

Item 23-0061: Request to sole source contract to Parker Coatings for Fire Station #1 rig room floor epoxy

Item 23-0066: Request to award the 2023 Vosters Park Redevelopment Project contract to Triple P Inc, dba Peters Concrete Co.

Finance Committee

Mon, Jan 23, 2023 5:30PM

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:31

There are no public hearings or appearances tonight. Moving on to action items, we'll start with 23-0061. Request a sole source contract to Parker Coatings for fire station number one rig room floor epoxy and the amount of \$40,674 with a 10% contingency of \$4,068 for a project total not to exceed \$44,742.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 00:56

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:57

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:58

All right, we have a motion a second. Alder Siebers.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 01:01

Yeah. This brings up what Aldersperson Hartzheim was talking about at a previous meeting in regards to sole sourcing. And I'm going to vote for this, but I want department heads to be aware that at some point in time, there's going to be a marker drawn, and we can't just keep sole sourcing.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:27

Director Gazza.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:29

Thank you. And I appreciate you did bring that up because I agree 100% that sole source should be used in a very random basis. The facility manager who worked on this project, he brought it to my attention, and he got multiple quotes. And the differentiation between the quality of the coating, the warranty, and all that came with it. This would have been better to put out as more of like a request for qualification. So, when he took all those into consideration and consulted with the procurement manager, they did both agree that this was the best value. Yet it was not the cheapest quote. But going with the cheapest would have gotten us the cheapest result. And so, it was more, but it was the best overall value when you factor it in the quality in the work in the reputation of the company and everything. So that's why he [indecipherable] would ask for a sole source. But that's what went into this one versus just going low bid and then getting low results.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 02:38

Thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:41

Did you? Okay, I saw Alder Fenton.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:43

I'm just, thank you. Thank you, chair. So, I'm just confused. So, it sounds like we did get bids, and all but one of the bids were not qualified? So, I'm not sure what makes this a request for a sole source if we did get bids that were not qualified.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:02

They wouldn't be bids because a bid would be more of a public—they'd be more of a, it's maintenance. So, it's more of a quotation.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:11

I want to see if he if Cameron called it that. Yeah. No, he didn't refer to it as a bid because it's maintenance. It's replacing existing finish, where a bid generally is putting in new, or major public renovation, or update.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:38

I'm not sure I'm any less confused. I think my question's answered anyway.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:44

Alder van Zeeland.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:45

I was gonna ask the same question, but I guess, based on what you said, I think what I'd like to see in the future with something like this is then the something from the procurement manager that determined how this decision was made.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:59

Yep, definitely. I think that's excellent.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:09

I'm sorry I cut you off there just a second too early. Attorney Behrens, Director 3, you said you have. Alright.

Attorney Christopher Behrens 04:18

Just offer a little bit of clarification even though this wasn't bid. When items are bid or projects are bid, we're not necessarily bound to take the lowest bidder. It's the lowest responsible bidder. So, for example, in this case, had it been bid, the feedback you may have heard was that after reviewing the bids and determining the qualifications and the types of materials proposed, while this isn't cheapest, it's a determination by staff that it's the lowest responsible bidder. Just opportunity for a little clarification. So, thanks for the indulgence.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:54

Thank you. Anybody else? Alright. Ope, go ahead.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:03

I just ask, is there a critical timing up to this decision? Or would we be able to ask for that information from procurement?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 05:12

There wouldn't be a critical timing on that.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:15

You say would or wouldn't?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 05:17

Would not be.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:18

Okay. Then I think what I'd like to do is make a motion to hold for two weeks so we could get that feedback from procurement.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 05:26

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:27

All right, have a motion a second. Any discussion on the hold? All right, seeing none. Let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion to hold for two weeks passes five to zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:44

So, we'll move on to the next item, which is 23-0066. Request to award the 2023 Vosters Park redevelopment project contract to Triple P Incorporated, Peter—DBA Peters Concrete Company in the amount of \$97,000, with a 15% contingency of a \$14,550 for a project total not to exceed \$111,550.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:09

Now, before anyone makes a motion, I just want to point out that both the Alders Hartzheim and Director Gazza have reached out to me requesting a hold for two weeks on this. So, before anyone makes a motion, just take that into consideration.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:21

I was going to move to hold it.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:23

As am I.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:25

Okay, so now that we got that there, I don't—does anyone feel we need to discuss anything about this item prior to the hold? Director Gazza?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 06:33

Well, yeah, I think I'll just in case anybody's listening from outside, I just want people to know why we're holding it. Little history I'll give you on this is that the trees in half of the park—make up about half of the park. And the majority of those trees are ash trees that, unfortunately have the ash borer. So, our city forester has been monitoring those trees along with the other tree inventory throughout the city, and been watching to the point where making the determination as soon as funds would become available, we needed to cut the ash trees down, as they're becoming dangerous, as they're starting to fall down. So, it's a little bit challenging for us because the Parks Department definitely does not want to see those trees go. Neither does the neighborhood. So, we're both, we're both together on this. We don't we don't want to see the ash trees go. But it's inevitable. And it's just became a matter of fact that they have to go.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 07:42

So, with that we're trying to, you know, understand that. But we also want time to share that with the mayor meeting with the neighbors, to get them to, to understand that it's just, it's just unfortunate, as it is unfortunate throughout the rest of the city. And then what we'll look to do is, you know, reestablish the park at some point in a manner that would include the neighborhood to determine what their needs would be in the park. And that could be plant 300 more trees. It could be put a you know, at some time plan for a restroom facility. Could be something else. But the first step would be to take down the trees and fill in the low area.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 08:24

We did do an inventory today. And the inventory concluded that there—I forget the total amount of trees, but there are some oak, some maple, and some others. And we identified the location of that. So, we could have that available for the meeting with the public. And we're meeting, we're scheduling Alderperson Hartzheim scheduled for Wednesday evening. But we could share that. And we also had reached out to the contractor to determine can he worked around those trees, so we can leave at least what are the good trees that don't get damaged when other trees come down? And the best of our knowledge they'll do their best to do that.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 09:07

So, and then there was a question that came up about some owls that could possibly be living there. So, the DNR was gonna report back to us (the person wasn't available) what the requirement would be there if we did find a nest in a tree if we would just leave that tree until the nest was gone. So, few questions that the neighbors had to answer, but that's the reason for the hold tonight.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 09:34

Again, there's no critical timing in regards to two weeks or a month. The biggest issue is just that these bids were bid by companies that would do the work in the winter. And then they'd go into summer work so then they would cancel their bids and we did get a favorable bid. So hopefully we can address the questions and concerns that it's really something that you know, the ash borer wish they wouldn't have came in the first place, but we are where we are. And so hopefully we can discuss that Wednesday and move forward.

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 10:07

Thank you. Definitely a tough situation, but I don't see a problem with two weeks. I don't think that'll hurt anything. So, someone's got any other comments or questions? All right. Voting on holding for two weeks. All in favor?

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 10:22

Do we still need a motion?

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 10:24

Yeah, we did. Yeah. Yeah.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 10:26

Okay.

Alderperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 10:28

Okay, so yep. So, we have a motion in a second. All in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions. Motion passes. Item's held until we meet again in two weeks.