



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chaired by Council Member Moore

Members: Moore, Hudson, Ewing, and Jones

December 13, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

Third Floor Lobby Conference Room

Present: Chair Britt Moore; Committee Members: Council Members Wesley Hudson, Victor Jones and Jason Ewing

Staff Present:

Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager; Terry Houk, Director of Public Services; Robby Stone, Assistant Director of Public Services; Derrick Boone, Assistant Director of Public Services; and Lisa Vierling, City Clerk

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

2018-492 Extension to Contract - Rain for Rent - Riverdale Pump Station

Council is requested to increase the initial purchase order for Rain for Rent from \$121,443.84 to the amount of \$605,325.39 to include 24-hour pump watch and extend the emergency bypass of the Riverdale Pump Station for an additional three (3) months to complete the necessary repairs to the pumps in the dry well that were damaged during Hurricane Florence and to repair newly discovered deterioration in the wet well.

Terry Houk, Director of Public Services, explained that the effects of Hurricane Florence took a toll on the Riverdale Pump Station and caused significant damage to the wet well and the dry well. Riverdale is the city's largest pump station. He shared some photographs of the interior damages to the pump station. Staff is asking for an additional three months to complete the necessary repairs to the pumps in the dry well that were damaged and to repair the newly discovered deterioration in the wet well.

Committee Member Ewing asked if these damages would be reimbursable through FEMA. Mr. Houk replied that the city has already received \$795,000 from the insurance company, but the insurance company would only cover the damage as a result of the flooding, not the damages to the wet well side of the pumping station. However, it is anticipated that FEMA will make up the difference on the damages to the wet well side.

Chairman Moore questioned why staff was not aware of the existing conditions in the pumping station. Mr. Houk explained that typically the wet well is sealed and Hydrogen Sulfide builds up and acts like an acid further deteriorating the interior. In the future, staff

plans to keep the wet well flooded on the high side so there would be less sulfides. They also plan to automate the gate, so they can automatically close the gates to the pump station should this happen again. Staff is also looking at adding an additional fourth pump on the wet well side, as well as possibly adding another forced main.

A motion was made by Committee Member Jones, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the December 17, 2018 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:

Aye (4) : Chairman Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2018-493 Budget Ordinance - Extension to Contract - Rain for Rent - Riverdale Pump Station

Council is requested to adopt a budget ordinance in the amount of \$471,872 recognize insurance proceeds for damage sustained at the Riverdale Pump Station during Hurricane Florence.

A motion was made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Ewing, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the December 17, 2018 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:

Aye (4) : Chairman Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2018-494 Contract - In-Water Services, Inc. -Riverdale Pump Station - Wet Well Repairs

Council is requested to approve a contract in the amount of \$821,006.00 with In-Water Services, Inc., for an emergency purchase order to perform repair work to address the newly discovered deterioration in the wet well of the Riverdale Pump Station.

Terry Houk, Director of Public Services, reported this contract with In-Water Services is to do the repair work for the wet well at the Riverdale Pump Station. The deterioration in the wet well was discovered when the Riverdale Pump Station was damaged due to Hurricane Florence. This is an emergency purchase order to perform the repair work to address the newly discovered deterioration.

A motion was made by Council Member Ewing, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the December 17, 2018 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:

Aye (4) : Chairman Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2018-501 Contract - Change order to Hazen and Sawyer - N. Elm Street Improvements

Council is requested to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$89,000 to the Hazen and Sawyer contract for providing additional support and consultant coordination for water, sewer and stormwater improvements on N. Elm Street adjacent to the Catalyst project.

Terry Houk, Director of Public Services, advised this will be Change Order #1 in the amount of \$89,000 to the Hazen and Sawyer contract providing additional support and consultant coordination for the water, sewer, and stormwater improvements on N. Elm Street adjacent to the Catalyst project.

A motion was made by Committee Member Ewing, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the December 17, 2018 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:

Aye (4) : Chairman Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

2018-495 Resolution - Designate Agents for FEMA Related to Hurricane Florence

City Council is requested to approve a resolution to designate Amy Hughes, Grants Accountant II with the Financial Services Department and Perry Hall, Emergency Manager with the Fire Department as the City's agents to apply for assistance and request reimbursement for costs related to Hurricane Florence.

Deputy City Manager Randy McCaslin explained that the city will be applying for FEMA assistance and requesting reimbursement costs related to Hurricane Florence. This resolution designates Amy Hughes, Grants Accountant II with the Financial Services Department and Perry Hall, Emergency Manager with the Fire Department as the city's agents when dealing with FEMA.

Committee Member Jones asked about the feasibility of the city contracting with a group of private contractors to assist the city in scraping and clearing neighborhood streets during snow/ice storms. Mr. McCaslin advised that the city has looked at this in the past, but there have not been enough significant snow/ice events to justify. Another issue is that these contractors will be doing work for other people and prioritization and mobilization would become a nightmare. Committee Member Ewing suggested that if these snow/ice events become a normal occurrence, then the city could reevaluate the weather trends and adjust its fleet accordingly.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Jones, that this matter be recommended for approval and placed on the December 17, 2018 City Council consent agenda. The motion carried by the following unanimous 4-0 vote:

Aye (4) : Chairman Moore, Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Jones, and Committee Member Ewing

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk

Britt Moore, Chairman