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Summary

- The Board of Control meets weekly and consists of department heads who present recommendations on behalf of their departments for spending on projects, services and supplies.
- Board of Control meetings can be very short - in this case, 5 minutes. During this time, hundreds of thousands of dollars -- sometimes millions -- are allocated to contractors.
- There was very little discussion about any of the presented recommendations on [the agenda](#).

Follow-Up Questions

- How can residents have more input into decisions made by the Board of Control?
- What preparation is there by department heads prior to Board of Control meetings? Considering there was little to no discussion on any of the presented recommendations, did the department heads read them and ask questions or raise concerns outside the meeting, or is the meeting the only time there is discussion around how these recommendations are approved?

Notes

Secretary Jeffrey Marks took roll call. The following department officials were noted as present [the audio was hard to understand at this point]:

Director of Law Mark Griffin

Director of Finance Ahmed Abonamah

Director of Public Utilities Martin Keane

Director of Port Control Bryant Francis

Director of Public Works Frank Williams

Director of Public Health Dr. David Margolius

Director of Community Development Alyssa Hernandez
Director of Aging Mary McNamara
Director of Human Resources Matthew Cole
Director of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects James DeRosa

Griffin served as "acting mayor" in place of Mayor Justin Bibb.

Keane presented Recommendation No. 188-23 on behalf of the Department of Public Utilities, which recommends \$103,100 to the Institute for Environmental Health for the purchasing of laboratory services for protozoa and biological analysis, for two years, for the Division of Water. **There were no questions for Keane, and all in attendance voted yes on this recommendation.**

DeRosa then presented Recommendation No. 1 on behalf of the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects, which requests that Contract No. PS2020*111, which authorizes the city vendor **Project & Construction Services Inc. (PCS)** to design and construct the new Police Headquarters Campus, be reassigned to **PCS and Estimate, LLC.**

On Oct. 31, PCS informed the city of its intent to change its name to PCS and Estimate, LLC, and to request Contract No. PS2020*111 be assigned to the new name. Recommendation No. 1 authorizes DeRosa to consent to this assignment and to execute all documents and do all things necessary to effect the contract.

Griffin asked if there would be any additional cost to the city, and DeRosa said no, it was simply a name change. DeRosa also explained that the name change is due to PCS merging two of its corporate entities into the new entity, PCS and Estimate, LLC. **There were no further questions for DeRosa, and all in attendance voted yes on this recommendation.**

Hernandez presented Recommendations 2-7 on behalf of the Department of Community Development. She said all of these recommendations were possible because the council member of the ward where the land parcels are located either approved, or did not disapprove, the sale of the land, and because the proposed purchaser is neither tax delinquent nor in violation of the Building and Housing Code. All the land [parcels](#) being sold or leased were acquired by the city under the [Cleveland Land Bank](#).

For No. 2, Rashidah Abdulhaqq proposed to the city to lease a parcel at 10728 Hathaway Ave. to maintain a market garden. It is located in Glenville. The parcel will be leased for five years for \$1 per year.

For No. 3, [CIPTT, Inc.](#) requested an easement to install a fence at 3915 Community College Ave. in Ward 5. This is a 2-foot-wide strip of land to be sold for \$1.

For No. 4, 9500 Harvard LLC, designee of Union Miles Development Corp., requested to purchase parcels located in Ward 2 for \$2,600. This land is to be developed into housing for veterans in Union-Miles.

For No. 5, Bwankubwa J. Brown requested to purchase a parcel located at 3534 E. 139th St. in Ward 4 for yard expansion for \$200.

For No. 6, Janice Ruffin requested to purchase a parcel located at 1233 E. 82nd St. in Ward 7 for yard expansion for \$200.

For No. 7, Structures Unlimited, LLC requested to purchase parcels located in Hough in Ward 7 for \$41,639. This purchase would be to develop the parcel for a commercial/industrial new construction project.

Griffin asked for additional context around Nos. 4 and 7 [exact question was inaudible]. For No. 4, Hernandez said the purchase would be for housing for veterans, and, for No. 7, the project would be in Hough. **There were no further questions for Hernandez, and all in attendance voted yes on this recommendation.**

No further business was raised. The meeting was then adjourned; it lasted a total of 5 minutes.

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