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MINUTES

*****AUDIO CONFERENCE MEETING*****

MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

MEETING

5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman
Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman
Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
David Bauer
Elise H. McDermott, Finance & Budget

Members Absent: Councilwoman Meghan Carta
Joseph Bibisi
John A. Giuliano
Brian K. Gartner, Jr., WPCA Commissioner

Staff Present: Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director
Donald Fisco, Deputy Director

Others Present: Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond
Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc.
Alan Pagnamenta, Walsh Construction Co II, LLC

1. Chairman Calls Meeting to Order

Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

2. Public Comments

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 5:37 pm as there were no emails for comments from the Public to Joseph S. Fazzino P.E., Director as instructed on the meeting agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Motion by David Bauer and seconded by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Elise H. McDermott, Finance and Budget informed the Committee that the budget remains the same. There was discussion about using the demolition funds to transfer for the negative \$53,000 remaining balance of the project but that has not been done.

4.2 Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to approve the payment of Tighe & Bond Inv. #36-052090063,064,065 in the amount of \$24,864.75. The motion was approved with four members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

Joseph S. Fazzino, Director notified the committee that he had reviewed Tighe & Bond invoice and also Walsh Construction Co II, LLC Inv. #39 \$287,033.77 and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico and seconded by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve payment of Walsh Construction Co II, LLC Inv. #39 in the amount of \$287,033.77. The motion was approved with four members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by David Bauer to approve the Recording Secretary Payroll of 7 ½ hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

5.1 Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director notified the committee that with the current virus the department is working limited hours and there has been no additional work done on the decommissioning of the WPCF. The outside crew will be going back to work on June 1st and will get back no later than July 1st to finish up the decommissioning work. A progress meeting will be setup in June with Tighe & Bond, City and Environmental Services Inc. to determine what is left to finish up the project.

Elise McDermott, Finance and Budget inquired from the Director as to how much of the remaining balance of \$577,000 would be needed to complete the demolition work. Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director stated that at least half of the amount would be needed to complete the demolition and environmental work.

6. Construction Engineering Updates

6.1 Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director informed the committee that the contractor has been working on finalizing the punch list including topsoil and seeding of the site. They have completed the final pavement, permanent trench repair on East Main Street and also working on Maple Street. There was also HVAC testing that was done, working on providing the all the O&M manuals, spare parts and getting all paperwork completed for the project closeout. The projected closeout should be the end of June.

Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. informed the committee that he is working on the final change order from the contractor.

David Bauer noted that in the Tighe & Bond invoice backup, it referred several times on the need to reduce cycling of flows at the pump station. This will involve controls tuning and also city changes to the other pump stations feeding the new pump station. He questioned on what calibration is being done.

Frederick Muller, Tighe & Bond informed the committee that the initial control system was tuned to try to keep the wet wells level from changing to much. When the Johnson St. Pump Station or one of the others turned on and off the level would stay the same but the flow to the Mattabassett District would change a lot. The District was concerned as they chlorinated that the flow variations would harm their chlorination. An adjustment was made to the control flow leaks so that there was no longer a problem. The District is happy with the improvement and this should not be an issue anymore.

David Bauer also questioned if there are any potential lawsuits that can affect the bottom line of the construction project.

Philip J. Pessina, Chairman noted that he received an opinion by the Office of General Counsel not to add that to the agenda. Also, there is no information at this point to answer the question on any potential lawsuits that will affect the bottom line.

Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director noted that a meeting is being setup for next week to do the final change order. It is premature to say anything about a lawsuit as they are potential claims that have yet to be resolved and there will be more information after meeting with the contractor next week.

David Bauer inquired as to the closing costs and whether the costs are within budget.

Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director stated that Change Order 10 is being reviewed before going on to Change Order 11 which should be the final change order that adjusts quantities and closeout of all the items in the contract. Before the end of June there should be a final number. There will be some closing costs that are covered through Finance and outside of the budget for the project.