

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 23, 2009
Chairman Steve Lee
Vice-Chairman Charles Julien

Members: Haston Lewis, Danny Millet, Charles Julien, Jaclyn Hotard, Darnel Usry, Ronnie Smith, Cheryl Millet, Dale Wolfe, Steve Lee

PRESENT: Danny Millet, Cheryl Millet, Steve Lee, Haston Lewis, Charles Julien, Ronnie Smith, Darnel Usry, Jaclyn Hotard

ABSENT: Dale Wolfe

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Pat McTopy - Bid Awards - 400,000 gallon Potable Water Ground Storage Tank

Pat McTopy, CAO, stated, "As you are aware we recently opened bids for our ground storage tank which is going to help us in periods of drought to keep up with the water demands. We have a letter from Mr. Babin with PEC, our engineer on that project. He is recommending that we award the contract to Civil Construction, LLC in the amount of \$730,963.00. The project is within budget. We have funds from the 2004 water general obligation bond issue."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to accept administrations recommendation and award the contract to Civil Construction, LLC in the amount of \$730,963.00. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Lee) and 1 absent (Wolfe).

Pat McTopy - Authorization to execute an agreement with SWDI to extend the recycling contract

Pat McTopy stated, "At this time I would ask that we not take any action on this. It is not necessary. The existing contract that we have allows us to continue with the recycling program."

Pat McTopy - Authorization to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Port of South Louisiana providing for the financing, construction and renovations of the Reserve Airport

Pat McTopy stated, "Administration has been working with representatives of the Port Commission for many months now in an effort to get them to take over operations of the airport. They have more resources than the parish does in terms of financial and marketing. They have agreed tentatively to enter into this agreement with the parish whereby they would take over the operations and fund the ongoing operations."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Port of South Louisiana providing for the financing, construction and renovations of the Reserve Airport. The motion passes with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Stacey Cador - Authorization to advertise for health, dental and life insurance proposals

Stacey Cador, Department of Health & Human Resources, stated, "The time for the insurance renewal process is approaching and with that in mind we are requesting authorization to advertise for proposals. We don't anticipate actually advertising for another several weeks. We wanted to at least have this portion of the process satisfied should we feel that we need to begin the process sooner than anticipated. We will of course provide the council with a projected timeline prior to actually running the advertisement."

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise for health, dental and life insurance proposals. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Lee) and 1 absent (Wolfe).

Any and all other financial concerns

Brenda Labat, Director of Purchasing, stated, "I apologize for not having it on the agenda. We did open proposals today for administrative consulting services. This is for Hurricane Gustav/Ike CDBG - Disaster Recovery Program. There were five (5) companies who put in proposals. We had Hunt, Guillot & Associates out of Ruston, La, Principal Engineering out of Mandeville, LA, Beck Disaster Recovery out of Orlando, Florida, The Sulzer Group out of New Orleans, LA and South Central Planning out of Gray, LA. These are proposals so there is no pricing in it. Administration requests to take these under advisement."

Councilman Julien stated, "I would only ask that whoever ends up with the contract that they consider the local people in the contract situation."

Councilman Lee stated, "Good point Mr. Julien."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to take the five (5) proposals for Administrative Consulting Services be taken under advisement. The motion passes with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Adjournment

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