

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2012

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, Sam Frank, Pedro Roman, and ex-officio member Tom Micuda. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Mike Bengtson, Jon Callahan, Michael Horstman, Phil Peden, Jane Fleig, and Vickie Renfrow.

MINUTES

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 27th meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Ehman, and Whikehart).

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION CREDIT, THE HIGHLANDS, PH6, SEC. 1:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson pointed out the location of The Highlands on Rockport Rd. close to Batchelor School. He said some water main installation credits had been approved for The Highlands before. The Rules and Regulations allow for these credits. The water main that Utilities will be taking possession of is worth about \$32,000, and the water main installation credit that is allowed by the Rules is \$54,122.46. The main has been inspected and tested to make sure it was installed according to Utilities specifications. All corrections that were needed have been taken care of. A plat of all the customers has been submitted.

Board President Swafford asked if this was the last piece of The Highlands that will be receiving credits. Mr. Bengtson said there is still one piece left. The final item is to extend a 16 inch water main from Rockport Rd. to the project. Plans for that have been under review.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the contract for water main installation credits for The Highlands, PH6, Sec. 1. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Ehman, and Whikehart).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on March 7th included \$114,284.71 from the Water Utility; 129,705.60 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$3,231.74 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$247,222.05.

Board President Swafford asked about a claim for Bynum Fanyo for an as-built legal description of a sanitary sewer. Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson explained this had to do with the Agreed Order with IDEM. A sewer north of Gifford Rd. and around a Nursing Home at

Gifford Rd. and Curry Pike had to be replaced. This is an as-built survey to be sure the pipe is within the easement.

Mr. Swafford then asked about the claim for Everett Prescott for mxu r24 dual port 3-wire. Mr. Bengtson said that is the communication device on the radio read meters. Occasionally they need to be replaced.

Mr. Swafford also asked about the claim for ME Simpson for a water system valve assessment program. Mr. Bengtson said that should be the final bill for the valve turning for this year.

Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Ehman, and Whikehart).

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR S. WALNUT STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS:

Utilities Engineer Fleig said this is for a project that work has been done on for years. This MOU will formalize the agreement to allow the construction of this project to move forward. It is the Spanker's Branch and Jordan River reconstruction between 1st St. and Smith Ave., and the Jordan River over to Washington. It will also include reconstruction of the sanitary sewer mains and the water mains.

Bonds were sold for this project in 2006. The original bond amount was about \$3.8 million. At that time construction was thought to follow the existing tunnel's location. Since then it has been found the existing tunnel goes under the Player's Pub building, so it seemed better to continue the tunnel north, all the way to Smith Ave. That caused an increase in the project cost. There was also an increase in the easement acquisition costs. It turned out that a lot of temporary easements had to be purchased to complete the work. About \$427,000 has been spent on acquiring the easements, and \$256,000 has been spent for design work.

The project was combined with a streetscape project for S. Walnut that the Department of Public Works was planning. The two projects were combined into one for a better project overall. It will be better for both departments. When it was put out to bid, the contractor was asked to separate the Utility costs. The bid for Utility's part was about \$3.8 million, and Public Works portion was \$1.6 million. The total contract price was \$5,487,000. Both departments reviewed the bids for the amount covering their portions of the work. Everyone agreed Dave O'Mara Contractor was the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

Because Utilities was going to be short on funds the Redevelopment Commission was approached to obtain TIF funds for the shortfall, since the project is a benefit for the City as a whole. The contractor has been asked to submit separate pay applications to CBU and Public Works for their portions of the project. They will be reviewed individually and paid. Once CBU has exceeded the bond funds the USB will still review the claims, but they will be turned over to the Redevelopment Commission for payment. The total costs are \$5,987,000 for both CBU and Department of Public works. The bond money available along with the TIF funds are about \$7,641,000, so there is a good safety net in case there are any kind of overages that weren't expected.

Board President Swafford said this MOU had been discussed in an Administrative Subcommittee meeting prior to this meeting, and the subcommittee had recommended approval.

Board member Roberts moved, and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Works for S. Walnut storm water improvement project. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Ehman, and Whikehart).

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES FOR S. WALNUT STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS:

Utilities Engineer Fleig said Donohue & Associates is the design engineer for this project. They have been working on it since the end of 2007. Their original contract amount was \$228,900. In 2010 an amendment was brought forward that increased that amount by about \$20,000. There were additional easement acquisitions that were necessary, and title work. The construction phase is now ready to begin. The contract with Donohue was only through the design and bidding phase of the project. It would be good to keep them on board for a few more things. In particular, reviewing shop drawings for the tunnel work, the rebar and concrete submittals, and also to be available for any kind of questions about unanticipated problems. The contract amendment amount is not to exceed \$7,500. It will be based on their actual expenses which would be their time and expenses.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the contract amendment with Donohue & Associates for the South Walnut St. storm water improvement project. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Ehman, and Whikehart).

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR GRIFFY DAM IMPROVEMENTS:

This item was pulled from the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Administrative Subcommittee met and was reported on earlier in this meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson gave an update on the filter project at Dillman WWTP. This project is being paid for with SRF funding. This funding had been used for several lining projects which were much cheaper than expected. Once the lining was done there was some left over SRF money that was redirected for the filter project. Initially it was thought there wasn't enough money for all four filters, so the plan was to rehabilitate two of them. It turned out the bids for that were so good there was almost enough to do the third and fourth filters. At the August 29th board meeting they were given approval to finish demolition on filters three and four, and put the media on top of the under drains for number three. Their contract substantial completion date was extended to June 15th. There is still a \$600,000

shortfall, but this is being included in the wastewater bonds that will soon be sold, so the money will be available by the time it is needed. Everything is going well. Last Tuesday they did the grouting around the new under drains in number four, did some testing, then placed the gravel and media, and topped it off with some anthracite coal. It now has to undergo a sequence of filling and skimming to clean it up. At that time it should be in a position to be put into use.

Utilities Director Murphy said it is anticipated that the bonds will be sold sometime in April. There will be some discussion with rating agencies coming up soon. He also invited the board members to take a trip to the Monroe WTP to see the excavations if they want.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President