

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee **held a meeting on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021** **beginning at 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chair Mitchell, Members Davis, Cerra, Keys, Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Director Breunig, Safety Service Director Feuerstein, Engineer Schneider, Council Member Tollett

1. Approval of the JANUARY 6th, 2021 Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Davis moved, second by Mrs. Keys to approve the 'said' meeting minutes.

2. The matter of Amendment #2 for Professional Services with Stantec Consulting for Professional Services at The Water Treatment Plant.

REFERRED BY: City Engineer Schneider

Mr. Schneider there are some improvements going on at the Water Treatment Plant which have been going on for a little while. It includes improvements to the clear wells and sedimentation basins to help high rate the plant so that in the future it will help sell more water and keep our rates down. It started prior to covid and it's been held up a little. There have been a few hurdles that had to be worked out. They had a consultant who designed the product and they had to do some additional work as well as extend it due to covid and they've incurred some additional costs and they would like to keep them on to complete the project. We're asking to amend the contract to include an additional \$100,000 to carry thru to the end of the project. To be paid for from the Water Dept. and they are asking for it to pass as an emergency since they are under construction right now.

Mr. Cerra asked what the challenges were due to covid?

Mr. Schneider said covid caused them to be out there longer, it was supposed to be completed last year, but the issue was getting materials in a timely matter is what held them up.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Keys to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into amendment number 2 for professional services for the 'said' improvement project with Stantec Consulting Services.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of entering into an agreement with Osborn Engineering for Design Services for the Resurfacing/Reconstruction Project of East Broad Street from Abbe Road to Cedar St.

REFERRED BY: City Engineer Schneider

Mr. Schneider said the City has rec'd funds from NOACA as well as ODOT Safety Funds to reconstruct E. Broad Street to make it essentially the way we're going to be doing Cleveland Street. Single lane each direction and turning lane in the center. We needed to hire a consultant because there are lots of hoops to jump through with ODOT. It's a qualification based process and the consultants contact the City to be considered for the job.

Those consultants are ranked and the top one with the right qualifications are chosen to design the project and from there we get the cost of what they will charge for the project. Osborne Engineering were the original firm who actually did the safety study to get the funds for the project. They've also been hired by the Chestnut Commons Connector Road Developer. Mr. Schneider wanted the committee to be aware of this and Mr. Breunig said that there is not a conflict at this time. The estimate is that the City has to pay 20 percent of the project cost and the safety funds knock it down to 10 percent. Because we were able to secure an additional funding source, it will allow us to pay for the engineering cost but we only have to pay 10 percent, and the good news is that it shouldn't cost the City any money for the design part of the project. Safety funds can only be used for safety fund items. We may have to pay only for the aesthetics of the project. Anything that the City would need to pay would come out of local motor vehicle fund.

Chair Mitchell asked if the delay at Chestnut Commons is because of the design?

Mr. Schneider said that project was designed by Trans Systems. Osborne has been retained to critique the design.

Mrs. Keys asked about the time-frame for the E. Broad project?

Mr. Schneider said to design a normal design project, it's one thing, and to include the right of way to the project, it usually adds a year to the project. Because you have to secure the right of way before it can be designed. There is negotiating with property owners and things like that and that also elevates the cost. The schedule for this project is fiscal year 2023 which means it won't begin until 2022.

Mrs. Keys asked if there will be a bike lane?

Mr. Schneider said it will be a multi-lane which would be a sidewalk, not necessarily a bike lane, perhaps widen the sidewalk, or two 5 foot sidewalks, they will do something.

Mrs. Davis asked if this will conflict with the new Speedway and Donuts.

He said those will be completed before this project starts.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Davis to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Osborne Engineering for professional services for 'said' project, total amount not to exceed \$840,000.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of advertising for bids and entering into a contract for the Lowell Street Resurfacing project.

REFERRED BY: City Engineer Schneider

Mr. Schneider said they got the go ahead from Ohio Public Works for this project so we need to get the bids out so we can capitalize on the low asphalt prices thanks to low gas prices. Part of this project will be in the township and are working on securing an agreement for their portion of the project, which will benefit from the Ohio Public Works as well. Originally it was an 89/11 project where the City would pay 11 percent. They got \$307,900 to cover about 79 percent.

So, it's a typical street resurfacing and they need to bid it out shortly. And they are looking for an amount not to exceed \$410,00 to construct the entire project which includes the County's portion as well.

This project covers Rt. 113 to the bridge at the township, essentially from the old 3M Plant to Route 113. It will all be asphalt.

Mrs. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to authorize an ordinance authorizing Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the said project and not to exceed an amount of \$410,000.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of Amendment #7 to the Agreement with AECOM for Professional Services pertaining to the Wet Weather Program.

REFERRED BY: Assistant City Engineer McKillips

Mr. Schneider said AECOM has done this program for years. We are currently in negotiations with US EPA regarding CSOS and SSOS. We're looking to extend their contract since we have not completed the negotiations and not to mention that there are a number of design components to the amendment to the contract. These dollars will be used for a number of things and the consultant will not proceed with anything without the engineering approval first. The biggest part of the project is task number four which is planning and design services for the whole eastern heights area, the infrastructure and seeing where the issues are and what needs to be done to make the EPA happy as controlling the Wet Weather flow monitoring, televising and cleaning the sewers, smoke and dye testing and other things of that nature. There is also modeling and EPA negotiations.

Mrs. Davis asked why the word consolidating is used and asked that means they have more than one company coming together?

Mr. Schneider said the overall program is consolidating the work of the SSO, CSO and the Wet Weather Plan which is one big giant task because they work together for the sanitary sewer and storm sewer. It's not just one component, it pretty much anything that drains.

Mrs. Keys asked if this entail digging up?

Mr. Schneider said it's more of just a study but they might be out there and see a broken sewer or pipe and they might do some repairs but it's not like they will be replacing an entire portion.

Mr. Cerra moved, seconded by Mrs. Davis to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into amendment number 7 for the Wet Weather Program and the WWPC Plant Project.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of advertising for bids and entering into a contract for the TLCI Phase 4 Project, which includes ADA curbs, sidewalks, street lights on 2nd St., West Ave., Court St. and Broad St.

REFERRED BY: City Engineer Schneider

Mr. Schneider said this is for the downtown area to replace some sidewalks, street lights, adding different pavement markings, bike racks, benches. It's similar to the previous project where we did the same thing, this is just other areas that hadn't been completed yet. TLCI are to improve quality of life for the target areas. There are a lot of areas that have benefitted from these funds.

Mrs. Keys moved, seconded by Mr. Cerra to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for 'said' project.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Before adjourning Mr. Tollett asked why the Chestnut Commons Connector Road had a sign already up that called the street Reaser Parkway.

Mr. Schneider said that the sign was originally asked for by the developer during the design process and was put in the plans. It was not approved by Planning Commission and hasn't gone to Council as yet.

Mr. Breunig said that was in the plans from the developer and was not done through normal channels where the preliminary design would be approved and then final plat would be approved. The City will be going back with the developer sometime soon for plat approval through Planning Commission and Council.

Mr. Breunig went on to say that until it goes through the Planning Commission process and goes through the dedication and is accepted by Council, it is not official and the police and fire will have the opportunity to weigh in.

Mrs. Keys moved, seconded by Mr. Cerra to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary

(Meeting was attended by Secretary Rosado and Meeting Minutes were Transcribed by Secretary Rosado)