

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

For Thursday, November 18, 2010

I. Call to Order.

Committee member Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Mr. Williams, Mr. Donek, Mr. Etheridge, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Busch, Mr. Wostmann via teleconference, and Mr. Preston.

The following members were absent: Mr. Jardell and Mr. Kueffner.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Gillette – Port Engineer, Ms. Danner – Assembly Liaison and Mr. Somerville - PND.

III. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none at this time.

IV. Items for Action.

1. Downtown Cruise Ship Dock Improvements – Geotechnical and Geophysical Investigation Contract Approval.

Mr. Gillette stated that this is a contract amendment for PND Engineers to continue work on the preliminary design work for the down town cruise ship dock. This is for the geotechnical and geophysical investigations that will give PND information for their final design of the pilings and dolphins and different parts of the project to go into final design with the proposal attached to the committee members' packets (See attached).

Mr. Wostmann just wanted to clarify for himself that in the cover letter that this is an amendment to the PND contract regarding the standard billing rates. Mr. Somerville stated that the proposed rates are the standard billing rates for 2010 for this work. Mr. Gillette pointed out that when this contract went out for an RFP it was to do a dock assessment. That RFP asks for a lump sum proposal for the scope of work that was identified in this specific scope of work. He stated that at this point we are using the hourly rates that had been amended by the board some months ago.

Mr. Wostmann asked if either Mr. Somerville or Mr. Gillette would address the statement on page A-2 regarding the necessary permits and property access approvals. Mr. Somerville stated that the work is off shore marine work that involves tugs and barges and drills and requires a nationwide permit for scientific studies, which is the Federal approval along with the State which has to grant approval because we are crossing submerged lands owned by the State to get to the site. This is conducted through DNR and the process is underway now.

Mr. Wostmann questions on page A-6 what exactly what resistivity is and asked Mr. Somerville to explain this. Mr. Somerville stated that this is a two part investigation one is the geotechnical,
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which is the physical drilling and the geophysical which is the sub-bottom profiling. One of the areas of the water front shows a very prominent feature which is either a massive land slide or potentially the sawdust out of the former sawmill. He stated that they are concerned about this because there are a number of mooring dolphins in the area and have asked Williamson if there was some technique that they could add to our tools to investigate this further, which would have been where the electrical resistivity would have been used. It was determined that it wouldn't be necessary for use for a survey area of this size and very expensive.

Mr. Wostmann questioned the cost spread sheet and stated when he looked at the hours estimated for field drilling he noticed that there was a slight discrepancy. Mr. Somerville stated that what is proposed is 30 days of drilling and that is what they had put in the budget. He went into further detail at this time.

Mr. Wostmann and Mr. Somerville discussed the additional spares and the issues of having any down time or would we have sufficient supplies and would these costs of something like this be the contractor's responsibility. Mr. Somerville explained the drilling process to the committee members at this time.

Further discussion took place regarding the rates of pay for the workers and Mr. Somerville stated since it is a private contractor then the Davis Bacon wages do not apply.

Mr. Wostmann questioned how realistic is the schedule for this project is at this time? Mr. Somerville stated that this is a practical schedule and they are on track at this time.

Mr. Wostmann stated that going over the cost estimates and the amount that was presented to the Assembly in September looks as if we have gone over our budget by about 25% already. Mr. Gillette explained the reasons for the discrepancies to the committee members at this time.

Ms. Danner questions the noise issue and the 24 hours of operations. She questioned if there would be significant noise generated? Mr. Somerville stated that yes there will be noise and stated it wouldn't be like a pile driver, but more sound from the muffler as it is a drill and the drilling is taking place under water.

Further discussion among the committee members and Mr. Somerville took place at this time.

Public Comments:

Mr. Watson just wanted to let the committee members know that the Planning Commission is currently working on a noise ordinance. The sensitivity of this issue is rising and it will probably rise a little bit more as it is worked on and then passed on to the Assembly.

Ms. Danner questioned Mr. Watson on what the decibels levels are appropriate for day versus night? He stated that night time is just above 70 decibels and the maximum decibel level is the main concern that the Planning Commission has.

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Further discussion among the committee members, Mr. Watson and Ms. Danner took place regarding the noise issues at this time.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$912,805.00 TO PND, INC. FOR A GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION OF JUNEAU HARBOR AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF CRUISE DOCK IMPROVEMENTS. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Wastmann expressed his concern at the over budget issue but is supporting the motion.

Ms. Danner expressed her concerns about the noise issues.

V. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.