

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Ewerdt, Grimm, Hanson, Krol, Maher, Purins, Stepaniak – 8

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Admin.; R. Braier Finance Dir.; W. Kappel; Pub. Works Dir.;  
W. Ramcheck, Pub. Works Prog. Analyst; J. Bembenek, Purchasing Mgr.; M.  
Dahlen, Pub. Safety Sys. Admin.

Ald. Stepaniak as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

**Contract with Teleco Systems, Inc. for water department video surveillance and related infrastructure consulting services**

The committee reviewed a memo from the Purchasing Director requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Teleco Systems, Inc. for the water department video surveillance project and to retain this company for future wireless consulting services. Referring to the memo, Mr. Archambo told the committee that the original impetus for this project was the Homeland Security grant which provided in part for surveillance of the water utility infrastructure. They also looked for a broader application that would provide surveillance to other parts of the city. They did not want to implement a system in one department and have to install different types of technology in other areas of the city. He noted that the health department grant will pay for the consulting portion of the project and the Homeland Security grant will pay for the hardware.

Mr. Archambo related that they sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP). He explained that the RFP was not primarily based on cost, because they wanted to look at a number of things such as independence from any specific vendor or technology. Teleco Systems, Inc. happened to be the lowest bidder. Teleco would be doing a report and recommending what type of technology the city should be pursuing for this project. They would like the technology to integrate with other systems throughout the city. He noted that some of the technology in the police department would be able to tie into the water department system. They might also be able to eliminate infrastructure that is not needed in the future. The consultant will identify technologies that will be more efficient for the city and more cost effective.

Ald. Stepaniak asked about the possibility of a common technology being used in conjunction with the presumed monitoring equipment in the police department. Mr. Archambo responded that the police department would be connected to other city department and they would be the first department that would be aware of any alert. Mr. Bembenek noted that the bid included 7 monitoring locations in the water department.

Mr. Archambo mentioned that there were representatives from the water, police, fire and engineering departments on the evaluation committee. He stressed that not only was Teleco the lowest bidder, but they understood the needs of the city and are well versed in the implementation of these types of video surveillance systems. He added that they will not be a bidder on the hardware or software. He explained that they will have a total of \$183,000 in funding with a 20% match. This amount will be broken down into smaller funding increments to pay for the hardware for this project.

Ms. Dahlen stressed that the Homeland Security grant needs to be spent by the end of the year. Mr. Archambo said that in order to accommodate that timeline, the consultant will be evaluating city systems in the next few weeks and they should have a bid document in the end of August or early September. There will also be an element of surveillance for Hart Park as well as linking the police squad cars with the police station.

Ald. Maher noted that the staff has done a nice job in utilizing the funding. He stressed the need to focus on three principle objectives: 1) the need for video surveillance; 2) how best to meet those needs and 3) how best to integrate the equipment to meet those needs.

Moved by Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend approval to enter into a contract with Teleco Systems, Inc. for the water department video surveillance project utilizing health department grant funding in the amount of \$16,600 – 8

### **Discussion of replacement of blue bag intermediate processing center at the public works yard**

Mr. Kappel told the committee that he wanted to open a discussion and dialog with them regarding the replacement of the blue bag intermediate processing center at the public works yard. Right now they are processing about 82% of what they used to sort when they had all the conveyors running. There is very little roof on the building and when it rains everything gets soaked. The insurance settlement is about \$1 million. Should the city decide not to rebuild, there would still be a payment of approximately 50% of that amount. He is waiting for a firmer number from the insurance adjuster. As part of their agreement, RRT Design & Construction (RRT/GBB) has reviewed the insurance company numbers for rebuilding and they concur on the cost data.

Mr. Kappel referred to his memo saying that making the decision to rebuild is the easiest. The city's costs would be covered. The city has 5 years remaining after 2007 on the contract with Waste Management (WM) for sorting blue bags from the waste stream. The city bears about 2/3 of the cost of this program and residents bear about 1/3 through the cost of purchasing the blue bags. He noted that the world is moving away from dual stream recycling to single stream recycling. Single stream recycling allows for all of the recyclables to be put in one container making it easier for residents to participate. It also increases participation in recycling programs. With single stream recycling, there is a human factor at the beginning of the process, but as the process goes on it becomes more automated. There may also be a shift in price for paper because single stream recycling tends to be slightly more contaminated than dual stream.

Mr. Kappel noted that Waukesha County has almost outgrown their current plant. They have invited his department to look at the possibility of regional cooperation. With any future program the biggest reward will be being able to bring in some revenue. The City of Milwaukee is also involved in the idea of regional cooperation. The City of Wauwatosa would have a 3 year time frame in which to join in any regional cooperation programs. The current contract with Waste Management has 5 years left. One option is to rebuild the plant and continue blue bag recycling for the next 5 years. He would also like to get some kind of a rebate on revenues. He was also looking at cooperating with the City of Milwaukee. This plan would require some additional transportation on the part of the city. He would also like to look into piggy backing on the Milwaukee contract. They will be meeting with the City of Milwaukee on any options for both cities.

Mr. Kappel listed the options they are looking at: 1) continuing the program that has been in place; 2) becoming part of a regional cooperation program; 3) cooperating with the City of Milwaukee and 4) changes that could be made to the city's operation. Another alternative would be to use the insurance

settlement of approximately \$500,000 to finish the city's garbage cart replacement purchase. He noted that the viability of the recycling business is reflected in a new facility that is being built in Germantown.

Ald. Purins left at 8:51 p.m. (- 7)

Committee members expressed support for the work and the research that the staff was doing. They noted the following: 1) that Americans are generating more garbage; 2) recycling technology has improved; and 3) single stream recycling is more convenient for residents. Mr. Kappel agreed that there has been a 25% increase in recyclables. Committee members urged Mr. Kappel to continue to look at all the options.

Ald. Maher asked that the cost of the blue bags be included in any information for the committee along with the interaction between garbage and recycling costs.

Ald. Stepaniak urged staff to calculate the cost on a sufficient long term basis such as 5 years. He felt that single stream is the system to use since that is they way the world is headed. He stressed that regional cooperation has been underrated. He noted the concern that if the Wauwatosa city yard was used, it could cause heavy truck traffic on N. 116<sup>th</sup> Street. He further noted that blue bags will not be needed with a single stream program.

Ald. Ewerdt asked what the residents would prefer as far as blue bags or garbage carts. Mr. Kappel responded that residents would probably prefer the garbage carts over purchasing blue bags. He noted that there are approximately 17,200 homes that need replacement garbage carts at a cost of \$48.71 per cart plus \$.50 each for delivery.

Mr. Kappel stressed that they will need to make a decision by the beginning of August. They will be submitting the options and the cost in the next two weeks. He noted that WM has a single stream program at a lower cost in other communities. They will also look into trying to get a fair price for them to do the program in Wauwatosa.

**Vouchers**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
J. Lewandowski	\$33.87	Police – 6/4-6/8/07 – Racine Field Training Officer
M. Swanson	\$52.75	Health – 6/12/07 – West Allis Ages & Stages Training

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Maher that the vouchers be allowed and paid – 7

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
City of Wauwatosa

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