

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2011

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Puhr called the special meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:46 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Mike Puhr, Aldermen Bill Black, Jon Cooper, and Mike O'Kane. Absent were Vice Chairman Bill Gilbert, Aldermen Rick Strebing and Rickey Williams, Jr. A quorum was present. Chairman B.Gilbert and Alderman Williams arrived at 5:55 p.m.

Others Present included Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Aldermen Lois Cooper, Kevin Davis, Steve Foster, April Gilbert, Sharon McMahan, Steve Nichols, and Tom Stone, City Clerk Janet Myers, City Engineer David Schnelle, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, 10 audience members and 2 news media.

#2 AUDIENCE COMMENTS – There were none.

#3 PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Ahrens, Director

A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution rejecting Bid #467 for the Walnut Street Parking Garage Improvement Project, waiving certain Purchasing Policy requirements, and authorizing a rebid of the project. Alderman J.Cooper moved for approval, seconded by Alderman O'Kane. Engineer Schnelle reported there were 16 plan holders for the project but only one bid was submitted. In reviewing the bid documents received, errors were found and certain documents were not completed, causing the entire bid to be disqualified. It is the desire to waive the formal bid procedures in order to rebid the project for a bid opening on Monday, December 12, 2011, with a notice being emailed to those 16 plan holders. Engineer Schnelle stated that it is the desire to remove the upper portion of the ramp, which is currently blocked off, and that there would be 2-way traffic to access the top floor, as is currently being done. The middle portion extending to the ground was reconstructed a few years ago and will remain. There being no further questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Black, J.Cooper, O'Kane, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen B.Gilbert, Strebing, Williams

Motion carried 4 to 0 with 3 absent.

[Chairman B.Gilbert and Alderman Williams arrived during discussion of the next item at 5:55 p.m. and took their seat at the dais.]

B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution awarding Bid #469 for Municipal Building Flooring Installation Project to lowest responsible bidder Carpet Weavers, Inc. of Champaign for an amount of \$59,988.00, to come from 2009 Bond Issue line item Municipal Building Renovations. Alderman J.Cooper moved for approval, seconded by Alderman O'Kane. Director Ahrens stated City Hall moved into the building in 1995 and about half of the carpet has been replaced over the last two years as renovations were completed for relocation of



offices after Public Works moved out of the building. This project would include the remaining offices, the common areas, and the lower level that includes Council Chambers. Funding would come from the 2009 Bond Issue that included Municipal Building renovations. Alderman Black stated the carpet in Council Chambers does not appear to be in need of immediate replacement, voiced concern with awarding to an out of town vendor even though the sole local bidder failed to submit a bid on time, and suggested other maintenance issues should take priority over carpet. Director Ahrens stated most of the office areas and common areas of the other levels show much more wear and that with the recent repairs to the vault area, some of the other maintenance issues will be addressed in-house this winter. It is also the intent to provide a more secure area for Finance, Inspections, and City Clerk staff with funds from the Bond Issue. Exterior work will be addressed through the bid process using Capital Improvement funds. Alderman Black questioned using Bond funds on a project such as carpet that is a short term consumable item. There being no further questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen J.Cooper, B.Gilbert, O'Kane, Puhr

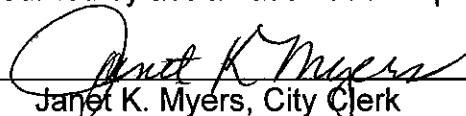
Nays: Aldermen Williams, Black

Absent: Alderman Strebing

Motion carried 4 to 2 with 1 absent.

#4 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and after a motion by Alderman Williams and a second by Alderman J.Cooper, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:59 p.m.



Janet K. Myers, City Clerk

Approved: 12/13/11

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