

Committee Members

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

**MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Philip Pessina, Chairman
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman
Councilman Thomas Serra
Councilman James B. Streeto
Joseph Bibisi
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
Marie Hurley, CCPD

Members Absent: Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
John Parker
Tina Gomes

Staff Present: Guy Russo, Director
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

Staff Absent: Robert Young, Deputy Director
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer

Others Present: Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire
Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc.
Joseph A. Cermola, III Cardinal Eng. Assoc.
Brian Kronenberger

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TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015
MIDDLETOWN, CT

1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order

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

Philip Pessina, Chairman requested a motion to add Item #4.2F CDR Maguire Inv#13 \$4,536.95 and Item #4.2G CDR Maguire Inv. #27 \$7,381.80.

Motion by Councilman James B. Streeto and seconded by Councilman Thomas Serra to add Agenda Item 4.2F CDR Maguire Inv.#13 \$4,536.95 and Agenda Item 4.2G CDR Maguire Inv. #27 \$7,381.80. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Public Comments

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened at 7:02 pm.

Brian Kronenberger spoke to the committee on his concerns relating to the inclusion of the Project Labor Agreement in the Pump Station bid. He stated he was a resident of Middletown has a business in town and also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He went on to voice his concern that there were only three bidders that showed up for the pre bid on the Pump Station Contract and the City received only one bid. His question to the committee was how it came about that the Project Labor Agreement was included in the bid. He stated he felt the Project Labor Agreement restricts competition and requires all employees to be hired through the Union Hall. He also informed the committee that the Dept. of Administrative Services for the State of Ct. qualifies all contractors over \$500,000 for Prime Contractors and Sub Contractors. Under the category of Water Treatment Plant there are 36 companies in Connecticut that have the bonding capability at \$28,000,000. If the Project was at a cost of \$20,000,000 there are 56 companies with the bonding capability. There is a mix of union and open shop companies included in the 36 and 56 companies that have bonding capability and are very well qualified and certified by the State. There are also hundreds of sub contractors that are certified by the State that are both union and open shop companies that qualify. He requested that the Building Committee get the Project bid so that everybody can qualify and remove the Project Labor Agreement.

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed at 7:10 pm.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman James B. Streeto and seconded by John Giuliano to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2015. The motion was approved with five members voting in favor and two abstentions by Marie Hurley and Dale Aldieri.

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Elise McDermott updated the committee on the Financial Report informing them that CDR Inv. # 24 that was on the agenda to be approved for payment was out of sequence and should have been submitted last month with CDR Maguire Inv. #25 and #26.

Motion by John Giuliano and seconded by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chairman to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that he and Chief Engineer Joseph Fazzino had reviewed Agenda Items 4.2 A CDR Maguire Inv. #24, 4.2B Prime AE Group, Inc. Inv. #16 \$81,057.22, 4.2C Northeast Remsco Inv. #14 \$722,262.89 and recommended approval.

Director Guy Russo also informed the committee that he recommended tabling Agenda Item 4.2D Providence and Worcester RR Inv. #ENG100636 \$96,095.25 until Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. could review it.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James B. Streeto to table Providence and Worcester RR Inv. #ENG100636 \$96,095.25 till the next months meeting of the committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Guy Russo also informed the committee that he and Chief Engineer Joseph Fazzino had reviewed and recommended approval of Agenda Items 4.2 G CDR Maguire Inv. #13 \$4,536.95 and 4.2 F CDR Maguire Inv. #27 \$7,381.80.

4.2A Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James B. Streeto to approve payment of CDR Maguire Pump Station Inv. #24 in the amount of \$179.94. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2 B Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James B. Streeto to approve payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main Inv. #16 in the amount of \$81,057.22.

4.2C Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve payment of Northeast Remsco Force Main Inv. #14 in the amount of \$722,262.89. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2E Motion by Councilman James B. Streeto and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve payment of the Recording Secretary Payroll of 7 ½ hrs.

4.2F Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James B. Streeto to approve payment of CDR Maguire Force Main Inv. #13 in the amount of \$4,536.95. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2G Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman James B. Streeto to approve payment of CDR Maguire Pump Station/Force Main Final Design Inv. #27 in the amount of \$7,381.80. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3A Director Guy Russo presented CO #13 Northeast Remsco \$10,500.00 which was reviewed by him and Chief Engineer Joseph Fazzino and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve CO #13 Northeast Remsco in the amount of \$10,500.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

5.1A Director Guy Russo presented the committee a letter that he sent to Carlos Esguerra, Sanitary Engineer II at the Municipal Facilities Section Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection. The letter was in response to some changes that CT DEEP requested be done in regards to the Pump Station that were discussed at a meeting held on September 4, 2015 and an email that Director Russo received from Carlos Esguerra on September 11, 2015. The letter from Director Russo included and responded to 1) The routing of the pipes from the Pump Station Sumner Brook 2) Cost of addition of a second grit collector, 3) Committing to the construction of the Pameacha Avenue CSO Project and Old Mill Rd. CSO Project, 4) Letter from CDR Maguire stating that either the grit collector or by pass channel could pass the 26 million gallon flow, 5) Letter from Mattabassett District that they were agreeing to the original design and no requirement to add a second grit chamber, and 6) Director Guy Russo's response to a commitment to respond to Carlos Esguerra's requests within two weeks.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by John Giuliani to send a letter to the Mattabassett District Executive Director and Board thanking them for helping the committee with the issue of the second grit collector. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Guy Russo informed the committee that CDR Maguire was working on an amendment to do the drawings for the Pump Station to go up two feet, which will bring it above the 500-year flood. This work will qualify for State funding.

Director Guy Russo also reported he and Chief Engineer Joseph Fazzino and Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. met with the sub committee and contractor Northeast Remsco on the contractors proposal to look at an alternate pipe. This is being evaluated and Director Guy Russo will contract the committee when a decision is made on the contractor's proposal.

6. Construction Updates

6.1 Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. informed the committee that the 30 inch water main is complete from the south end of the Project to Dingwall Drive. At the north end of the Project the 30-inch water main is complete from where the billboard is to the Mattabassett Plant. Additional test pits were done as Yankee Gas mismarked their gas main. There is still an issue on how the contractor will remove the 700 feet of broken pipe at the HDD1B.

Director Guy Russo informed the committee that an extension of the lease agreement with the State on the waste stockpile area under the Arrigoni Bridge has been executed for another year. CT DOT has agreed to the use of this area for the Pump Station excavation.

7. Engineering Updates

7.1 There was no discussion under this item.

7.2 Director Guy Russo discussed the problem with the PLA issue in the first bid on the Pump Station that the feed back from the contractors was that it could be read to require each individual sub contractor meet the State WBE and MBE requirements. The percentages required are based on the total contract and not by each sub contractor. The contract language was redrafted after the bid to be included in the new bid.

The committee requested that Director Guy Russo contact Mr. Kronenberger to discuss the PLA redraft with him and respond back to the committee at the October meeting.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

9. Old Business

9.1 Mark Kopchak informed the committee that CDR Maguire Inv. #12 included a Fed Ex charge that should not have been billed and will be credited on the next invoice. He also stated that the person doing the drafting and CAD design, bills on half hour increments.

9.2 There was no discussion on this agenda item.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by John Giuliano to adjourn at 8:04 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest:


Sandra S. Pasculano
Recording Secretary