

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

May 12, 2010, 2:05 PM

City Council Chambers

Members Present: Ed Childers, Dick Haines, Lyn Hellegaard, Roy Houseman, Bob Jaffe, Marilyn Marler, Pam Walzer

Members Absent: Jason Wiener, Renee Mitchell, Dave Strohmaier, Jon Wilkins

Others Present: Kevin Slovarp, Steve King, Starr Sullivan, Craig Caprara

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the minutes of May 5, 2010— Approved as submitted.
- B. Announcements – None.
- C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items – None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign change order No. 1 for the Reserve Street Sewer Main Replacement Project (Site ID 184), in the amount of \$80,783.41 to Becco General Construction Services, LLC (memo).—Regular Agenda (Kevin Slovarp) (Referred to committee: 05/10/2010) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 for the Reserve Street Sewer Main Replacement Project (Site ID 184) in the amount of \$80,783.41 to Becco General Construction Services, LLC.

Kevin Slovarp, City Engineer, stated that the change order was for necessary work which was not identified in the original scope. If all the work had been identified up front, the contract would have been for \$340,000 originally. The contractor worked on three additional manholes for the bulk of the cost in the change order.

Mr. Childers asked why one manhole cost so much. Mr. Slovarp stated that change order 4A refers to a manhole for \$54,000, which needed to be custom constructed by Hutton. The cost includes the construction and labor necessary plus the extra bypass pumping while it was manufactured. The manhole is a larger diameter with an opening for the force main.

Mr. Jaffe asked if the price was in line with what they usually pay. Mr. Slovarp stated that it was in this case. The bypass pumping cost was \$13,500 for 5 days of additional pumping while the manhole was manufactured and installed.

Mr. Haines asked if anyone went down into the manhole prior to the contract aware to see if it needed to be replaced. Mr. Slovarp stated that the manhole had a coating to separate the force main and the top of the manhole to reduce corrosion. The lid is halfway down in the manhole, and they could not tell the extent of the corrosion until they dug it. They knew in advance it was possible it would need to be replaced.

Mr. Childers asked what a force main boot was. He also asked if they should have included the manhole in the bids. Mr. Slovarp stated that the force main is pressurized flow, and the boot directs it down into the gravity line. They talked about including the manhole as an alternate bid item, but chose not to.

Ms. Mitchell stated that if they knew there was the potential for severe damage, having an alternate bid would be good.

Mr. Jaffe asked if they would pay more for an item when it is a change order than when it is an alternate. Craig Caprara of HDR stated that they spent significant time negotiating with the contractor and that the city paid what it actually cost to do the work. In a bid, contractors may have bid less than it cost. They paid for maybe two days extra bypass pumping that might not have been required if it had been bid. The fitting for the 16" pipe was expensive, not including the contractor labor.

Mr. Haines stated they might have had to pay a failsafe aspect to the bid, and might have paid more by putting in the bid alternate. Mr. Caprara stated that was part of why they did not include it.

Mr. Childers made the motion to approve the change order.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 with HDR, Inc. for additional engineering design and construction services for the Reserve Street Sewer Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$9,938.31 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Kevin Slovarp) (Referred to committee: 05/10/2010) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

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Mr. Slovarp stated that the contract was to cover the extra engineering work to oversee the contractor for the change order. Change order item five was a deduction for inspection services, where the contractor paid HDR to re-inspect the work, which is a deduction to the contract. The City will pay a total extra of around \$7,500 after that deduction. The change is all from the wastewater replacement and depreciation fund, not the general fund.

Mr. Childers asked where the deduction was shown. Mr. Slovarp stated that it was in the attachment to the first agenda item in number five. Ms. Walzer stated they were just paying that much less to the contractor.

Mr. Houseman made the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion on the sizes of grease interceptors for the restaurant industry ([Grease Interceptor PowerPoint](#)) ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Stacy Rye and Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 04/21/08)
2. Consider restructuring the city's Sewer Loan Program along the lines of the recently approved change to the Sidewalk & Curb Loan Fund.—Regular Agenda ([Chapter 3.16 – Sidewalk & Curb Loan](#)) ([Chapter 3.18 Sewer Loan](#)) ([Ordinance 3344](#)) (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 06/26/06)
3. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and the County of Missoula related to the Reserve Street / Mullan Road Intersection Improvements Project. ([memo](#)) Regular Agenda (Gregg Wood) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)
4. Review infrastructure conditions at the locations of serious and fatal traffic accidents: 2007-2009 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 01/25/10)
5. Resolution to restore vacated Inez Street at South 2nd Street to the public trust and public use, and vacate a public access easement that was a condition of the vacation ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Carla Krause) (Referred to committee: 04/26/2010)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

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