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Committee Members

Philip Pessina, Chairman
Thomas Serra, Councilmatic Representative
Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilmatic Representative
James Streeto, Councilmatic Representative
Joseph Bibisi
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair/ WPCA Chairman
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
John Parker
Tina Gomes
Marie Hurley, CCPD

Committee Staff

Guy Russo, Director
Robert Young, Deputy Director
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer
Christopher Holden, Asst. Chief Eng.
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

**MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Philip Pessina, Chairman
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair/WPCA Chairman
Councilman Thomas Serra
Councilman James Streeto
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
Tina Gomes
Marie Hurley, CCPD
John Parker

Members Absent: Joseph Bibisi
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner

Staff Present: Guy Russo, Director
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer
Christopher Holden, Asst. Chief Eng.
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

Others Present: Steve Landry, CDR Maguire
Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire
Paul Pizzo, Landmark Architects
Art Choquette, Prime AE Group Inc.
Joseph Cermola, III, Cardinal Eng. Associates
Christine Jablonski, Daniel O'Connell & Sons

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1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order

Philip Pessina, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Public Comments

There were no comments from the Public and the Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 7:01 pm.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman James Streeto and seconded by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 30, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Elise McDermott, Finance Department informed the committee that the City would receive a check from the State in the amount of \$2.8 million by next week.

Elise McDermott also inquired whether Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer had received the approved CDR Maguire Amendment #14 and #15. He informed her that he did and would be processing the change orders.

4.2A Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee that he had reviewed CDR Maguire Inv. #6 Force Main in the amount of \$2,074.44 and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to approve payment of CDR Maguire Inv. #6 Force Main in the amount of \$2,074.44. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2B Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee that he had reviewed CDR Maguire Inv. #2 Pump Station in the amount of \$12,872.64 and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to approve payment of CDR Maguire Inv. #2 in the amount of \$12,872.64. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2C Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee that he had reviewed Prime AE Group Inc. Inv. #8 in the amount of \$84,605.68 and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to approve the payment of Prime AE Group Inv. #8 in the amount of \$84,605.68. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2D Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee that he had reviewed Northeast Remsco Inv. #6 in the amount of \$345,252.75 and he noted that the Police Line Item is at 100% and a change order will be required. He recommended approval of the invoice.

Councilman Thomas Serra questioned as to why the projection for the Police Line Item was not budgeted correctly.

Art Choquette, Prime AE Group explained to the committee that there were budgeted funds in the contract for hiring of State Police that will not be needed and a change order transferring those funds to the Police Line Item has been submitted by the contractor.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to approve the payment of Northeast Remsco Inv. #6 in the amount of \$345,252.75. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2E Philip Pessina, Chairman requested a motion to approve the Recording Secretary payroll in the amount of 8 hours.

Motion by Councilman James Streeto and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve payment of the Recording Secretary Payroll in the amount of 8 hours. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3A Councilman Thomas Serra requested an explanation of the transfer from Contingency to Salaries & Wages, Part Time Temporary. Elise McDermott, Finance Department explained that it was for the funding of the Recording Secretary's Salary.

Motion by Councilman James Streeto and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve the transfer from Contingency Line Item #4165-65000-91700 \$6,500 to Salaries & Wages, Part Time Temporary Line Item #4165-65000-51220 \$6,000, FICA Line Item #4165-65000-51550 \$400 and Medicare Line Item #4165-65000-51560 \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

5.1A&B Director Guy Russo updated the committee on the approval of the Sub Committee for a transfer from the Contingency Line Item #4165-65000-91700 \$1,000 to Construction Force Main Line Item #4165-65000-91415 \$1000. Also approved was an emergency purchase order to John Coleman in the amount of \$1,000 for the disposal of bentonite clay fluid on his property. The fluids would be mixed with soil and mulch. He explained to the committee that the Northeast Remsco was storing drilling fluids that they were heating and due to the delayed shut down they were requesting to dispose of them. The fluids totaled about 40,000 gals. at a lump sum fee of \$1,000.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to approve the Sub Committee Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that he received a letter of approval from DEEP for CDR Maguire Amendment #15 for additional work during bid phase services.

6. Construction Updates

6.1 Director Guy Russo updated the committee on the issue of the fractured pipe that was discussed at last month's meeting. A report that was commissioned by Northeast Remsco on failure analysis has been received. There has also been a discussion with the contractor on returning back to the job.

Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. informed the committee that he had talked with Northeast Remsco and they should be on site Wednesday with their driller to disassemble some of their equipment. The contractor would also like to start the relocation of the water main in the north end next week.

Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. also informed the committee that in regards to the pipe failure Northeast Remsco has made a submittal essentially saying that they would use the same procedure as before when they come back to work. There are on going discussions with them on this.

Philip Pessina, Chairman questioned the fact that because the contractor will be using the same procedure, will they be doing anything different to prevent this type of fracture in the future.

Art Choquette updated the committee on the report that was done on the failure analysis. Northeast Remsco hired the Madison Group to do an investigation of what had occurred. It was determined that something in the hole damaged the pipe due to impact but they can't with certainty know exactly what happened. Analysis of the pipe was that it was manufactured per specifications.

Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the contractor had pulled the pipe out and there was nothing left in the hole. The contractor will be installing 3000 ft. in one pull. There was 1200 feet of the original pipe that was salvaged and subject to inspection. There is 1800 feet that needs to be manufactured.

Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. also stated that between 200 feet to 300 feet of water main would be relocated at the north end of the project just below the driveway to the plant.

Director Guy Russo let the committee know that CDR Maguire is working on the final design for the relocation of the water main and that the Sub Committee will take a look at the cost estimate and it will be brought to the committee for authorization approval along with the change order.

7. Engineering Updates

7.1 Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire updated the committee on the permits that are required from CT DEEP and Army Corps of Engineers. There have been several meetings with CT DEEP but an additional one will be held with the Office of Long Island Sound. There is a permit that is going thru the Army Corps of Engineers that has a Form N in the application which is a certification from them that needs to be acted on at their inter agency meeting and the next one scheduled is March 4, 2015. All permits must be approved before the Pump Station contract can be awarded.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire also informed the committee that the approval letter from the National University Data Base, which is another branch of CT DEEP for endangered species, was received on February 3, 2015.

Also discussed by Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire was the Army Corps of Engineers In Lieu Program based on the watershed. The project is within the CT watershed and permanent damage will be caused within the project to forested wetlands. There is an estimate of 3000 sq. feet of trees that will be damaged.

Director Guy Russo explained to the committee that the In Lieu Program payment is figured by the square foot and paid to the Audubon Society. It is used to find a project in the most advantageous area in conjunction with CT DEEP, for a wetlands recreation area. The City would then not be responsible for finding the area, replanting and maintaining it.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire informed the committee that the estimated cost for the In Lieu Program is \$28,000. When the letter is received for the permit approval from the Army Corps of Engineers it will come with terms and conditions and the cost for the In Lieu Program will need to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

7.2 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that there was only one bidder, Daniel O'Connell & Sons for the Pump Station Bid in the amount of \$28,900,000. He spoke with Donna Imme, Purchasing Agent, concerning the fact that the bid figure was way above the engineer's estimate and funds were not available to execute the contract and her recommendation was to reject the bid. He also would like to see in writing from the company that bid and the companies that picked up plans but did not bid to get their opinions on the bid. This would determine if there were any confusion in the design, bid documents or bid process for design or any ambiguities that could be corrected before going out to bid again.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to reject all Pump Station bids. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire explained to the committee that he was looking at a 12 week period for putting the Pump Station back out to bid. The first six weeks would be used to get feed back from the bidder and plan holders in writing or email and correct any problems incurred on the first bid. Then advertise the bid and allow six weeks for questions to be answered. He recommended a Special Meeting be held in about three weeks to report back to the committee with their findings via discussions with the prior bidder and plan holders. The proposed bid opening would be May 1, 2015.

Councilman Thomas Serra and Philip Pessina, Co Chair requested Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire to come to the next meeting with a hard estimate of what the cost of the rebid of the Pump Station will bid for planning purposes and why the cost of the bid was \$10,000,000 more than their original estimate.

Councilman Thomas Serra asked Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire if there will be additional fees from CDR Maguire to rebid the project. Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire responded that this would require further discussions based on his findings if there were any problems with the initial bid.

Steve Landry, CDR Maguire informed the committee that during their business planning for the next year a decision was made to release Charles Chui from their employment. Mr. Landry will keep the committee updated on the personnel that will be assisting in the project.

8. Old Business

Director Guy Russo informed the committee that he has working with Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire on the Marino Property for the acquisition and he will have Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. do the easement map.

One of the requirements of the Office of Long Island Sound was that the City must have control of the Marino Property that has not happened as yet but he has offered to sign a Right of Entry to satisfy CT DEEP until the permanent temporary easement can be finalized.

Director Guy Russo said he is still in the process of working on a temporary stockpile area and two sites are available. He will get back to the committee when finalized.

9. New Business

There was no New Business discussed.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest: *Sandra S. Pasculano*
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Recording Secretary