

This Permit was approved as recommended.

- f. Approval of temporary street closings for Plateau Pregnancy Services Car Show on August 2, 2014

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4. Bids/Purchases

(Bid tabulations are attached and made a part of these minutes.)

a. Downtown Revitalization Project

Bids were received on the Downtown Revitalization Project on April 1 from Highways, Inc. in the amount of \$7,688,880.24 and from S.E.T. in the amount of \$8,526,467.51. (A certified bid tabulation and a recommendation is attached and made a part of these minutes.) At the request of Council, the following scenarios were presented for consideration:

If Council wants to proceed with the project as bid:

1. *Motion to pass resolution for a tentative award to the lowest bidder (other motions will be required at the time of final award)*

If Council wants to proceed with a modified project:

1. *Motion to pass resolution for a tentative award to the lowest bidder*
 2. *Request the City Manager and Director of Engineering to work with Community Development Partners, EG&G, and contractor on reductions in the project to achieve the best use of grant funds still available.*
- (other motions will be required at the time of final award)*

If Council does not want to do the project at all:

1. *Motion to reject all bids*
2. *Motion to close out the contracts with EG&G, Community Development Partners, and grant agencies and negotiate settlement for work performed.*

If Council only wants to do the water lines and ADA sidewalks:

1. *Motion to reject all bids*
2. *Motion to close out the contracts with EG&G, Community Development Partners, and grant agencies and negotiate settlement for work performed.*
3. *Direct the City Manager and Director of Engineering to negotiate a contract for engineering services*

If Council only wants to do the water lines and ADA sidewalks through an abutment project:

1. *Motion to reject all bids*
2. *Motion to close out the contracts with EG&G, Community Development Partners, and grant agencies and negotiate settlement for work performed.*
3. *Direct the City Manager to arrange a meeting with property owners in the area to discuss a potential abutment project*
4. *Direct the City Manager and Director of Engineering to negotiate a contract for engineering services*

Councilman Marlow stated that he would like to go forward with the project either in its entirety or modified, but preferred entirety.

Councilman Kerley asked about how the grant funds could be used. Mr. Rutherford responded that the grant funds are specific to this project.

Councilman Souza wanted to move forward on it because that is his vision and it has worked before in other communities if everyone pulls together.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wyatt asked about the contracts with the engineers and grant writers. Mr. Rutherford reported that he had requested that information, but it has not been received. He showed the plan for every intersection when the project is complete and believes that it will be impossible to make the turns. He will only support the water lines and the sidewalks being changed to ADA compliance. Further, there is about \$3.6M in grants with strict requirements for compliance. He would be agreeable with an abutment project for the beautification portion, if the property owners are willing.

Mayor Graham reported that he had changed his priority because of the 10 year capital plan, the department budget requests, and the Northwest Connector. Councilman Kerley suggested adding street lighting to the motion, but Mayor Graham did not agree to an amendment. Councilman Souza requested that the motion include stormwater, but Mayor Graham declined to add it to his motion.

James Mayberry addressed the Council with his concerns of dragging an 18 month project to 3 years. He also asked for the cost for the water lines and sidewalks. Mayor Graham replied that he thought the cost was about \$1.8M for the water lines, but didn't know about the sidewalks. He also asked about the cost to cancel the project, but no information was available. As for an earlier comment about all the requirements to use the grant funds, he questioned whether all the requirements weren't already in the plans. Mayor Graham replied that all the grants have local matches. Mr. Mayberry noted that TDOT will be involved in both the Northwest Connector and the downtown project and asked for the amount of "beautification" in the downtown project. Mayor Graham responded that approximately 80% of the project is infrastructure. Mr. Mayberry pointed out that the project should lessen the truck traffic.

Leanne Smith expressed her disappointment as she and her husband have recently bought the triangle building and are renovating it into their residence. She sees a vision for the area and would be willing to pay more in taxes. She also pointed out that the sidewalks are in bad shape.

A motion was made by Mayor J.H. Graham III, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt, that all bids be rejected, contracts with EG&G, Community Development Partners, and grant agencies be closed out and settlements be negotiated for work performed, and the City Manager and Director of Engineering be directed to negotiate a contract for engineering services with EG&G for water lines and ADA sidewalks with sidewalks to be constructed block by block by City crews through the operating budget over 2-3 years. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor J.H. Graham III, Mayor Pro-tem Danny Wyatt and Council Member Jesse Kerley

Nay: 2 - Council Member George Marlow and Council Member Pete Souza

(At 6:33 p.m. the regular meeting was recessed and the Solicitation Board