

**MINUTES of the
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Meeting held: Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Staff at Leawood City Hall-Main Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Attendees present via ZOOM media format

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT via Zoom:

Julie Cain, Vice Chair, Councilmember Ward 4
Lori Ames
Ken Conrad
Abbas Haideri
Marsha Monica
Jim Rawlings, Councilmember Ward 2
Chuck Sipple, Councilmember Ward 3
Chris White

ABSENT:

Andrew Osman
Todd Harris

STAFF PRESENT:

David Ley, P.E., Director of Public Works
Brian Scovill, P.E. City Engineer
Shelly Rexrode, Administrative Assistant

Vice Chair Cain called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM and welcomed everyone for attending.

David Ley read the statement: To reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 the meeting of the Leawood Public Works Committee is being conducted remotely using the Zoom Media Format and some of the members of the board may appear remotely. Public comments will not be accepted during this meeting. City Hall is closed to public access during this meeting, however, the meeting will be live streamed on YouTube and the public can access the livestream by going to the link posted on the City's website at www.leawood.org. All votes will be by roll call of the committee members. Shelly Rexrode took Roll Call.

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS: Review/approve the previous meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Marsha Monica- Motioned to approve the Minutes of the Public Works Meeting held November 11, 2020. Chuck Sipple-Seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. Roll Call vote of members was taken.

In favor were: Cain, Sipple, Monica, Conrad, White, Haideri and Ames. Motion passed. Minutes Approved.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS: Review Consultant proposals for Design work of two (2) projects: 2022 Mission Road Improvements, 127th to 133rd and Lee Boulevard, Somerset to 83rd.

Vice-Chair Cain Rather than go through the individual items on the score sheet, at some point, we're going to simply say what is our number 1 and what is our number 2 for the two projects and then have discussion because there are so few of them.

David Ley-As Julie mentioned we only received two proposals for each project, we did request five, from five firms so the thought was we could just open the floor up for Mission and get through that one and then we can do a roll call vote instead of going through the sheet and then you can just tell us who had as the number one firm and then once we determine that we can move to Lee Boulevard. Brian Scovill: Will we still want them to submit their forms so we can have it in the file? David Ley: We have this recorded.

Chuck asked why there was not a better response to our request for qualifications. Is business that good or this not an attractive project? David Ley: Two of the firms we believe didn't submit because they only do larger projects

like above half a million dollar design projects. Mission Road is probably going to be around \$300,000 project so that was the reason that two of those did not I think Trekk was trying to go after one and try to put more effort into Lee Boulevard and the same with Olsson, they were really interested in the Mission Road Project.

Chris White asked about previous discussions of having one bid and have the second bidder do the smaller project or have these separate bids. Do you think we would have a different response if we would have only had them bid on the Mission Road and then give the Lee Boulevard to the second firm? David Ley I don't know, it's hard to say we may have had one more, but I don't think we would have had all five

Julie Cain Asked in reviewing the Mission road proposals from Olsson and then Renaissance does anyone have anything to add or any questions regarding the Mission Road proposals from Olsson and Renaissance before we each say who we voted for? Marsha Monica – I was just wondering on the Olsson Proposal they proposed a lot more things. The thing that stuck out for me was about putting a bike, not a bike, putting a lane in front of Mission trail. And on their little diagram cut out piece it shows taking land from the people on the east side of the street across from Mission Trail. I wondered if that was something that they came up with or is that something you asked them to look at. David Ley: I don't see where they were taking land from the properties to the east, I think they were looking at putting a bike lane, or putting a parking lane more on the west side in front of the school. Marsha Monica -So I guess what I'm looking at on the street scenes on the last page, the second one down, the red box, is that not showing? David Ley That's just showing the area of where they were discussing the parking lane but most of that is on the school property.

Marsha Monica: I saw that but there is some on the other side of the street, is that correct? David Ley: clarified that they were just trying to identify this, the general location of where this would be. Marsha Monica So they're not talking about taking property from these houses that back to Mission? David Ley That's not the way I read it. Brian Scovill: I don't think they would know yet until they do a survey and lay something out. Julie Cain asked could they decide to take some land. David Ley: explained that the parking lane is for the school and we don't want to shift Mission Road. If it's determined to put that parking lane in we would work with the school district if we need more right of way to construct that parking area. Brian Scovill: We do have quite a bit of right of way on the west side. Julie Cain: West side, not east side so the school side.

David Ley: We would probably need a sidewalk easement if we were going to do that we would have to push the sidewalk further west so we would probably just get a sidewalk easement from the school if we decide to put that parking lane in. The concern is the traffic during pick up times, where you have a queue of cars parked on the street and then they're going to be parked on the bike lanes for southbound and then we're still trying to carry two lanes of traffic through there so that's why they came up with one option of possibly doing that parking lane so we could maintain a safe bike lane. There was a brief discussion regarding backup at Mission Trail and development on 135th Street.

Marsha Monica asked about sprinkler systems for Waterford HOA be repaired as part of the project? David Ley responded that the city includes that in the bids so it would be included in the construction.

Vote by Roll call resulted in Olsson receiving a total of 13 points and Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting Receiving 12 points. David Ley Renaissance had the most number ones. Renaissance would be the lowest and would be the first selection with 12 points. Olsson had thirteen. If you do have your scores, if you can email those to us it might be good for us to have those on record. We might want to go around the room and just have a brief discussion on why you chose Renaissance.

Discussion of reason for voting the way you did Marsha Monica and Julie Cain identified-that only having three examples of work from Olsson was important. Julie Cain elaborated by saying that Renaissance was a smaller firm with a smaller backlog of work and this is a smaller project and that had appeal. Jim Rawlings agreed that he voted for a local firm that was ready to go to work and show us what they can do. Abbas Haideri voted for Olsson based on personnel and ability to do Mission Road but gave Renaissance 83rd Street.

Chuck Sipple inquired about Kurt Talcott being on the Stormwater committee and with Renaissance is there any concern about a potential conflict. I voted for Renaissance first but was concerned about whether he had an inside tract with working with City Hall. David Ley: Answered that this was discussed and it was determined that there should not be a conflict since this is Public Works and not Stormwater. They are only doing the design and don't go through the Stormwater committee for any reviews. Other Stormwater committee members have done consulting for the city and we haven't had any issues with that.

Julie Cain: Let's shift Over to Lee Boulevard Somerset to 83rd – any comments on Renaissance and Trekk?

Marsha Monica – chose Renaissance because of being impressed by their detail in their right ups on both of them. Not impressed with Trekk. Chris White Renaissance did a really good job on both, more detail on experience, years at work, availability. As a smaller firm thought Olsson would be more suited for Mission and Renaissance being a good fit for Lee Blvd. Julie Cain wanted to make sure Renaissance got something is the process negating itself or is it working itself out? Olsson I would have been fine with as long as Renaissance got something. With this being the first project for Renaissance the smaller project would be better for them to start off with. Does Renaissance have the bandwidth to pull off both?

Vote by Roll call resulted in a tie with Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting receiving 12 points and Trekk Design Group LLC also receiving 12 points prompting a discussion regarding how to break tie. Ken Conrad – suggested that, as a committee, we have done our job; we evaluated the proposals, we voted and we have a recommendation for staff. Difficult in five pages to make a decision. Feels like we've done our job; we always talk about giving it to staff and using their expertise. Jim said same. Chuck Sipple asks which way staff would go.

David Ley answered that we don't vote, so that's why it's left up to the committee members. We do the preselection and get it down to the five firms and we're very comfortable working with any of them so this is where we really need the public works committee to try to make a decision. I would be concerned having the same firm do both projects. Brian Scovill my concern would be not knowing if we would stretch Renaissance staff doing that but I think it might be worth considering giving another firm a chance. I would hate to give Renaissance all the projects and then maybe they don't work out and we have two flopped projects. Chuck Sipple asked from a calendar standpoint and their staff would they be working in parallel on both projects at the same time or would they queue them up and would we get poorer service if the same company did both? Do they have the capacity to do both at the same time with a high quality product? Brian Scovill Both firms would tell you they have the capacity, both projects would need to be done in parallel so it's kind of down to would they be able to deliver on that or not? ss

Abbas Haideri: Sometimes things go wrong at a firm, if something did happen then two projects would be affected and that may be a concern. Nobody voted for Renaissance to get both projects. Lori Ames did vote Renaissance on both but was scoring each project. Abbas Haideri Trekk is at the bottom rung. If Trekk gets Lee because Renaissance gets Mission. Ken Conrad We scored and voted and if we go back through a general discussion and decide we don't want to give Mission Road project, they won it, how do you tell them that because there is a tie on another one we are going to take the Mission Road away and give it to someone else? No justification for Renaissance not getting the larger job. David Ley If there is concern about Renaissance getting both then the

solution would be to give Trekk Lee Blvd. They were tied so it's a tossup. What could make the difference, well that would be the difference if people aren't comfortable with giving Renaissance both, then the solution would be to give Trekk Lee Boulevard.

Marsha Monica suggested sending it to Council to break the tie, other members explained how this is not suitable for the way that Council is run. It would be on a consent agenda relying on what the Committee says they would not get the packets and not be the proper forum. Possibly change a vote was suggested or ask for votes from Andrew Osman and Todd Harris.

ACTION: Chris White motioned that we recommend Renaissance for Mission Road Project and Trekk for Lee Boulevard Project.

Jim Rawlings seconded the motion

Roll Call vote of members was taken

In favor were: Cain, Rawlings, Sipple, Conrad, White, Haideri, and Ames

Against were: Monica

Motion passed.

Julie Cain I think that was well discussed and procedurally I think that that was the appropriate thing to do, so thank you one and all. It's yet another example of the collective brain and we're smarter and better together than we are apart.

Question posed regard any kind of cost savings if one company would have done both projects? David Ley I don't believe so they are two totally different projects, if they joined at an intersection I could see there would have been a benefit and more efficient to have one consulting firm but these are on almost opposite ends of the city so I don't see any benefit.

Julie Cain— I don't recall this happening, again, it may have happened more than once. Because there was only two and two. The fact that Renaissance was the only one that submitted for both clearly caused a problem. Maybe something to consider in the future. David Ley: That was the recommendation from staff was to select the firm for Mission Road and then take the second ranked firm from Mission Road and they would get Lee Boulevard. That would have been one solution to it. The next time we have two projects we can either stagger them on different public works meetings or we will just have two different groups of consultants for each project if we do it on the same committee meeting.

ACTION: Jim Rawlings made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Abbas Haideri seconded the motion.

Vice-Chair Cain adjourned the meeting at 8:20 AM

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