

AGENDA

2015 CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER/ENGINEERS MEETING

August 5, 2015

8:00 – 11:00 MEETING

- I. Opening Remarks by Rob Phillips, City Engineer
Significant budget cuts expected (Resurfacing and Reconstruction).
- II. Affirmative Action
Payrolls now go to Kelsey Stone.
Request made to please provide Committed Cost Status monthly, with payments. There have been some subcontractor complaints of late.
- III. Comments by Water Utility
Nothing new - no questions
- IV. Comments by City Traffic Engineering
Not in attendance
Items still over estimate and plans revised, but better overall.
City may need to look into MUTCD standards, as they are not being met.
- V. Comments by Parks Department
Tenney Shoreline will be coming out for bid. Budget unknown so did not want to mention anything new.
- VI. Street Terrace Permit
There will be a \$25 fee for driveway/curb, terrace pavers, homeowner rain gardens, and driveway apron permit coming soon. In addition, applications will be made on line. Postcard notification is planned – John to check status with Brenda.
- VII. SAS Adjusting Rings
HDPE adjustment rings are now allowed per specification. One report was that they were hard to install as they slide off each other and off the cone. Another said that final adjustments were much easier than the concrete version. Suggestion made for City to stockpile some as they are often on backorder the way Middleton does now.
Additional feedback requested. The City may pick a project and require it.

May Action Item Review:

- IT delivered test environment for online services for AA testing this week. After they try to break it, they will offer to contractors for testing. Hope to have it on line before the end of August.
Advantages: 1) There will be no incomplete plans. 2) If a contractor is already meeting goals there will be less documentation to submit.
- “Finalized in 60 days”. Some 2015 projects have already been paid.
- Affidavits are being sent out earlier – with start work letters.
- Current payment preview system working OK. Information sent weekly.

- Preconstruction minutes are not at 100%, but much improved.
- Brass items will change next year, but no details yet.
- Over 40 participants for the webinar at Water Utility re women in the workforce. Plan to do more in the future. Contractors requested more notice – 3 days insufficient, but AA sent out as soon as they heard about it. Positive comments about attending a webinar as a group for discussion afterwards.

VIII. Contractor/Developer/Engineer Comments (Pipe Bedding Undercut)

- 1) Keana Bracey is officially replacing Janet Pien as of 8/10/15.
- 2) IT is working on on-line prequalification application next. This feature may be available by March 2016.
- 3) GT Web is coming soon. It will allow contractors to view some City records including water, sanitary, and storm.
- 4) Would City consider recognition of companies that are over on minorities, but low on women? Women are 0.5 to 2% in this industry so 7% is unrealistic. What else can be done?

Norman looking into connecting City Agencies that recruit apprentices for Public Works Contracts, Issues with pre-apprentice preparation, wages, and Union acceptance in the past.

Add as an agenda item - Norman will request that Community Based organizations come. He will hold a side meeting beforehand.

- 5) State pays 3x unclassified excavation (up to 100yds) for street pipe undercut after the fact. Would City consider doing the same for the few times it comes up?

Note – Roadway undercut is coming in the future.

- 6) A contractor score card was suggested from the Disparity study. AA is looking at bringing back the Award program the end of 2015.

- 7) Some subcontractors are not submitting payroll to the general contractor. Withholding payment is best option (ex. \$23,000 to pay landscaper over 5 jobs). Can AA do an onsite to prod them?

- 8) Ban the Box is now in a BPW committee. Current version deals with compliance in prequal process.

- 9) Prevailing wage change for 2017 - Will City have rules of their own? – AA requirement will stay the same, but consensus was that the City could not have its own rules based on how the law was written.

- 10) Questions regarding finalization of 2014 jobs. Specific example of Central Park was paid a few weeks earlier. More examples needed in order to follow-up.

2015 Meeting Dates

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