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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 7, 2022 - 5:30 PM

ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE
607 EAST WORTHEY ROAD
GONZALES, LOUISIANA 70737

MINUTES

- (1) **Call To Order / Invocation and Pledge** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dal Waguespack. Councilman Alvin Thomas led the Committee in the invocation and pledge.
- (2) **Roll Call** – All members were present with the exception of Councilman Corey Orgeron, Councilman Michael Mason and Councilman Dempsey Lambert who arrived at 5:42 pm.
- (3) **Chair's Additions** – There were no chairs additions to the agenda.
- (4) **Public Comment** – Chairman Waguespack announced that anyone wishing to speak should sign in now.
- (5) **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a. **Ascension Economic Development Quarterly Briefing** - Kate MacArthur, President/CEO presented this item to the Committee.
 - b. **Amendment #1 to Contract for Professional Services for waterway debris removal with DRC Emergency Services, LLC to amend the not to exceed amount of the contract from \$7,000,000.00 to \$15,500,000.00. This includes East Baton Rouge's portion of work to be completed that the Parish will bill for** - Jarret Bauer, All South presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
 - c. **Amendment #1 to Contract for Professional Services for disaster debris monitoring and related services with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC to amend the not to exceed amount of the contract from \$10,000.00 to \$550,000.00** - Jarret Bauer, All South presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion passed with no objection.

- d. **Discussion and approval of a contribution to the Donaldsonville Shooting Stars Leadership Ascension Team for their project to renovate the Lemann Center in Donaldsonville, LA to a high quality gymnasium facility for public use** – Wes Moreau and Melissa Pourciau with The Donaldsonville Shooting Stars Leadership Ascension Team presented this item to the Committee. A motion to give them a contribution of \$25,000.00 was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion failed due to lack of a second. A new motion was made by Councilman Chase Melancon to give them a contribution of \$70,000.00. The motion was amended by Councilman Joel Robert to give them a contribution of \$58,000.00. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. Councilman Aaron Lawler objected to the motion. A roll call vote was conducted with the results being as follows:

Yeas: Alvin Thomas, Travis Turner, Dempsey Lambert, Aaron Lawler, Teri Casso, John Cagnolatti, Chase Melancon, Joel Robert, Dal Waguespack

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Mason, Corey Orgeron

Not Voting: None

The motion passed.

- e. **Discussion of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Kevin Kelly and lease of Lemann Farm Buildings to Ascension Parish Government by Kevin Kelly and approval of sub-lease by Ascension Parish Government to Lemann Farm Supply for use of Lemann Farm Buildings. This will net zero cost to Ascension Parish Government** - John Diez, CAO and Bill Dawson, Utilities Director and Special Projects presented this item to the Committee. Due to the inclusion of "Approval" in the agenda item for the sub-lease, a motion was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler to approve forwarding both the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between APG and Kevin Kelly and the lease of Lemann Farm Buildings to APG by Kevin Kelly and the sub-lease by Ascension Parish Government to Lemann Farm Supply to the full Council for approval with the sub-lease to Lemann Farm Supply going on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- f. **Renewal of Agreement with Louisiana Lobbying Solutions - Professional government relations consulting and serving as an advocate of Parish priorities by providing technical and strategic plans, support and assistance to the Parish President and Parish Council** - John Diez, Chief Administrative Officer presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion failed due to lack of a second. A new motion was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti to go out for RFQ for lobbying services for a not to exceed contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Aaron Lawler. After further discussion a substitute motion was then made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert to extend the current agreement with Louisiana Lobbying Solutions for four months until the end of the current session of the Legislature on June 6, 2022. After this point, the Parish will go out for an RFQ for lobbying services based on a not to exceed contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion passed with no objection.
- g. **Request for \$75,000.00 for the third year of a three-year agreement with ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for Small Government Term Enterprise License Agreement** - Brandon O'Deay, Director Technology presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.

- h. **Amendment #3 - Jani-King, to include additional locations to the original contract scope as follows: HR - Cleaning four times a week for \$1,592 per month; DA's Office, cleaning 4 times a week for \$3,633 per month; Several Recreation locations, two times per week for \$2,452 per month and Mosquito Control, four times a week for \$933 per month. Total amount of the amendment is \$52,023.00 through the end of the contract term in August for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$432,020.00** - Ricky Compton, Director of Planning and Facilities presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- i. **Change Order #2 - ASA Contractors for the OEP Department relocation and renovation-New wall mounted seat in men's restroom, labor for relocation and electrical re-route for an additional amount of \$588.00 for a total contract amount of \$232,035.90** - Dean Thomason, Project Manager presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion passed with no objection.
- j. **Bid results and authority to enter into Contract with Del-Con, LLC in the amount of \$220,674.00 for HR Department Relocation and Renovations Ascension Parish Annex Phase 2** - Dean Thomason, Project Manager presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- k. **Bid results and authority to enter into Contract with Del-Con, LLC in the amount of \$72,330.00 for mechanical fabrication services: Marvin Braud Pump Station Re-Bid** - Dean Thomason, Project Manager presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- l. **Bid Results and authority to enter into Contract with Davie Shoring, Inc. in the amount of \$498,000.00 for Westbank Courthouse Stabilization Re-Bid 2022-Project to stabilize the Westbank Courthouse by methods of push pier or helical pile support system** - Dean Thomason, Project Manager presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- m. **Bid results and authority to enter into Contract with Triumph Construction, LLC in the amount of \$502,000.00 for Henry Road Safety Widening: LA 73 to Tillotson Road/Aikens Road: Clearing and Grubbing Re-Bid** - Joey Tureau, Project Manager presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- n. **Change Order #TO-04-02-Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Preservation 2019-2020 - Material Resources, Inc. - Addition of 36 days to contract time due to Hurricane Ida and other rain days encountered and to correct change order TO-04-01 contract total. The new completion date is November 16, 2021. There was no increase in amount** - Joey Tureau, Transportation Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Joel Robert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alvin Thomas. The motion passed with no objection.

- o. Certificate of Substantial Completion - Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Preservation 2019-2020 - Parish Project #ENG-19-200 Task Order #4 - Material Resources Inc. -**
Joey Tureau, Transportation Director presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- p. Contract Report for the month of February 2022 -** Finance Chairman Dal Waguespack asked that the Committee members review the contract report and contact Legal or Finance with any questions.

(6) FINANCE REPORTS

- a. Budget Amendment #2 - Approval to amend 2022 Budget -** Dawn Caballero, Assistant Treasurer presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The motion was seconded by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion passed with no objection.

- (7) Adjourn –** The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm on a motion by Councilman Dempsey Lambert, seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon.