

## All Action Items

### Finance Committee

Mon, Apr 07, 2025 5:30PM

#### Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:05

There are no public hearings or appearances tonight, so we'll move right into action items, starting with 25-0340, request to approve sole source contract the Truity Partners LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

#### Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:19

Move to approve.

#### Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:19

Second.

#### Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:20

All right, we have a motion and a second. So, Alder Hartzheim, why don't you go ahead.

#### Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:25

Do we need a presentation from the finance [...] first? Or from the finance—

#### Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:29

I mean, if you have a question right out the gate, I'm willing to entertain, otherwise, I'm gonna turn it over to you, if you don't mind, just to give us, just to kind of—I mean, I don't know if anyone has any real questions, but you can just give us a real high level of what this request is for. Three? Oops.

#### Unknown City Staff Member 01:46

Okay, so this request is to extend a current contract that we have with Truity. About mid-February, we reached out to them. We currently have a temp in our office. She's assisting getting ready for audit. She was hired before we lost our Account Clerk Supervisor on the first floor. So, in addition to helping with audit preparation, she has also been helping take some of those journal entries that was normally done by downstairs and was—she's kind of staying on top of those a little bit more for us. So, this contract would just be extending an existing one that we have with her to 40,000. It would probably take us out until about the end of May. She's doing a great job for us. She knows our current software, so it was kind of a nice, easy pitch to bring her in. She required very little training.

#### Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 02:35

That sounds good. All right, then we'll go. Alder Hartzheim. Alder Croatt.

#### Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:39

Thank you, Chair. So, this is for one temporary—

#### Unknown City Staff Member 02:45

—person. Correct.

#### Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:46

Okay, thank you.

**Unknown City Staff Member 02:47**

She works roughly like either 32 to 40 hours a week. So, she's pretty full time.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:52**

I was concerned about this request, if it were like an open book for multiple people, why we hadn't gotten any kind of competitive bidding. So that's why I'm wanting to clarify. I'm much more comfortable with it if it's one person that's really doing core work that needs to be done. Thank you.

**Unknown City Staff Member 03:07**

And I know when Jeri originally did this, we did have a couple of different quotes. This was the most reasonable for us.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:13**

Excellent. Thank you Deputy Director [Unclear].

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:17**

Alder Croatt.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:18**

Thank you, Chair. Two things. First, a minor typo in the action item. I think it's supposed to be Truity, right? Not Tuity. Just a minor thing. Second thing is a little more important. I, like Alder Hartzheim, sometimes am, not skeptical, but reluctant on sole source contracts, but I think in this case, it's very merited, and I think we should support it, just because of the continuity of service that would be going on in this very important department.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:51**

All right, thank you. Anyone else? Okay. Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five to zero.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:02**

Next up is 25-0344, request to award unit L24 site improvement at 3001 East Glendale Avenue to MCC Incorporated an amount of \$1,053,858—sorry, let's try that one again.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:20**

Move to approve.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:21**

Thank you.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:21**

Second.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:22**

It's Monday, and sometimes the numbers get a little. Alright. So, this is a request for site improvements at a open lot just east of that existing municipal services property. So, Director Jungwirth, if you just kind of want to give us a little bit of detail, kind of color in a little bit here for us.

**Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 04:45**

Yes, our bid prices came in very favorably based on what we had estimated. And the work would be for removing some foundations that exist there, getting the site cleaned up, and installing a storm water treatment facility. So, the site will be cleaned up and be able to be used as we need it.

**Alderpersion Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:05**

All right. Thank you. Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderpersion Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:07**

Thank you, Chair. Director Jungwirth is the 161 total for this (with the contingency obviously), so far under budget that—is there anything else within that budget amount, that \$200,000 that's shown, is there anything as far as design, or anything else that we're missing? Or are we that far under budget?

**Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 05:31**

We had gotten a pretty high estimate from our consultant that put the plans together and that that purely is the difference. There's nothing that we should be missing.

**Alderpersion Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:42**

Okay.

**Director Laura Jungwirth (Public Works) 05:43**

When we assembled the bid package, we thought it, the estimate, was a bit high ourselves, so we went ahead. We assessed the items to see if there were certain things we thought were going to come back lower, and that did ultimately end up being the case. So, our estimate was actually a bit—we dropped it a bit from what the consultant even had provided us. So.

**Alderpersion Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:03**

Thank you. I get concerned about this just knowing that we were dealing with some special considerations from the previous year, meaning we had some borrowed funds that were sitting there because we had over budgeted for a project, and I hate to see that much money sitting there as something that we're not going to have a really good thorough discussion of outside of budget time. So that's why I asked that question. Thank you.

**Alderpersion Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:25**

All right. Anyone else? Alder Croatt. Sorry.

**Alderpersion Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:28**

Thank you, Chair. Happy to see that three of the four bids were under budget. I think it goes to show that it's a competitive landscape there, because I think a couple years ago, we were talking about either limited bidding or very high bidding where we had to reject bids because it was so expensive to do this type of work. Probably of note, the one, the one that's being recommended, is close by—right? Close by to the facility, so maybe that played into a lower bid.

**Alderpersion Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:59**

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. all those in favor? Aye Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five to zero.

**Alderpersion Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:09**

The next item is 25-0300, request to approve 2024-2025, budget carry over appropriations.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 07:17**

Move to hold into the next finance meeting.

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:19**

Second.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:20**

All right. Thank you. I was going to suggest that we hold this since we are missing anyone from Facilities, but I will entertain if anyone wants to put any sort of questions or things out there. So, Alder Van Zeeland.

**Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 07:30**

Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to add that Director Gazza knew that he would be unable to be here for this meeting. I knew this ahead of time with the refer back, but unfortunately, you can't refer back to the next finance meeting. So, thank you.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:45**

Alder Croatt.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 07:46**

And I'm fine with that. I just—there's no timing issues with keeping this moving or anything? Okay.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:53**

All right, so unless anyone has any questions or anything they just want to go out there right now, we'll go ahead and vote on the hold. All right, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? The hold passes five zero. We'll take this up again in two weeks.