

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 24th, 2017
Chairman Lennix Madere
Vice- Chairman Michael Wright

Members: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Kurt Becnel, Julia Remondet, Lennix Madere, Marvin Perrilloux, Larry Snyder, Michael Wright, Raj Pannu, Jaclyn Hotard

PRESENT: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Kurt Becnel, Julia Remondet, Lennix Madere, Marvin Perrilloux, Larry Snyder, Michael Wright, Raj Pannu, Jaclyn Hotard

ABSENT: None

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

There was no public comment at this time.

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Jean Stewart - Bid Award - 2017 Self-Priming Pumps and Related Materials

Jean Stewart stated, "*Bids for Self-priming Pumps were received on January 12, 2017 and a total of six bids were opened. Administration requests that these bids be taken under advisement while they are reviewed for compliance with the specifications.*"

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to take the bids for the 2017 Self-Priming Pumps and Related Materials under advisement. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean Stewart - Bid Award - 2017 Submersible Pumps and Related Materials

Jean Stewart stated, "*Bids for Submersible Pumps were also received on January 12, 2017 and a total of four bids were opened. Administration also requests that these bids be taken under advisement.*"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to take the bids for the 2017 Submersible Pumps and Related Materials under advisement. The motion passed unanimously.

Cain Dufrene/Tommy Brown - (Carry Over 12-13-16) Authorization to execute Change Order No. 2 with Aegis Construction, Inc. for Hemlock Fire Station #51

Cain Dufrene stated, "*All documents requested by Legal Counsel for this item were provided on January 3, 2017. The station is completed and the architect has submitted a request for approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Because of the size of the job, the retainage in excess of \$200,000 is being withheld from the contractor affecting his ability to pay subcontractors. As stated previously, the additional days requested in the change order have already been used; the building is completed and ready to be occupied. Administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "*This was a carryover item and the last time we discussed it we had a recommendation from the District Attorney and I would*

like the District Attorney to come up and give us those findings before we make any decisions on this item."

Bridget Dinvaut, District Attorney, stated, "For clarity purposes legal's reluctance to recommend the approval of this did not come from whether or not a legitimate debt was owed it came from the problem with the property ownership of the firehouses. In June 2016, Mr. Perilloux provided a documentation and title search on eight properties belonging to the various fire departments for which public funds were used to construct or reconstruct or renovate those properties in buildings that are on private property because we had not heard anything about it I think it was the 7/26/16 meeting where this council passed a motion authorizing the administration to enter into special legal counsel with Mr. James Carville to address the property issue. We received this request to review the contract and make a recommendation that recommendation was reluctantly considered because the property and tax issues had not been addressed. I will tell you that on 1/12/17 we did receive an engagement letter from Mr. Carville for which we are currently reviewing but that engagement letter does address some of the scope of work that he wants to do to with regards to resolving the parishes situation where they have expended public funds on private property but it does not include a scope of work for addressing the tax issue. That tax issue is a 1984 tax issue where a percentage of tax money is supposed to be given to the volunteer fire department so as far as the debt is concerned it is a legitimate debt that is owed and the only reason why we did not recommend is because of these outstanding issues and we wanted the council to be aware that these issues have not been resolved."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So with that being said do we have a timeline from Mr. Carville's office?"

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "Well on January 12th we did receive the proposal engagement letter, that engagement letter does not include in its scope of work the tax issues. I think the motion was passed on 7/26, the motion to grant administration authorization to seek the engagement of Jules A. Carville, III as specialized Legal Counsel to address property and tax law issues for the Office of Fire Services. The scope of work only includes the property issues it doesn't include the tax issues so we do have to go back to Mr. Carville to find out if he is going to address those tax issues."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So since we have paid 99% of this and we only have this so much left to pay the contractor. In your legal opinion are you saying we should not pay that or hold it until we get some more information?"

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "No at this point in time it is a legitimate debt and it should be paid however it does expand our exposure to liability in the event that the volunteer fire department pursues some kind of action."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "You sort of answered it there with Butch's question, we know that we have this legitimate debt to a contractor who through no fault of his own he is caught up in this mess and he has liabilities and things that he needs to pay so that was going to be my question can we lawfully settle the debt that we have with the contractor still understanding that we need to resolve these other issues but we do have a legitimate debt to a contractor."

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "Yes the debt is an owed debt."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute Change Order No. 2 with Aegis Construction, Inc. for Hemlock Fire Station #51. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean Stewart/Brian Nunes - Authorization to award the bid for the 2017 Asphalt Contract to Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C.

Jean Stewart stated, "*Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C. of Metairie, LA was the low bidder and is recommended for this contract. Road improvement work will be funded through Roads & Bridges and Administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for the 2017 Asphalt Contract to Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean Stewart/Brian Nunes - Authorization to award the bid for the 2017 Concrete Contract to Kass Bros., Inc.

Jean Stewart stated, "*Kass Bros., Inc. of Westwego, LA was the low bidder and is recommended for this contract. Concrete work is funded through Roads & Bridges and Utilities and Administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for the 2017 Concrete Contract to Kass Bros., Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean Stewart/Jobe' Boucvalt - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Dr. Amy Sutherland for Veterinary Services

Jean Stewart stated, "*Administration requests removal of this recommendation from the agenda because Dr. Sutherland is ill and cannot comply with the terms of the contract. Administration also requests authorization to re-advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Veterinary Services.*"

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to remove from the agenda - authorization to enter into an agreement with Dr. Amy Sutherland for Veterinary Services. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add authorization to re-advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Veterinary Services. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to re-advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Veterinary Services. The motion passed unanimously.

Daron Cooper/Mark Brupbacher - Authorization to execute Change Order No. 2 with M&H Builders, Inc. for the Edgard Library Addition/Renovation Project

Daron Cooper stated, "*Change Order No. 2 will add 14 calendar days to the contract time and \$8,683.00 to the cost. The extension and additional cost is to repair damage discovered to the existing stucco walls of the library. This change order has been reviewed and approved by the design engineer and the Library Board and funds are available in the project. Administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute Change Order No. 2 with M&H Builders, Inc. for the Edgard Library Addition/Renovation Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Alexandra Carter - Authorization to exercise the option for a three (3) year extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning and Development Commission

Alexandra Carter stated, "Pursuant to the requirements of Act 12, implementations of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, Ordinance No. 07-09 was approved on February 27, 2007 adopting the new building codes. SCPDC serves as the administrative entity responsible for implementation of the Construction Code Compliance Program by providing plan review and inspection services to participating jurisdictions. The Parish collects permit fees from applicants, retains 20% for administrative purposes and remits the remaining 80% to SCPDC for their services. Because the cost for these services is spread across five (5) parishes and four (4) towns, residents pay a reduced rate. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Pannu moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to exercise the option for a three (3) year extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning and Development Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Cain Dufrene/Mark Brupbacher - Authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Aegis Construction, Inc. for Hemlock Fire Station #51

Cain Dufrene stated, "This project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer and the Chief of Operations for the Office of Fire Services. Administration recommends execution of the Certificate of Substantial Completion to begin the 45 day lien period."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Pannu seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Aegis Construction, Inc. for Hemlock Fire Station #51. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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