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Summary

- There are very few bids on these projects.
- Everybody appeared to already know everything, and this meeting seemed to be mostly a formality. The agenda provides more details than the meeting did.
- Next year, we will have many armed police in the parks and public swimming pools.

Follow-Up Questions

1. Why are we ramping up the armed police presence in the parks and recreation areas, where families and kids play in the summer months? And if it is related to an emergency ordinance, why would it take effect next year? What evidence shows that this tactic will help anyone? How will it help?
2. What is the meaning of that number \$1,212,120? ("The fees for services to be performed under the contract authorized, as stated in the firm's proposal.... but not to exceed \$12,12,120.00.") (*Editor's note: This is the maximum allowed cost of the contract.*)
3. How much, if any, input does the public have on these contract amounts, and to what business do they go?
4. Why are there so few bids? Are they not getting the word out there that these contracts are available? If not, why not?
5. How much is diversity and equity factored into contract approval?
6. Is there some accountability for where and who is benefitting from the taxpayers' dollars?

Notes

This meeting lasted seven minutes total. Ten members of the board were seated at the conference table, and at least four more people were in attendance in-person, seated around the edge of the room. They had a [quorum](#). Roll call revealed the names of the board members who were present, and the meeting followed the layout of the [agenda](#). However, there is more detailed information on the agenda than is discussed at the

meeting. Every item put to a vote passed unanimously.

Present:

- Mayor Justin Bibb
- Director of Law Mark Griffin
- Director of Public Utilities Martin Keane
- Director of Port Control Bryant Francis
- Director of Public Works Frank Williams
- Director of Community Development Alyssa Hernandez
- Director of Aging Mary McNamara
- Director of Building and Housing Sally Martin O'Toole
- Interim Director of Human Resources Eduardo Romero
- Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects James DeRosa
- Director of the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity Tyson Mitchell - report at end of each of the other department's forms, usually confirming the waiving of certain participation goals deemed unreasonable and unnecessary.

FINANCE

- Very difficult to understand or hear because she was not miked up properly. She was standing, and left the table after speaking her piece. Not even sure of the correct name for this speaker.
- Form "A" PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES OR COMMODITIES
 - The contract for Cisco HyperFlex Data Platform Software for Information Technology & Services was not awarded.
 - The lone bidder did not include requisite documentation and took exception to several terms and conditions. The Department of Finance will re-bid at a later date.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Director of Public Utilities Martin Keane
- Form "A" PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES OR COMMODITIES (x3):
 - For Curb Stop Boxes Group A for the Division of Water; awarded to Winwater Akron OH Co. out of the two bids received.
 - For Curb Stop Boxes Group B for the Division of Water did not receive any bids and will obtain items by requisition instead.
 - For large and special pinion, ring, and worm gears, for the Division of Water awarded to The Stahl Gear & Machine Co., which was the only bid received.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects James DeRosa
- RESOLUTION selecting Osborn Engineering Co. (nominated by DeRosa) and subconsultants Behnke Landscape Architecture and McGuiness Unlimited, Inc. for the capital repair audit of Cleveland Browns Stadium.
- FORM "B" PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT of the West Side Market glycol system repairs contract awarded to Energy Mechanical Corporation, Inc., partly because that was the only bidder.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Director of Public Works Frank Williams
 - Outlined the plan to contract armed, uniformed commissioned officers or off-duty police officers to provide security services at various recreation centers, outdoor pools, and surrounding play areas throughout the city during the summer months.
 - From June 10 through Aug. 20 of 2024, officers will be placed at outdoor pools Wednesday through Saturday. They will also be assigned to all 21 recreation centers for four hours per day—Monday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.
 - For the equal opportunity evaluation, both proposals made a good faith effort but Safe Choice LLC was the lowest and best bid.
- Resolution that Safe Choice LLC is selected upon nomination of the director of Public Works from a list of consultants determined after a full and complete canvass by the director of Public Works as the firm to provide these security services for the Division of Recreation, Department of Public Works, for the period of one year beginning Sept. 1, 2023.
- Also, the resolution states that the director of Public Works is authorized to enter into a written contract with Safe Choice LLC based on its April 7, 2023, proposal, to supply armed, uniformed, commissioned officers at the facilities, during the period Sept. 1, 2023, to Aug. 31, 2024, which contract shall be prepared by the director of Law and shall include such additional provisions as the director considers necessary to benefit and protect the public interest. The fees for services to be performed under the contract authorized, as stated in the firm's proposal shall be \$39.00 per officer hour and \$42.00 per supervisor hour at the facilities, but not to exceed \$1,212,120.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Director of Community Development Alyssa Hernandez
- Resolution of land parcels sold as part of the ongoing Land Reutilization Program,

detailing the sale price, parcel number, purchaser, and location of each one. There are seven of these resolutions presented in the agenda and one walk-on, which is a swap. All items are routine yard expansions and side-yard programs for \$200 apiece.

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