

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, June 5, 2014, 6:00 pm

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, and Mr. Glab

ABSENT: Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti, and Mayor Weld

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

DOWNTOWN PAVING PROJECT – (PEACH ALLEY RESTORATION PAVING)

Mr. Alfano stated we received costs for paving the Peach alley project. He added that Vaughn and Mr. Tудay walked the area to get measurements of what our part of the paving for curb to curb excluding what needs to be done by the contractor, Bella Ent. He stated our price from Bella is \$16.25 a square and we keep the millings and Mr. Tудay stated he has somewhere to store those. Mr. Alfano stated that our cost would \$65,152.85 and that is substantially less than the \$88,000.00 we were projecting before. It is probably a little bit higher than it would have been if we were going through the liquid fuels but that is not applicable here. Mr. Alfano stated they also surveyed a portion of Liberty Street from Fourth to Seventh that wasn't necessarily all dug up but there are a lot of track marks and it was a heavy traffic area and it's torn up. So to do that additional portion Bella gave a second cost total of \$112,646.18. Mr. Alfano stated that is almost doubling it. Mr. Alfano stated even though we could probably get a bid and do this a little bit cheaper afterwards we wouldn't be able to use the sewer fund we'd have to pay out of the general fund coffers. He stated he wants to throw it out there and see how council fees. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if this has been advertised and bid out. Mr. Alfano stated no nothing this is Bella's paver who's coming in to do the restoration work for the trench lines and if we could get him to do the entire street curb to curb we could pay it out of the sewer fund and the same contractor would do everything. Mr. Agrafiotis stated they just came to us and said here is what it would cost. Mr. Alfano stated yes. Mr. Agrafiotis stated it is well over the bidding requirement amount. Mr. Difilippo asked how much is Bella going to do per the contract. Mr. Tудay stated he doesn't know that but he has the square footage figures for the ditch line plus 4' on each side. Mr. Tудay stated some roads he might be doing 4' some 8' and some 6'. Mr. Alfano stated they've come down a lot their initial price was \$19.00 a sq. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if any of this was included in the contract. Mr. Alfano stated none of this was. Mr. Agrafiotis stated you still have to bid the second portion of it you can't just add it on, anything over 18,000.00 has to be bid out. Mr. Difilippo stated how can we get someone else to come in and just bid those parts of the road not in the contract. Mr. Tудay stated the only way you can do that is just to pull the top coat out of the contract and then bid for a company to come in and just do the whole thing. Mr. Agrafiotis stated you can do portions of a road other municipalities have done it. Mr. Tудay stated he doesn't want it done that way he wants it done all at one time. Mr. Agrafiotis stated okay he understands. Mr. Alfano stated this is mill and pave too. Mr. Glab asked if they will have to mill off some of what they just put down. Mr. Tудay stated yes but it will vary from place to place. Mr. Glab asked if this guy is sitting down there waiting for the okay. Mr. Alfano stated they need the decision by tomorrow and could start next week. Mr. Difilippo stated but Tom said we have to bid it out. Mr. Alfano stated our only option now is to just leave it the way it is and seal it Mr. Tудay stated he wouldn't even have it sealed because they'll have to mill it back down now. Mr. Difilippo stated he they still have change orders out that need approval. Mr. Tудay stated if we bid it out on Monday. Mr. Alfano stated we'll be lucky to get it done this season. Mr. Agrafiotis asked who will do the specs. Mr. Tудay stated we'll just use the same specs as the Liquid fuels project. Mr. Alfano stated but if they're going to do it in their contract mill and overlay it what is the use we'll just leave it as it is shitty roads. Mr. Difilippo stated but if you do it afterwards you can't take it out of the sewer fund money. Mr. Tудay asked if we could take a portion of the money from the sewer. So if we take it out of his contract we're not going to pay him if we don't have him do it. Mr. Alfano stated you have two choices; the first have them mill and pave per the contracts and call it done or tell them not to do anything and we'll bid out the entire milling and paving as a separate project. Mr. Tудay stated per the contract he's got \$10,000.00 to pave the ditch lines but if he doesn't do them can we take \$10,000.00 out of the sewer fund and put it towards paving the roads. Mr. Alfano said to ask the Solicitor. Ms. Evans stated keep in mind this contract was awarded and paid out of the maintenance reserve account which is the \$2.00 charged on every sewer bill. Mr. Difilippo stated but you still have to come up with this \$112,000.00. Mr. Tудay stated but it might come in cheaper. Mr. Alfano stated yea but you might not get it done this year.

Mr. Mariscotti arrived at the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Mr. Difilippo stated if you put it out for bid how long is that. Ms. Evans stated advertise it twice with three days in between advertisements and no closer than 10 days and no further than 45 days to bid opening. Mr. Alfano stated if you don't even open the bids till August we'll never make it this year. Mr. Tудay stated we should have them in by July's meeting. Mr. Alfano asked council what they want to do. Do you want to fix the whole road or just have them do what is in their contract and be done? Mr. Glab asked Mr. Tудay if that \$10,000.00 he mentioned was a good number. Mr. Tудay stated no that was just an arbitrary number. Mr. Bittner stated what about the state road. Mr. Alfano and Mr. Tудay stated Third Street is not included. Mr. Tудay stated if we're bidding out the whole thing the sq. yds. will be more. Mr. Glab stated and what will Bella want when we tell them not to pave it. Mr. Alfano stated why didn't we know we had to bid it out. Mr. Alfano asked what council's pleasure; A. do we want them do the restoration on everything that they've done on the trenches and just leave it at that or B. tell them to do just the restoration on Third Street and leave everything else the way it sits and we'll bid it all out. Mr. Tудay stated if they do the restoration then we're going to have a problem milling the top off. Mr. Difilippo stated if we don't let them pave it where does that money go? Mr. Alfano stated we'll just apply it to other change orders because we'll never get that money back. Mr. Bittner stated that is a change order on our part and Bella will have to approve it. Mr. Agrafiotis stated it is still well over the bidding threshold. Mr. Alfano stated can we have someone come in and mill all the streets restoration and we will have to bid out the paving part of it. Mr. Agrafiotis asked how much the milling will cost. Mr. Alfano stated we can rent a machine and do the milling ourselves. Mr. Tудay asked if we will mill curb to curb. Mr. Alfano stated yes. Mr. Mariscotti asked what if we do it in portions. Mr. Difilippo stated if there is only \$53,000.00 left to pay out in their contract and we tell them not to do it we are getting absolutely nothing from then. Mr. Alfano stated we could have Bella mill it and then we will bid the paving out. If we get the bids in and can't afford to do it then it stays like that. Mr. Tудay stated you will have bricks showing. Mr. Difilippo stated you better have it lined up tight because if you have bricks and cobblestones showing and you get some good rains oh boy here we go again a bigger mess. Mr. Alfano asked council again what is their pleasure. Mr. Bittner stated he spoke to the auditors and they indicated that paving curb to curb and paying out of the sewer fund is a very gray area and now we are going to completely bid it out he thinks that will be a really gray area and a very fine line. Mr. Difilippo stated his theory is why just do half a road when we can take the hit and do the whole road and have things looking nice around here. Mr. Difilippo stated he makes a motion to bid it out. Mr. Alfano stated let's do this in two motions first do we want the Bella to just mill them, repair Third St and the alleys and mill the rest is that what we want to do. Mr. Agrafiotis stated do you want to see if your engineer can negotiate that and at the next meeting we can see what they say. Mr. Alfano stated he's not real good at negotiating with them we would be better off I called him. Mr. Difilippo stated if they mill and we have too much time lapsing we are going to have a mess. Mr. Glab stated when you do the specs stipulate that work has to begin with in so many days. Mr. Difilippo stated what if we mill and the bids come in crazy and we reject them all. Mr. Alfano stated let's just bid it out and we'll talk to Bella in the meantime that way we're not delaying the bidding process. Mr. Tудay stated can we use Bella's numbers. Mr. Glab stated no we'll be starting from square one Jeff. Mr. Difilippo stated we should have thought about and discuss this a year ago when we were doing the contract.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to advertise for bids the paving project with milling and 1/1/2" overlay curb to curb duly carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, and Mr. Mariscotti voting yes and Mr. Bittner voting no.

Ms. Evans asked if it is paving all the streets listed on the information passed out to council. Mr. Tудay and Mr. Alfano stated yes. Ms. Evans stated she just wanted it noted in the minutes.

Motion by Difilippo/Bittner to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm duly carried with all members present stating aye.