

Committee Members

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair
Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair
Councilmatic Representative, Thomas Serra
Councilmatic Representative, Joseph Bibisi
WPCA Chairman, Dale Aldieri
WPCA Commissioner, John Giuliano
John Parker
Tina Gomes
Michael Rosario

Committee Staff

Director Guy Russo
Deputy Dir. Robert Young
Chief Eng. Joseph Fazzino
Asst. Chief Eng. Christopher Holden

**MATTABASSETT BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013
6:00 P.M.
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair
Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair
Councilman Thomas Serra
Councilman Joseph Bibisi
Dale Aldieri, WPCA Chairman
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
Tina Gomes
John Parker

Members Absent: Michael Rosario

Staff Present: Director Guy Russo

Staff Absent: Deputy Dir. Robert Young
Chief Eng. Joseph Fazzino
Asst. Chief Eng. Christopher Holden

Others Present: Charles Chiu, CDR Maguire, Inc.

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1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair at 6:01 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013. The motion was made by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Joseph Bibisi to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013. Tina Gomes abstained from the vote. The motion was approved with seven affirmative and one abstention.

3. Approval of Wastewater Force Main Mattabassett Regionalization Project Bid Authorization

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve the Wastewater Force Main Mattabassett Regionalization Project Bid Authorization. The motion was made by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Philip Pessina to approve the Wastewater Force Main Mattabassett Regionalization Project Bid Authorization.

Discussion

Councilman Thomas Serra informed the committee he would support the bid authorization based on an email that was sent from Director Guy Russo to Denise Ruzicka, Director of Planning and Standards Division of DEEP. Director Guy Russo stated in the email, "This is to verify that the City of Middletown's option to utilize a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), as allowed by State Statute, will not jeopardize Clean Water Funds being made available to the City of Middletown for the Mattabassett Regionalization Project". Denise Ruzicka's reply to the email was, "Your understanding is correct".

Director Guy Russo assured the committee that Denise Ruzicka is a senior in the organization and can speak for the Commissioner of DEEP.

John Giuliano stated that the PLA specifically indicates that the contractor that gets the job will utilize local qualified sub contractors. He questioned what if there are none. Director Guy Russo stated that the main contractor would be qualified and four HDD companies have already been prequalified. The main contractor must abide by the specifications of the PLA agreement in hiring local qualified sub contractors.

Director Guy Russo also informed the committee that the RFQ Construction Administration, Inspection and Testing Services will be advertised on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. He also received an extension by the Commissioner of DEEP for the Force Main Project Bid to September 1, 2013 which would mean a 5 to 6 week timeframe. He will be requesting from the Commissioner of DEEP to extend that to October 1, 2013 to increase the timeframe to 9 weeks.

There is also a concern with DEEP on the type of pipe being used. They are not approving PVC pipe as a sole source product and are recommending High Density Polyethylene Pipe also. Use of HDPE pipe at the 24" size would increase the number of pumps needed from 4 to 5 due to the size of the pipe. Both type of pipe and additional pump will increase the cost of the project. The other issue is that the HDD contractors have pulled steel and PVC pipe long distances but no one has successfully pulled High Density Polyethylene Pipe 3000 feet, of the size required.

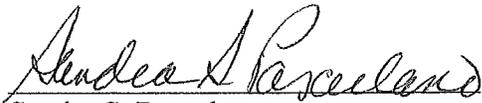
The last problem is that there is a performance bond for one year on the project under the Clean Water Funds. There is no maintenance bond allowed utilizing Clean Water Funds, and the City would have to pay for it by change order, by an allowance in the contract, or by separate item in the contract. It was recommended by Director Russo to award the project on all base items and have an option on a separate item for a maintenance bond for the entire project. The contract will be awarded on a total bid including the maintenance bond item.

Motion for amendment

A motion was made by Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Philip Pessina to amend the motion to approve the Wastewater Force Main Mattabassett Regionalization Bid Authorization to include a Project Labor Agreement, the option for a maintenance bond for the entire project to be paid for without Clean Water Funds, and to authorize the Director of Water And Sewer to work with DEEP on selection of pipe, and reconcile this technical matter. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Attest:



Sandra S. Pasculano
Recording Secretary