

SERVICE COMMITTEE

APRIL 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Materni. Committee members present were Cory Kuhlman, Jan Materni, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Kate Sandretto, Law Director. Mr. Kuhlman left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting were approved.

BP/STARBUCKS PROJECT

Mr. Smith said that the issue of the driveway at the BP/Starbucks project was discussed in November or December, and it is his understanding that City Council can't do anything because the plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Smith said that the Eckel Junction/SR25 intersection is the worst intersection in the City, and we need to look at options to keep traffic flowing, especially with an emergency room entrance within 200 feet. He called attention to photos of the Starbucks in Maumee where pylons were installed. Ms. Materni said that she agrees that City Council cannot overturn the Planning Commission decision. Mr. Smith asked if the Administration has had any other conversations regarding this issue. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration is aware that once BP and Starbucks are up and running that they need to monitor traffic and get data. If there is a problem, then a decision will have to be made. She said some solutions involve a taking, and some do not. Mr. Kuhlman asked if there are back-ups, how long it will take to do something. Ms. Kabat said that it depends on what the solution is. She said that the Administration is aware and ready to engage. Dave Kienzle, owner of Riverplace Shopping Center, said that we know there will be a significant problem, and the simple solution is to make the curb cut that was moved where it's not aligned properly right-in, right-out only. He said the new curb cut is in violation of access management, and making it right-in, right-out is not overturning the Planning Commission decision. Jean Hartline of Mannik Smith was present and stated that the traffic study that was done estimated site traffic for a coffee shop with a drive-thru, but Starbucks is very successful and will generate more traffic than a typical coffee shop. She recommended doing a new traffic study once the dust settles after the grand opening. Jerry Parker, attorney for Starbucks, disagreed with Mr. Kienzle's assessment of the situation. He said that it is an insult to the Planning Commission to suggest that their decision was based on no empirical evidence and that they ignored safety. He said that it is City Council's role to investigate traffic issues, but these businesses are not even open. Jim Sutphin, owner of both the Maumee and Perrysburg properties, said that the back-ups in Maumee are due to Covid. Greg Bade, Planning Commission member, said that he frequents that intersection several times a day and he feels that they should look into re-opening the entrance for Mercy. Ms. Materni said that was an ODOT decision and recommended that Mr. Bade call ODOT

District 2. Gary Britten, Perrysburg Township Trustee, said that he doesn't think it's if, but when, there are issues with this driveway. He said that the City needs to monitor it.

AWARD STATION #38 IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Sandretto stated that ORC §9.312 provides details about determining the lowest, most responsive bid and the most responsible bidder. She said that bids were opened for Fire Station 38 improvements. The lowest bidder was KCS Contracting with a bid, including all three alternates, of \$185,939. The next lowest bidder was Lathrop Co. with a bid, including all three alternates, of \$205,455. Ms. Sandretto presented credit reports for both bidders. KCS Contracting's credit score is lower than Lathrop's, and they have several liens on the business; Lathrop does not. Ms. Sandretto also provided information about poor workmanship by KCS Contracting on a past project. She played an audio recording of a Toledo City Council meeting where the owner of KCS Contracting stated that those issues would have been found by an inspector. Ms. Sandretto stated that based on this logic, the City would have to hire an inspector to be present during the entire project and those additional costs would remove KCS Contracting as the lowest bidder. She said that in her legal opinion, Lathrop has the most responsive bid and is the most responsible bidder. Ms. Materni said that based on the liens and past performance, she would recommend Lathrop as the most responsive and most responsible. Mr. Kuhlman said that the liens are troubling, and as a lay person, he can see the workmanship in the pictures is not acceptable. He said that KCS Contracting does not appear to be the most responsible. Mr. Smith asked about the bid forms, and Ms. Sandretto said that they were prepared by the architect, Munger Munger & Associates. There was a brief discussion about consistency on bid forms for projects. Mr. Smith said that he supports the recommendation of the other committee members. The Committee agreed 3-0 to move forward a resolution to City Council awarding the contract to Lathrop based on them being the most responsive and most responsible bidder.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A 2022 FREIGHTLINER REAR LOADER

Ms. Sandretto requested permission to enter into a contract with Best Equipment Sales for the purchase of a 2022 Freightliner M2106 Loadmaster 25 Yard Rear Loader. It will be used to help with picking up unlimited large items and with servicing/unloading dumpsters at all City buildings and parks. The cost of the Rear Loader through Sourcewell, a National Joint Purchasing Program, is \$190,566. This is the lowest and best quote of the four quotes received. Mr. Smith noted that it is a little higher than the budget amount. He asked that the Administration be conscious of increased prices of steel and lumber and consider holding off for a few months on some projects. The Committee agreed 2-0 to forward this request on to City Council.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A MOBARK CHIPPER

Ms. Sandretto requested permission to enter into a contract to purchase a Mobark Eeger Beaver Model #1415 Chipper to supplement the 2006 Chipper which is breaking down on a regular basis. The plan is to use both chippers in an effort to better maintain the trees

in a timely and cost efficient manner. The additional machine will also remove the need to rent additional equipment when there is storm damage in the City. The cost of the new chipper is \$44,725.88 through the State Purchasing Program. The Committee agreed 2-0 to forward this on to City Council.

AWARD BID FOR 2021 RESURFACING

Ms. Sandretto reported that Henry Bergman Inc. was the low bidder on the construction portion of the 2021 resurfacing project. Their bid was \$1,475,571.50. She asked for approval of a resolution awarding the bid to Henry Bergman Inc. along with approval of an 8% contingency for a total of \$1,593,617.22. The program consists of milling and resurfacing, curb replacement and other associated work. Ms. Materni asked if only ODOT approved companies are allowed to bid. Ms. Kabat said that is not currently a requirement unless there is ODOT funding involved. Ms. Materni said we might want to consider making that a requirement. Ms. Kabat said that will be something for the new City Engineer to consider. Mr. Smith asked if sidewalks are involved with this project, and Ms. Kabat said they are not. The Committee agreed 2-0 to forward the resolution onto City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith called attention to the recent announcement about glass recycling. He said that it is nice to see things move forward with saving costs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Materni, Chairperson
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.