

All Action Items

Finance Committee

Mon, Sep 09, 2024 5:30PM

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:53

We have no public hearings or appearances tonight, so we'll go right into our action items, starting with 24-1195, request to award police station additional workstations to Nordon Business Environments in the amount of \$48,100.37.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:09

Move to hold.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:10

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:11

All right, motion and a second to hold. Any discussion, remarks on this? Anyone wants to just—

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:16

I just asked to hold it simply because we haven't—we don't have Director Gazza here to answer any questions if that, if—and I do have some questions.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:24

Yep, okay, just to get that out there. And I'm assuming that these questions are probably best for Director Gazza who couldn't be. So, unless somebody—I'm seeing nods of no, so if nobody else wants to pinch hit, which is understandable. So, with that, we'll go.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:39

But is there anything that might be critical to this? Do you know director Ohman?

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:44

Okay.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:45

Okay, I—we'll err on the side that, no, it's not. If that ends up not being the case, then maybe we'll do a quick special before our Wednesday meeting next week, just to take care of this item if it ends up being critical. But I think that's a fair assumption that it is not.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:02

Yep, which will be on the 23rd. Okay, that's okay. All right, so that's squared up. Let's go ahead and vote on the hold then. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five zero. We'll take that up at our next meeting.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:25

Next item is 24-1197, request to approve sole source engineering services contract to McMahon as part of the Appleton wastewater treatment plant hauled waste station tank upgrades in the amount of \$45,700 with a 10% contingency of \$4,570 for a total not to exceed \$50,270.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:46

Move to approve.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:47

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:48

All right. Motion and a second. Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:51

Thank you, Chair. May I address Director Stempa? Director Stempa, your memo stated something to the effect of there's one particular individual that's been really been working closely with the department on this, et cetera, et cetera. I understand the desire for sole sourcing. And you know my concerns about sole sourcing. I'm—I feel like I have no issue with approving this, but my curiosity then is what is our, like, exit plan in case this one particular individual is no longer now with McMahon? Or—I mean, do we feel like there's enough redundancy within this that the sole sourcing is not going to end up biting us in the butt later on?

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 03:28

The short answer is, no, I don't think it's going to bite us later on. The individual that's been part of these projects intermittently over the last 20 years almost actually provided a preliminary evaluation of options for that receiving station at large, and we are still exploring the possibility of expanding it and providing greater equalization outside that building which provide a whole host of benefits. But the capital cost for that right now are just too much to absorb.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 04:07

A lot of this work really in this, and the synergies, I'll say, that along with an existing contract that's under the Facilities Management HVAC project came about—we identified some of these needs actually concurrently with the Polymer incident. So, we had actually staff in these tanks cleaning stuff out in which we noticed some deterioration and other needs as a result of that Polymer. We have a lack of mixing in that building. In these open vessel tanks, the waste become almost anaerobic, and because they go static, and we're trying to hold it's just not a good setup. And because it's an HVAC project, we want to take advantage of it.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 04:44

There probably could have been a little bit more planning up front, and that's on me to make sure what this was already done. But again, the timing didn't work out. The Polymer incident happened when it happened, and some of these things were identified when that other project was already being planned for. So, in essence this—these were identified after the fact. We want to take advantage of the opportunity to reconcile them permanently, and that's what is in here. So, both some new things and some corrections to some existing features on tanks that are just long past due.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:18

But again, not an issue with a potential for a loss of that that—

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 05:23

It would be it would be a loss like every relationship, whether it's your home builder, plumber or whatever when you know these people, and you trust them. And that's what we have. And I've had three different sole sources, because those firms and those individuals that are part of those projects are well groomed and positioned to deliver the work we need. There's a trust factor, and there's value, I believe in that.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 05:44

If this individual were to go, then that would open up a different process, and that's our competitive RFP process, and there'd be no reservations at doing that. We've got three quality firms that I've worked with for almost 20 years now, and I trust that they would step up to the plate, even in the absence if this individual were to leave at some point.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:02

Okay, thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:04

All right, any other questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five zero.