

Special Meeting of California Borough Council, October 2, 2014, 6:00 pm

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

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, and Mrs. Gutosky

ABSENT: Mr. Bittner, Mr. Glab, Mr. Mariscotti & Mayor Weld

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Casey Durdines

Mr. Durdines introduced himself as a resident of California Borough and he noticed that Borough manger was on the agenda and he understands that council accepted the resignation of the current borough manager and he commended council for accepting that letter of resignation and he thinks that is the best move council has ever made.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

AWARD BID FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING RENOVATION

Mr. Alfano stated we are here to award the building renovation project bid and he asked Ms. Evans to read the three lowest bidders. Ms. Evans stated the lowest bidder was TBI Contracting at \$1,308,000.00 with an alternate deductible of \$63,000.00 and the second lowest was ARCON Contracting at \$1,314,000.00 with an alternate deductible of \$75,000.00 and the third lowest bidder was MASCO Construction at \$1,396,900.00 with an alternate deductible of \$158,000.00.

President Alfano asked if there were any questions from council on these bids. Mr. Difilippo asked what the alternate deduct for geothermal is. Mr. Kulak stated that is to deduct the cost of the geothermal system out of the scope of the contract to be replaced with a regular split system which is what you have now. Mr. Alfano stated so if we decided not to go with geothermal they would deduct that amount from their bid amount. Mr. Kulak stated if you look at it you are actually getting a pretty good number for geothermal systems. Mr. Difilippo stated if you deduct that off the second and their bidder where would we be. Mr. Kulak stated within \$2,000.00 of each other. Mr. Alfano stated but council has already decided they want the geothermal. Mr. Kulak stated and you are getting a great price on the geothermal and the original estimate for this was 80 some thousand. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Kulak if he has had experience with any of these companies. Mr. Kulak stated TBI and MASCO he has but not ARCON. He stated TBI does excellent work stays within the time frames and isn't known for change orders.

Motion by Difilippo/Encapera to award the Municipal Building Renovation project bid to TBI Contracting at a cost of \$1,308,000.00 contingent on them providing experience qualifications, equipment list, Addendums 1 & 2 , put in writing the cost of 10.55 lf unit cost for geothermal well duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Under discussion council asked if there is any issue with start time and duration of project. Mr. Thornton, owner of TBI, stated he foresees no issues with the time frame of the project. Mr. Agrafiotis stated there were a few things missing from your bid one of which is the addendums were acknowledged but not included and the equipment list was not there either. Mr. Thornton stated he can provide those in the next day or so. Mr. Difilippo asked if this bid includes everything needed to have a complete building renovation. Mr. Kulak stated this includes the site work the new addition, the renovation of the existing building but the only thing it does not include is furnishings so if council wants new furnishings they would have to purchase it outside of the scope of the project. Mrs. Gutosky asked if this included the carport that was discussed in the design phase. Mr. Kulak stated no council did not direct him to include that in the scope of this project. Mr. Kulak asked Mr. Thornton if he could submit a cost per lineal foot for the geothermal well because it was included in the bid but was not a condition of the award but TBI didn't fill that number in. Mr. Kulak suggested he use the lowest price of the bids turned in which is \$10.55 per lineal foot. Mr. Thornton stated he can go with \$10.55 per lineal foot and will put that in writing. Mr. Thornton stated he will provide a performance bond once he receives a notice to proceed because those he has to pay for.

WHARF PROJECT – EP& D AGREEMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Encapera to authorize Pat Alfano to sign the EP & D Agreement for architecture services on the Union St. Wharf project at a cost of \$27,412.00 of which \$23,852.00 to be paid from the grant money and for Wyatt Park, Beazel Street surveys at a cost of \$3,560.00 to be paid out of the gaming revenue fund duly carried with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Difilippo asked when they are going to start this. Mr. Alfano stated they would like to bid it out and get the bids back late fall and start it early spring and have it open for the summer boating season. Mr. Agrafiotis stated it is pretty straight forward and simple and there is a not to exceed cost, and wording that either party can cancel in with a (30) thirty day notice. He questioned the jurisdiction if it goes to court it states it has to go to Allegheny County and if the service is not completed in (12) twelve months that additional fees will be incurred. So how long will it take to complete it. Mr. Alfano stated we have to get this project done by the end of 2015 or we lose our grant so time will be of the essence. Mr. Alfano stated so all the basic work tasks come to a total of \$23,852.00 and they are strongly suggesting that we get this additional survey work done for Wyatt Park, Beazel Street which is going to be the next sections of what we're doing and the college is doing. So the additional cost is \$3,560.00. Ms. Evans asked where would the additional surveys be paid from. Mr. Alfano stated it would be paid from the grant. Ms. Evans stated she doesn't think we can do that the grant is just for the wharf project there was nothing in there about Wyatt Park or Beazel Street. Mr. Alfano stated we can pay it out of the gaming funds then. Mr. Difilippo asked about the portion under compensation that lists hourly rates so is that additional things to pay. Mr. Agrafiotis stated no that just how the rates will be charged so the \$23,852.00 includes everything even their copies and they are not allowed to go over that unless they come to you for approval.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Mr. Alfano stated if it is okay with council he will defer the borough manager discussion until our committee meeting.

Mr. Difilippo asked if we got the advertisement outs for this yet because he doesn't think they are out yet. Ms. Evans stated after reading the minutes from that meeting there is some confusion as to where it is going to be advertised. Mr. Difilippo stated we said the borough news, our website, and some people said it has to go into a local newspaper. Ms. Evans stated when you go through the Tribune it automatically goes to Monster.com and PSAB which is the borough news will put it online under the borough manger caucus. Ms. Evans asked council if they wanted the same ad as used in 2010 and she will pull it and email it everyone tomorrow and they can decide what to keep and not keep.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

JIM MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex stated if you are going to advertise you should have a copy for the bulletin board. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't know how many borough managers are going to come up and read the bulletin board. Mr. Maddiex stated if it goes into the paper then it should go on the board. Mr. Alfano stated we will take that into consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Gutosky to adjourn carried with all members present stating aye.