

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LICENSING
MINUTES OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

Committee met in the First Floor Hearing Room - East of City Hall and Chairperson Jill Hennessey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Alderpersons Jill Hennessey, Jason Sladky, and Collin Braunel.

Absent: Alderpersons Dave Soeldner & Matt Kadow.

Also present: Transit Manager Derek Muench, Dir of Public Works/Engineer/Parks Valerie Mellon, City Clerk Jennifer Hudon and Dir. Public Library Cherilyn Stewart.

Chairman Hennessey declared the meeting open for public input. In accordance with policy, the public input portion of the meeting is not made a part of the official record.

Committee met to review bids for the transfer station including the thirteen alternates. The bidders name as well as their base bid were omitted to keep the confidentiality of the bidders. Committee reviewed each alternate and after a lengthy discussion determined the following:

- 1) Deduct alternate 1, tubular lighting system
- 2) Deduct alternate 2, clocks
- 3) Deduct alternate 3, lending library
- 4) Deduct alternate 4, architectural brackets
- 5) Deduct alternate 5, pumper pad
- 6) Keep alternate 6, clay brick
- 7) Keep alternate 7, burnished block
- 8) Keep alternate 8, limestone
- 9) Keep alternate 9, metal roof
- 10) Keep alternate 10, security cameras
- 11) Add alternate 11, work surfaces
- 12) Keep alternate 12 and deduct cost of winter work by starting April 1

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- 13) Alternate 13 - do not add retro plate floor finish (concerns about too slippery)

The three bids were then tallied. They are as follows:

- 1) Bidder #1 at \$1,343,760.00 (*corrected to \$1,345,760.00*)
- 2) Bidder #2 at \$1,418,933.00 (*corrected to \$1,420,658.00*)
- 3) Bidder #3 at \$1,364,778 (*corrected to \$1,364,778.00*)

Moved by Alderperson Sladky, second by Alderperson Braunel, and unanimously carried, to recommend awarding to low bidder #1 in the amount of \$1,343,760 (*corrected to \$1,345,760.00*) Ayes, 3. Nays, none.

Moved by Sladky, second by Braunel to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting. Ayes, 3. Nays, none.

Transit Manager Derek Muench addressed the Committee regarding possible changes in the daily service schedule as well as 2012 paratransit service levels. With the inability to seek concessions through the bargaining unit, Derek came up with two alternatives to curb expenditures. 1) reduce service provided from curb to curb and convert it to origin to destination in 2012. We can offer door to door service as a premium service essentially taking individuals from house to van or van to house. 75% of rides are the door to door level of service. 2) charge 100% to agency for agency fares. So far 2011 we've given 2450 rides. Our portion is \$9.29 per ride or \$22,733.00. Moving to a 100% agency fare would keep paratransit fares down by an estimated \$40,000.00. No action was taken. Discussion will continue during recess at the Common Council meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011.

Alderperson Braunel left the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Jill Hennessey, Chair
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By: Jennifer Hudon, City Clerk, Secretary