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SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Donegan, Ewerdt, Jay, Krol, Maher, Organ, Walsh – 7

EXCUSED: Ald. Purins

ALSO PRESENT: Alds. Birschel, Herzog, Nikcevich; J. Archambo, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; W. Kappel, Pub. Works Dir.; W. Wehrley, City Engin.; J. Plass, Acctg. Mgr.

Ald. Maher as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Request for Proposals and funding for the design of the Hart Park project

Mr. Wehrley commented that although they were still working through the review of the 2009 Capital Improvement Program, they would like to have early approval of the Hart Park design phase. In order to facilitate this they are requesting authorization to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design. If this is approved they could bring it back to the Council on January 6, 2009. If approved there, they would be able to finish the athletic fields by Labor Day, 2009. At the same time they would like to go out for bids for the survey work. This would have to be done soon because there is already snow on the ground and more coming. The more snow, the more difficulty they will have in surveying the land. The cost would be about \$575,000 at the upper limit.

Ald. Maher was under the impression that the discussion at the last committee approved these actions. Mr. Kesner noted that this was part of the Capital Budget discussion, but work on the design phase and the survey was not specifically approved.

Mr. Archambo stressed that if the survey work is done now it would not be a wasted effort. The results could be used now and in the future.

Ald. Krol asked if Graef, Anhalt & Schloemer (GAS) were already working on the design phase. Mr. Wehrley responded that GAS did the work on the Hart Park study and they would provide that information to the people who would be hired for the design. Ald. Krol noted that GAS has spent a lot of time and the city has spent a lot of money with them already on the Hart Park project. He asked if this will have to be recreated by another group.

Mr. Wehrley responded that the RFP would include all the information on what has already been done; however, he acknowledged that GAS would be a step or two ahead of other companies. He noted that the second part of the request is for the survey and that hasn't been done yet.

Moved by Ald. Krol, seconded by Ald. Donegan to recommend approval of the issuance of a Request for Proposals, funding for the design of the Hart Park project and authorizing the Hart Park design portion of the 2009 Capital Budget --

Ald. Organ observed that the \$575,000 is approximately 15% of the construction cost for the design and construction. Mr. Wehrley reiterated that the amount is the upper limit cost for the design.

Mr. Archambo stressed that until they go out for bids they will not know the hard numbers and the \$3.7 million for the rest of the project will not have to be bonded. Ald. Ewerdt asked about who will be the lead on the project. Mr. Archambo responded that they have been discussing that aspect. The consensus has been for a single entity that will solicit and provide architectural firms. He has handled projects like this before. They are also looking into the potential creation of a park utility to handle the project.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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