Councilman Julien stated, *"I would like to say on behalf of the people in District III, Homewood and Central Avenue that I hope this works and we want to thank you."*

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the low bid for the Homewood Drainage Basin Project to Civil Construction Contractors, LLC of Hahnville, LA in the amount of \$1,072,471.26, for the base bid and two alternates. The motion passed with Councilwoman Usry and Councilman Lee absent.

Brenda Labat – Authorization to award the low bid for the Edgard Water Treatment Plant facility walkway to Cecil D. Gassiott, LLC of Alexandria, LA in the amount of \$102,516.00

Brenda Labat stated, *"Administration requests authorization to award the Raw Water intake structure walkway at the Edgard Plant to the lowest bidder, Cecil D. Gassiott, LLC of Alexandria for \$102,516.00. The project is funded by the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) at \$67,000.00 and the 2009 bond issue at \$35,516.00. This project was designed by Environmental Engineering Services, Inc of LaPlace at an estimated cost of \$180,000.00."*

Councilman Lewis stated, *"He just wanted to thank the council for their support in getting this project on its way."*

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the low bid for the Edgard Water Treatment Plant facility walkway to Cecil D. Gassiott, LLC of Alexandria, LA in the amount of \$102,516.00. The motion passed with Councilwoman Usry and Councilman Lee absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the River Parishes Convention, Visitors, and Tourist Commission d/b/a River Parishes Tourist Commission

Angelic Sutherland, Assistant to the Parish President, stated, *"Administration requests authorization to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the River Parishes Convention, Visitors, and Tourist Commission for a period of two years. There is no cost to the Parish and the Tourist Commission will promote, market, and book the St. John Community Center as they have since 2007. The Commission will submit quarterly reports detailing activity at the center to the Parish Administration throughout the life of the agreement."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"I would just like to commend the administration on this. I know there were a couple of changes that I discussed with Angelic that were added to the contract and I would like to commend the administration for adding some things in there. I look*

forward to the River Parishes Tourist Commission continuing to do a good job with helping us to promote the facility."

Councilman Julien stated, "I had an opportunity to speak with the president earlier. So could you kind of update the council on where we are at with the renting of the facility after the contract has expired?"

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, stated, "Yes, this specific item addresses the tourist commission's contract and that is to market the center. There is also Delta Blues Production Company that we will be discussing at our next council meeting that is coming up for renewal and there has been some preliminary discussions with regards to having the center for a longer period of time but also having it available for the balls. So as we work through that we will be prepared to bring that to the council for the next meeting but we are gathering some additional information. That has been our directive should the series not be continued that the facility remain open for that period of time even though they may be allowed to book for shorter periods of time either a day or a month prior to the ball."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "I think what you all are doing is a great job. My concern is to let the residents be able to use it and I understand that we do have part of the civic center that can be used by residents if they desire. Am I correct?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, that is correct the atrium."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the River Parishes Convention, Visitors, and Tourist Commission d/b/a River Parishes Tourist Commission. The motion passed with Councilwoman Usry and Councilman Lee absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Authorization to renew with Parish's Workers' Compensation insurance with Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation (LWCC) through Riverlands Insurance Company of LaPlace

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Administration requests authorization to renew the Parish's Workers' Compensation insurance with Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation (LWCC) through Riverlands Insurance Company. LWCC was the only carrier to provide a quote with an annual premium of \$468,495.00. This quote includes a five percent increase in payroll over audited figures from last year, which is attributed to the cost of living and step increases for 2011."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to renew with Parish's Workers' Compensation insurance with Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation (LWCC) through Riverlands Insurance Company of LaPlace. The motion passed with Councilwoman Usry and Councilman Lee absent.

Any and all other financial concerns

There were no other financial concerns at the time.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Usry and Councilman Lee absent.