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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 8, 2023 - 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 at 5:30 pm by Chairman Michael Mason. Councilman John Cagnolatti led the Committee in the invocation and pledge.
- (2) **Roll Call** - All members were present with the exception of Councilman Dal Waguespack, Councilman Corey Orgeron, Councilman Alvin Thomas, Councilman Travis Turner and Councilman Joel Robert who arrived at 5:39 pm.
- (3) **Chair's Additions** – There were no additions to the agenda.
- (4) **Public Comment** – Chairman Mason announced that anyone wishing to speak should sign in now.
- (5) **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - a. **Approval of Change Order #2 - Acadian Commercial Contractors, LLC for Fire District #1, Fire Station #41 Renovations, Fifth Ward Substation, for an additional amount of \$9,232.92 and an additional 45 days for substantial completion. Total contract amount \$1,132,022.92. The new substantial completion date is January 24, 2024** – A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
 - b. **Approval of Amendment #1 - to the Master Contract between Ascension Parish Government and Mougeot Architecture to increase the contract amount by an additional amount of \$50,000.00 due to changes in scope and fees not included in original contract. The new total contract amount is \$99,500.00** – A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dempsey Lambert. The motion

passed with no objection.

- c. **Approval of an Ordinance to accept donation and transfer of title pursuant to an Act of Donation of Certain Movable Property, 2009 Dodge Ram 2500, 2010 Ford F150 and 2012 Ford Expedition, owned by the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to the Parish of Ascension, Fire Protection District No. 1** – 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.
- d. **Approval to allow variance for MGX Equipment Services in accordance with Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances 18-117.2(m)** – 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.
- e. **Approval to allow variance for David Divincenti in accordance with Ascension Parish Code of Ordinances 18-117.2(m)** – 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.
- f. **Approval of Amendment #1 - to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Parish Recreation Programs between Ascension Parish Government and Impact Sports Gonzales for an additional amount of \$6,795.00 for a new total contract amount of \$56,695.00** – A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- g. **Approval of Change Order #1 - Zizzi Construction, LLC for the Lamar Dixon Expo Center Maintenance Shed Upgrades & Repair, to add an additional thirty (30) days to contract duration due to six (6) week lead time for rolling steel door materials. New substantial completion date of September 3, 2023. No increase to contract price** – A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- h. **Results of Request for Quotes and approval to enter into a Contract with the lowest responsive quote submitted by ABK Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$58,894.94 for re-roofing of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office and West Bank Courthouse** - Jim Buras, Purchasing Director spoke to the Committee on this item. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman Aaron Lawler. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion passed with no objection.
- i. **Approval of Legal Agreement between Ascension Parish Government and Legacy Estate & Elder Law of Louisiana, LLC, represented by Linda Melancon, Attorney, to determine Ascension Parish's beneficiary rights in Estate of Julia Nelly Rada McKenna. Not to exceed \$50,000.00** - Jean Paul Robert, Parish Attorney spoke to the Committee on this item. A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion was not seconded. Councilman Aaron Lawler made a substitute motion to change the not to exceed amount to \$500.00 and forward to the full Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman John Cagnolatti. The motion passed with no objection.

- j. **Approval of Change Order #2 - B.E.T Construction, Inc. for the Early Childhood Care Facility - Lemann Building, to increase the contract amount by an additional \$2,842.85 for sheetrock ceiling extension, and an additional (three) 3 days to substantial completion for a substantial completion date of 7/09/23. Total contract amount \$1,425,168.85** – A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- k. **Approval of Change Order #3 - B.E.T. Construction, Inc. for the Early Childhood Care Facility - Lemann Building, to increase the contract amount by an additional \$4,027.71 for electrical rerouting from the ceiling by the fixtures to concealers area. Total contract amount \$1,429,196.56** – A motion to approve forwarding to the full Council for approval was made by Councilwoman Teri Casso. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chase Melancon. The motion passed with no objection.
- l. **Contract Report of all Contracts/Agreements entered into in the month of July 2023** – Chairman Mason announced that the report was sent to the Committee prior to the meeting and that any questions submitted should have been answered. If anyone had any further questions, they can contact Legal or Finance.

(6) FINANCE REPORTS

- a. **Financial Update - Open Finance at**
<https://ascensionparishla.finance.socrata.com/#!/dashboard> - Chairman Mason advised that Open Finance is available for viewing at the URL listed and Finance can be contacted with any questions.

- (7) Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm on a motion by Councilwoman Teri Casso, seconded by Councilman Aaron Lawler.