

The Agenda Review Session of the Board of Public Works was convened at 10:44 a.m. on September 8, 2022, by Board President Elizabeth A. Maradik, Vice President Joseph Molnar, and Board Members Gary Gilot, Jordan Gathers (virtual), Murray Miller (absent), and Board Attorney Michael Schmidt present. Acting Board of Public Works Clerk Laura Hensley, presented the Board with a proposed agenda of items presented by the public and by City Staff. President Maradik noted that there is a new Board attorney, Mr. Michael Schmidt. She also thanked Attorney Clara McDaniels for her service.

Board members discussed the following item(s) from the agenda.

#### Opening of Quotations

Engineer Charlie Brach was present to bring information to the Board for item 3.B: 2022 Rubber Speed Table and Speed Cushion Installations. Ms. Brach stated that this project would not have MWBE goals as it was not commercially reasonable to subcontract out parts of the project. She said that she hoped the \$120,000 estimate for the project was high and stated that the quote was divisible. She stated there were some issues with last year's smaller trial due to snowplows and the manufacturer made some modifications to their materials so this year they are running a larger trial again before deploying more. Board Attorney Schmidt stated that ODI had approved the commercial and reasonable designation on that particular project.

#### Reject Bids and Quotations

Engineer Leslie Biek was present to discuss item 6.B: Neighborhood Infrastructure- Riverside Dr. and Leland Ave. She stated that the first bid was firm on a deadline for a project completion date within 2022, but contractors requested the project completion dates be extended into 2023. She continued to note that because they stuck with their 2022 completion date, bids came in remarkably high so now there is a plan to rebid the project with a 2023 completion date in hopes to receive more reasonable bids. She suggested that redrafting of the bid could include the request for demolition work to not start prior to the contractor being ready for construction to avoid the project site being torn up months before work officially starts.

Mr. Gilot mentioned the drastic increase in prices for labor and materials which is sending the message that contractors do not have the capacity to take on jobs. He asked if there was any possibility of looking into advanced material procurement or lease payments to get more equipment in contractors' hands to enhance the productivity of labor they do have. He exclaimed that skilled people with more of the right tools will be able to do more of the City's work at a more affordable price. Public Works Director Eric Horvath replied that extreme delays in materials have become a big issue this year. Director Horvath did inform the Board that they did have success in getting competitive quotes by reaching out to smaller contractors and businesses. He continued to say that dividing projects up into small enough chunks will allow smaller niche business to be able to bid on projects that they would not otherwise bid on.

City Engineer Kara Boyles offered up the idea of considering other delivery methods for city projects. She noted that traditionally the department's way of doing business is design/bid/build. She said that the Board could consider other procurement options like design/build, Construction Manager at Risk, or guaranteed savings contracts in lieu of going to the open market. Mr. Gilot noted that Council would have to delegate that authority to the Board of Public Works like they have in the past and said he would need that to happen again to feel comfortable with delivery changes. Ms. Boyles stated that foundations were introduced to improve the bidding environment at the Council budget meeting.

#### Award Quotations and Approve Contracts

President Maradik had a question about item 5.A: 2022 Brick Spot Repairs. She noticed that it said it was an award with the opening on September 8, 2022. She asked if this was a small, internal, and informal quote and if that was why the opening was not on the agenda. Acting Board Clerk Hensley confirmed.

#### Reject Bids and Quotations

President Maradik asked on whether there were plans to add re-advertising to item 6.A: Morris Box Office Renovation for the rejection of bids for this project on the agenda. She clarified that she knew with the Morris' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up she knew there was a time crunch and said rejecting the bid and requesting to re-advertise and re-bid in the same meeting would save

















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