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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Council Chambers

PRESENT: Alds. Wilson, Birschel, Donegan, Tilleson, Ewerdt, Organ, Hanson – 7

ALSO PRESENT: J. Archambo, City Administrator; J. Ruggini, Finance Dir.; W. Wehrley, City Engineer

Ald. Wilson as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Funding recommendations for Meinecke Avenue neighborhood sewer improvements and flood relief

The committee reviewed a memo from the Finance Director regarding approval of the additional funding necessary to award the Meinecke Avenue project. On May 11, 2012 sealed bids were opened and read for the above referenced project. Of the four bids received, the lowest responsible bid was received from Globe Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$14.4 million dollars.

The Board of Public Works conditionally approved the bid from Globe Contractors, Inc. subject to the Budget & Finance Committee approving a funding package for the project. This is necessary as the lowest bid of \$14.4 million dollars exceeded the funds originally programmed for this work.

The issue before the Budget and Finance Committee is to review and comment on the funding package as developed by staff. If the package is approved, the project bid will be considered by the Common Council on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

Mr. Wehrley provided an overview of the Meinecke Avenue project going back to 1997. The project started out originally as a street repaving project and has grown over time. After the rain events in 2008 and 2010 it was determined that sanitary sewer work needed to be done as well. The original Engineer's estimate for the project is \$12.5 million dollars. Mr. Wehrley discussed how the budgeting process has changed. He commented that there is not necessarily a shortage of funds for the project; it is just budgeted out differently over a five-year cycle. There have been sewer items budgeted over the past five years where the work was not done and these funds were put into a sewer reserve account.

The Finance Director explained that the funding for this project is complex in that the project has been budgeted for several years. The record breaking storms of July 2010 resulted not only in basement flooding, but also serious structural flooding not seen in previous events. The project scope was modified after meetings with residents in an effort to provide a greater level of flood protection for the many homes that flooded all too frequently. This includes adding a major new trunk storm sewer from the upper reaches of the watershed to the Menomonee River. The replacement pipe size of 108" to 120" diameter in spots, forces replacement of many area water mains, the majority were installed in the 1920's and 1930's.

Additionally improvements will be made to the intersection of Swan Boulevard and Menomonee River Parkway. The improvements include a new traffic signal, pedestrian signals, and left turn lanes. Proper handicap ramps will be installed to meet today’s standards.

Discussion ensued and it was mentioned that deferring a paving project and use of reserve funds would be ways of funding the additional costs.

Gregory Fritsch, 2404 N. 89th St., Ron Able, 2116 N. 90th St., and Gary Lantzy, 2131 N. 90th St. appeared in opposition. Laura Mierow, 8608 W. Meinecke Ave., Susan Baker, 2440 N. 86th St., and John Wettengel, commented in favor of moving forward with the project.

Mr. Ruggini explained his recommendation for additional funding in the amount of \$5,170,430. In order to effectuate this change, the following must be approved:

Expenditure authority is increased in the 2012 budget to reflect the amounts included in the 2011 bond issue but not carried-over from 2011. These include:

- \$2,500,000 for Storm Sewers. General Ledger account 03-336-5980-000
- \$1,725,000 for Sanitary Sewers. General Ledger account 03-367-5980-000

Expenditure authority is increased in the 2012 budget to reflect the use of prior year funding for the Meinecke project in the storm and sanitary sewer capital reserves. Any funds not used in 2012 will be carried over into 2013.

- \$3,437,630 for Storm Sewers. General Ledger account 03-336-5980-000
- \$754,303 for Sanitary Sewers. General Ledger account 03-367-5980-000

The Meinecke project budget will be amended as part of the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan to include the advanced traffic signal and street light funding as well as the use of state LRIP funds and capital fund surplus

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of the additional \$5,170,430 required to award the project using the funding options presented by the Finance Director – Ayes: 7

Vouchers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FOR</u>
Off. A. Pavlik	\$99.61	Police – 4/30-5/2/12 – Pewaukee 2012 Spring Police In-Service
Sgt. J. Morrison	\$95.11	Police – 5/7-5/9/12 – Pewaukee 2012 Spring Police In-Service
Sgt. J. Morrison	\$55.85	Police – 5/14-5/18/12 – Two Rivers Scenario Instructor Dev. Advanced
Off. T. Warren	\$27.00	Police – 5/14-5/16/12 – Franklin Patrol Interdiction
MCO J. Gibbs	\$33.51	Police – 5/1/12 – Pewaukee Police Motorcycle Officer Update

J. Ruggini	\$68.70	Finance – 4/25-4/26/12 – Kohler CVMIC Strategic Planning Meeting
M. Anderson	\$16.33	Engineering – 4/30/12 – Milwaukee Clean Rivers, Clean Lake Conf.
Off. T. Kastner/K-9 Addy	\$268.00	Police – 5/7-5/11/12 – Oconomowoc North Amer. Police Work Dog Workshop
Off. S. Wrucke	\$620.28	Police – 4/22-4/27/12 – Fennimore – Southwest Tec Instructor Training and Firearms
S. Miner	\$207.90	Assessor – 4/23-4/27/12 – Milwaukee for expenses while attending hearings

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Organ
that the vouchers be allowed and paid - Ayes: 6 Present: 1

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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