

Municipal Services Committee

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Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:07

Wednesday, January 18 2023, at 6:30pm. I call to order the special meeting of municipal services committee. Let the record show that all members are present except for Alderson Doran who has been excused. No public hearings or appearances.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:30

Action item 20-3043 critical timing 2023 sole source purchase requests downtown streetscape elements. Do I hear a motion on this?

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:41

Motion to approve

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:42

Is there a second?

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:44

Second.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 00:45

Motion has been made and seconded. We did get a memo on this. Any questions? Further comments? Alderson. Hartzheim, what...? Okay.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:00

Thank you Chair. I understand that we're in this position because we put ourselves in this position. We approved this downtown—downtown street guide, but it kind of boxed us in with this these particular suppliers. Was that something that the folks that put the street guide together ahead of time knew we were going to be in? And—I mean, I don't remember discussing that when we talked about the Downtown Street guide and that approval. I'm just really concerned that the city is kind of putting themselves boxing themselves into a corner painting themselves into a corner with limited suppliers, meaning we're not getting the most competitive pricing.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:42

I want to refer to our director. Director Block?

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 01:51

Thank you for the question. I cannot answer if when the streetscape design guide was crafted and drafted and adopted, if suppliers were investigated or not. It was before my time and I haven't asked that specific question. I know if this was part of the A 23 downtown street reconstruction project this year, we would specify these exact, you know, street tree grates, benches, things like that, then it would be up to the contractor to find that specific item. they likely would, you know, be limited to these suppliers as well.

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 02:34

What's prompted the critical timing issue is reaching back out to these suppliers, investigating lead time and pricing for this year. And that's when we were made aware that the lead time had increased greatly, like 20 to 22 weeks. So hence the critical timing and we're going to pull out those tree grades as part of the contract. So, we have more control over making sure they're here in time. So that's what I can tell you about the item.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:06

Thank you. Chair, I just wanted on record that this is a concern of mine, and I think it's probably a concern of many of the others on the committee as well. Thank you.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 03:14

Thank you. Any—Aldersperson Van Zeeland?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:18

Thank you, Chair. I was going to ask about the timing of this, but you just explained. I was curious when we reached out to the vendors specifically. Do you know? I'm just curious.

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 03:32

We would have been working on it early this month. So, after the end of 22 starting to think about 2023 Purchase Orders and work orders is when we would have began in earnest. Okay, thank you.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 03:46

Any further comments or questions? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed? Chair votes aye. Four zero. We're down to item number seven.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:59

Motion to adjourn.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 04:01

Is there a second?

Aldersperson Joss Thyssen (District 8) 04:01

Second.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 04:03

Motion has been made and seconded to adjourn. Anybody opposing to that? All in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed? Chair votes aye. four zero. We're adjourned. Thank you