

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 9th, 2014
Chairman Larry Snyder
Vice-Chairman Lennix Madere

Members: Lucien Gauff, III, Jaclyn Hotard, Art Smith, Ranney Wilson, Lennix Madere, Marvin Perrilloux, Michael Wright, Larry Snyder, Cheryl Millet

PRESENT: Marvin Perrilloux, Larry Snyder, Art Smith, Lennix Madere, Lucien Gauff, Ranney Wilson, Jaclyn Hotard, Cheryl Millet, Michael Wright

ABSENT: None

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Kia Price - Bid Opening - Wastewater Manhole Rehabilitation

Kia Price, Director of Purchasing, stated, "Today we opened bids for the Wastewater Manhole Rehabilitation. There was one bid from Gulf Coast Underground, LLC in the amount of \$94,512.00. The administration request that you take these under advisement."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to take the one bid opened today from Gulf Coast Underground, LLC. for the Wastewater Manhole Rehabilitation under advisement. The motion passed with unanimously.

The administration wanted to add this item and Mr. O'Regan said it was okay.

Kia Price/Rob Delaune - Bid Opening/Award - Mississippi River Waterline Crossing Project

Kia Price stated, "Bids for this project were opened on September 2nd at 3:00pm and are noted on the bid tabulation sheet. Based on a review by the project engineer, Administration recommends awarding the low bid for this project to Grady Crawford Construction Company in the amount of \$1,879,062.33 contingent upon the bid documents review and approval by DHH. This project is time sensitive and requires action."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the Mississippi River Waterline Crossing Project to the low bidder Grady Crawford Construction Company in the amount of \$1,879,062.33 contingent upon the bid documents review and approval by DHH. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Millet).

Kia Price - (Tabled 8-26-14) Authorization to advertise for proposals for the small business development program

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to remove the above item from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy Vincent, CAO, stated, "The current contract expires on 9/23/14 and does not include another option for extension. The request is to solicit new proposals with the scope reflecting the current level of services. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Madere stated, "I would like to make a motion to authorize administration to renew the existing contract with Eliza Eugene for 18 months under the same payment terms and scope of work contained in the current contract."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I have nothing against Mrs. Price but this should be happening under EDC as far as I am concerned that is what this was for and I don't know why we are having to contract this the person that is running Economic Development should already be doing that."

Randy Vincent stated, "Let me address those two issues, the first issue I will address is Mr. Wilson's comment, although it is being presented through our procurement department it is managed through EDC. The other point is and I see legal counsel is already up here but the original contract did not include language to extend that particular contract that is why we are putting it back out for or letting the project again solicit RFQ's because we are not authorized based on our policy to extend the contract where there is no provision to do so."

Carl Butler, Legal Counsel, stated, "Mr. Chairman I wanted to make sure I understood Mr. Madere's motion. The motion was to extend the contract. It is my understanding that the contract does not have an extension provision in it so I don't believe the motion can be passed as made considering the status of the contract which at this point is about to expire."

Councilman Madere stated, "I also spoke with legal counsel about this. I didn't come in here and just make this motion off the top of my head. I already spoke with our legal counsel about this, I was given the okay. You can extend any contract. You can terminate any contract. You can add provisions to any contract. There is no documentation or law that says you can do something or place something in a contract. All I am asking is to extend the existing contract that we already had for a year with this individual. So what is illegal? Is it illegal that we had a contract with her? Is it illegal that we want another contract with her? What part is illegal? I already spoke to several different lawyers."

Carl Butler stated, "I don't think you spoke with legal counsel for the parish."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I did."

Carl Butler stated, "Well perhaps that person should be up here."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well maybe so but I spoke to legal counsel and as far as I know a contract can be extended, terminated or anything can be added to a contract. So I just want to know what part is illegal?"

Carl Butler stated, "The point I am making Mr. Madere is that you can't authorize something that is not provided for in the contract, that is my point."

Councilman Madere stated, "You mean you can't authorize something, well the contract is non-existing."

Carl Butler stated, "The contract does still exist as of today."

Councilman Madere stated, "As of today, this is a total new contract and I added something to it. I am asking to go into a new contract with the same employee. I am not concerned about the stuff previously. I just asked to make a new contract and I also added something new in it."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Chairman at this time I would like to call for the question."

A question has been called, all discussion stops and the motion gets voted on.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to renew the existing contract with Eliza Eugene for 18 months under the same payment terms and scope of work contained in the current contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Granular Chlorine

Kia Price stated, "The next 8 items are requests to advertise for annual bids and administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Granular Chlorine. The motion passed unanimously.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Fuel

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Fuel. The motion passed unanimously.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Liquid Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Liquid Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Culverts

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Culverts. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Warehouse Water & Sewer Fitting Materials & Supplies

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 Warehouse Water & Sewer Fitting Materials & Supplies. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 hot mix asphalt overlay on parish wide road improvements

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for 2015 hot mix asphalt overlay on parish wide road improvements. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Kia Price - Authorization to advertise for bids for 2015 pumps & related materials

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for bids for 2015 pumps & related materials. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Angelic Sutherland-Keller/Myra Valentine - Authorization to amend the contract with Bertucci Contractors for the West Lac Des Allemands Shoreline Protection Project

Angelic Sutherland-Keller stated, "Administration requests removing this item from the agenda to allow for more discussion with the contractor and engineer."

Stacey Cador - Authorization to renew the parish Flood Insurance Coverage on Parish Facilities

Stacey Cador stated, "This renewal is with Seattle Specialty Insurance Services through Riverlands Insurance Services, Inc. The premium costs total \$17,558, which is a \$2,057 (or approximately 11.5%) decrease over the expiring annual premium. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to renew the parish Flood Insurance Coverage on Parish Facilities. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 abstaining (Hotard & Millet) and 1 absent (Wilson).

Brian Nunes - Authorization to execute final change order 03 with Three Deuces, Inc. in a decreased amount for the canal repair, cleaning and drainage project

Brian Nunes, Director of R&B, stated, "The final change order with Three Deuces, Inc. is a decreased amount of \$9,236.25, bringing the total project amount to \$744,816.62. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute final change order 03 with Three Deuces, Inc. in a decreased amount for the canal repair, cleaning and drainage project. The motion passed unanimously.

Virgil Rayneri - Authorization to amend the contract with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Lions Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Intake Project as part of the LDHH Water Loan Fund

Virgil Rayneri stated, "This amendment in the amount of \$46,524.88 is for additional project scoping, permitting, geotechnical engineering, and wetland delineation. The project is still estimated to be within the \$750,000.00 budgeted and is funded by the LDHH low interest loan. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to amend the contract with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Lions Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Intake Project as part of the LDHH Water Loan Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.