

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
February 18, 2020 – 3:00PM

Committee Members present: Councilor David A. Witham, Chair
 Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Vice-Chair
 Councilor Richard Michaud, appointed by Mayor
 Councilor Matt Gerding (entered @ 3:35pm)

Administration/Staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
 Finance Director Scott Smith
 Director of Public Works Michael Bobinsky
 City Engineer Gary Lemay
 Deputy City Clerk Kelly Gagne

Other: Dale Sprague entered at 3:33

Chairman Witham called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Dumont, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting. Motion was approved 3-0.

WATER DIVISION PROJECTS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES
WATER STORAGE ASSESSMENT

Manager Belmore pointed out a memo prepared by Engineer Lemay regarding proposals received for an assessment on the Hamilton Street water storage standpipe at the Noble Pines. Three firms responded; Wright-Pierce, Tata and Howard, and Weston and Sampson. The interview team which consisted of City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Public Works Director, Chief Water Treatment Operator and City Engineer; interviewed all three firms and the recommendation is to award the contract to Wright-Pierce Engineers. During a second interview Wright-Pierce noted that the City may be eligible for a \$20,000 drinking water asset management grant if several asset management-specific tasks were added. After adding the management specific tasks totaling \$11,000 to the project and with the \$20,000 grant that the City was awarded, it would reduce the total cost of the project by \$9,000. Making the total cost for the project \$54,700 minus the acceptance of the \$20,000 grant making the total cost to the City \$34,700, which is less than the \$100,000 adopted budget for this assessment.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion that the Public Works and Environment Committee sponsor a Resolution to support awarding the water storage assessment to Wright-Pierce Engineers in the amount of \$34,700. Motion passed 3-0.

WELLFIELD ASSESSMENT

Manager Belmore noted that there was a memo prepared by Director Bobinsky in regards to the request for proposals for the Rocky Hill Rd Wellfield assessment. There were seven responses and City Staff decided to bring four of them in for an interview; Tata and Howard, Wright-Pierce, Geosphere/Tighe and Bond, and Emery and Garrett/Hoyle and Tanner. The interview team consisted of City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Public Works Director, Chief Water Treatment Operator and City Engineer. The interview team recommendation was to award the contract to the Emery and Garrett/Hoyle and Tanner team. The estimated cost for this assessment is \$68,500 which is less than the budgeted \$75,000.

Councilor Witham stated that he was approached by a company with a question regarding an error in the RFP; this was one of the companies that were interviewed. Staff informed the committee that this issue did not come up with any of the companies interviewed, and had it come up before accepting proposals a clarification would have been sent out to all consultants on the bidders list. .

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Michaud made a motion that the Public Works and Environment Committee sponsor a Resolution to award the Rocky Hill Rd Wellfield assessment contract to Emery and Garrett/Hoyle and Tanner in the amount of \$68,500. Motion passed 3-0.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Manager Belmore explained that he met with Waste Management Representative Pete Lachapelle regarding a 5-year contract extension for collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, recycling, and sludge disposal. He recommends approving a 5 year contract extension. He stated that if we go out to a sealed bid process the price will most likely go up. He pointed out in the packet the pages that explain the three different types; Municipal solid waste, which is the blue bag program, recycling and WWTF sludge hauling.

There was discussion regarding what other options there might be and a snapshot of other surrounding Cities was provided, the consensus was to accept staff's recommendation to stay with Waste Management.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Michaud made a motion that the Public Works and Environment Committee sponsor a Resolution to move forward with the 5 year contract extension with Waste Management of all three areas of Municipal Solid Waste, Recycling and WWTF Sludge Hauling. Motion passed 3-0.

Councilor Witham asked about the price of bags and if that is something that we will have to increase over time slowly instead of a large chunk. Director Smith stated yes, that he will run some numbers and share them at the next meeting.

CEMETERY ROAD PROJECT: BID ALTERNATES SCOPE

Manager Belmore informed the committee that staff has inquired about a contract amendment to add Doelson St and the access road behind the High School to the Cemetery Road project. He explained that we have received an engineering design estimate for all of Doelson Street, but the Committee recommended just looking at the first 50-60ft instead of the whole street.. In order to include this work with the Cemetery Road project, we would need some engineering work and that requires a contract amendment with Wright/Pierce.

There was discussion as to why we would only do 50-60ft of Doelson Street and if the street is in fact an accepted street.

Committee is in agreement to engineer the first 50-60ft of Doelson Street and to also bid out a work option to pave the access road behind the High School.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Michaud made a motion that the Public Works and Environment Committee sponsor a Resolution to add the first 50ft of Doelson Street as a contract amendment with Wright-Pierce. Motion passed 3-0.

GREAT BAY GENERAL NITROGEN PERMIT UPDATE

Manager Belmore updated the Committee regarding a letter prepared by the City of Dover questioning the science behind proposed nitrogen limits on the draft permit prepared by the EPA. They are requesting that the City of Somersworth also sign the letter. It is being sent to Governor Christopher Sununu and NH DES to request peer review of the draft Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit.

Councilor Michaud, seconded by Councilor Dumont made a motion that the Public Works and Environment Committee support the City Manager sign this letter for a peer review of the Great Bay General Nitrogen Permit. Motion passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Manager Belmore noted there is a memo in the packet regarding an estimate for mill/overlay of High Street from Washington Street/W High Street intersection to Memorial Drive/Franklin Street intersection and to replace 1400 feet of deteriorated concrete curbing to be removed and replaced.

Engineer Lemay stated that the estimated cost based on recent paving and site work costs would be \$410,600.

Councilor Witham would like to include this as a bid alternate in the City's next round of road improvements, the consensus of the Committee agreed with this.

Manager Belmore stated that there was an estimate done to replace the sidewalk in front of where the Veterans Memorial park will be from what used to be Fair Court to Fayette Street and to also add fencing around along Fair Court and Elm St. An estimate for replacing the sidewalk and adding fencing is \$60,000 for the sidewalk and \$23,000 for the granite fencing.

There was discussion regarding an estimate of the money raised during fundraising efforts. Staff recommended a total cost estimate for the memorial, sidewalk, and fencing of \$235,000. Director Smith stated that this would require a Supplemental Appropriation utilizing part of the one-time revenue received from the State of NH in the amount of \$273,000

There was discussion into the sidewalks and fencing what it would look like it.

Councilor Witham stated that if you're going to do the park you need to do the sidewalks as well for curb appeal.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Michaud made a motion to accept the recommendation of City staff to include replacing the sidewalk and adding fencing, and to support a supplemental appropriation of \$235,000 for the project. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilor Witham has a couple items under miscellaneous. This week Councilor Vincent and he testified at the HB 1111 hearing. He stated that Director Bobinsky was in attendance as well, and that he had the best testimony that he heard that day. HB 1111 was driven by the Town of Rye where they have a severe issue with double poles. He stated that we need to continue to monitor this and to request to meet with PUC to get the double utility poles cleaned up. He would like to pursue that to see what happens, he would like to first tackle the Indigo Hill Road and Green Street area.

Director Bobinsky stated that the PUC rep at the meeting spoke with him and she is investigating and we are now on their radar. Councilor Witham stated that if there is a process, we would like to move forward.

Councilor Witham spoke about the punch list for PIKE in regards to the area of Lily Pond Road, that there are a lot of places where it is already peeling up, and he is not sure a patch would look good. Punch list item to add for Brox in regard to Tate's Brook Road near Pinkham Avenue and Lil-Nor Avenue the hot top curb is falling apart.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dumont seconded by Councilor Michaud, motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk