

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**Chairman Kurt Becnel**  
**Vice-Chairman Julia Remonet**

Members: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Kurt Becnel, Julia Remonet, Lennix Madere, Marvin Perrilloux, Larry Snyder, Michael Wright, Thomas Malik, Jaclyn Hotard Gaudet

**PRESENT:** Kurt Becnel, Larry Snyder, Thomas Malik, Larry Sorapuru, Lennix Madere, Julia Remonet

**ABSENT:** Marvin Perrilloux, Jaclyn Hotard-Gaudet, Michael Wright

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (2 minutes per citizen)**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Jean Stewart - Bid Opening - 2020 Asphalt Road Improvements**

Jean Stewart stated, "There were five total bids received for the 2020 Hotmix Asphalt Road Improvements. They are Barriere Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$894,750.00, M-TRAK, LLC in the amount of \$674,000.00, Diamond B. Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$951,750.00, Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$830,000.00 and R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$913,017.50. The administration request that we take these under advisement."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Remonet moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to take the five bids for 2020 Hotmix Asphalt Road Improvements under advisement. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard-Gaudet and Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

**Jean Stewart - Bid Opening - 2020 Removal & Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections**

Jean Stewart stated, "There were three total bids received for the 2020 Removal & Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections. They are LA Contracting Enterprise, L.L.C. in the amount of \$251,000.00, The Luster Group, LLC in the amount of \$309,900.00 and RAMJ Construction in the amount of \$275,500.00. The administration request that we take these under advisement."

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to take the three bids for the 2020 Removal & Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections under advisement. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard-Gaudet and Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

**Natalie Robottom - (Tabled 10-08-19) Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Sheriff's Office for use of the Percy Hebert Building**

This item was left on the table until DA response from Attorney General.

**Robert Figuero - (Tabled 11-12-19) Authorization to enter into a Cooperative**

**Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the River Parishes Convention, Tourists, and Visitors Commission for the management and promotion of the St. John Community Center**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to remove the above item from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilmen Perrilloux and Wright absent.

Councilman Perrilloux arrived at 11:40 AM and Councilman Wright arrived at 11:41 AM and Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet arrived at 11:38 AM.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the legal questions pertaining to the Cooperate Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the River Parishes Convention, Tourists, and Visitors Commission. It was then decided to place the item back on the table.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to place the item back on the TABLE. The motion passed 8 yeas and 1 against (Sorapuru).

**Reed Alexander/Joseph Savoie - Authorization to solicit bids for the Ruddock Water System Elevation of Electrical Components Project**

Reed Alexander stated, *"At the request of the President-elect and several council members, Administration recommends tabling this item. Administration supports the table."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Hotard Gaudet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to TABLE the authorization to solicit bids for the Ruddock Water System Elevation of Electrical Components Project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reed Alexander/Joseph Savoie - Authorization to award the bid for the 2020 Submersible Pumps to Delta Process Equipment, Inc. and Allan J. Harris Company, Inc.**

Reed Alexander stated, *"The lowest responsive and responsible bidder for items 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18 is Delta Processing Equipment, Inc. of Metairie, LA and items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 & 10 is Allan J. Harris Company, Inc. of Metairie, LA. This is an annual bid and orders will be placed on an as-needed basis. The bids were reviewed and approved by the Parish Engineer and the Assistant Director of Utilities and Administration recommends approval."*

The Council voted on each of these companies for approval individually.

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for the 2020 Submersible Pumps to Delta Process Equipment, Inc. Items 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for the 2020 Submersible Pumps to Allan J. Harris Company, Inc. items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 & 10. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reed Alexander/Joseph Savoie - Authorization to award the bid for the 2020 Self-Priming Pumps to Delta Process Equipment, Inc.**

Reed Alexander stated, *"Delta Process Equipment of Metairie, LA submitted the*

*only responsive and responsible bid as reviewed by the Parish Engineer and the Assistant Director of Utilities. This is an annual bid and orders will be placed on an as-needed basis. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for the 2020 Self-Priming Pumps to Delta Process Equipment, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

**Verdell Kindrick/Joseph Savoie - Authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC for the 2019 Removal & Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections**

Verdell Kindrick stated, *"This project has been deemed substantially complete by the Parish Engineer and the Assistant Director of Public Works. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC for the 2019 Removal & Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections. The motion passed unanimously.

**LaVerne Toombs - Authorization to extend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Voodoo Model Boat Club**

LaVerne Toombs stated, *"This extension will add one (1) year to the existing CEA for use of the Airport Rd. Pond for model power boat sporting events. The Voodoo Model Boat Club will continue to cost-share maintenance of the pond at a 10/90 share to prevent aquatic grass growth. The extension documents were sent to Legal Counsel for review, but they declined to approve the extension as they did not approve the original CEA before approval by the Council. Based on the motion, the required documents were secured, and the agreement has been in effect for a year and is working well. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilwoman Remondet made the motion.

The motion died for lack of a second.

**Stacey Cador - Authorization to enter into an agreement with A&E Enterprise Management, L.L.C. for ADA Coordinator Services**

Stacey Cador stated, *"Administration recommend awarding the ADA Coordinator Services contract to A&E Enterprise Management, L.L.C. of LaPlace, due to withdrawal of the only other proposal submitted. The contract rate is \$1,500 a month up to 40 hours and will be funded through the General Fund. The rate of \$25/hour applies to hours over 40. The contract was sent to Legal Counsel and is the same agreement that has been in effect for the past year. It is working well, and administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to TABLE the authorization to enter into an agreement with A&E Enterprise Management, L.L.C. for ADA Coordinator Services. The motion passed unanimously.

**Stacey Cador - Authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Office of Fire Services Group Dental Insurance**

Stacey Cador stated, *"The existing contract expires February 28, 2020 and*

Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant the administration authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Office of Fire Services Group Dental Insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

**Stacey Cador - Authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Office of Fire Services Group Life Insurance**

Stacey Cador stated, "The existing contract expires February 28, 2020 and Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant the administration authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Office of Fire Services Group Life Insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Vice-Chairman Becnel stated, "The administration request that an amendment be made to the Finance Agenda due to the fact this is a lastminute request because the judge recently delayed the trial. They wish to add, Authorization to extend the lease with Greene Espel, PLLP for use of the old Senior Citizens Center through June 30, 2020."

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to amend the Finance Agenda to add: Authorization to extend the lease with Greene Espel, PLLP for use of the old Senior Citizens Center through June 30, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**LaVerne Toombs - Authorization to extend the lease with Greene Espel, PLLP for use of the old Senior Citizens Center through June 30, 2020**

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We've been receiving payments for the lease although trial has been delayed and will continue to do so during the delay. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to extend the lease with Greene Espel, PLLP for use of the old Senior Citizens Center through June 30, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to adjourn the finance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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