

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Milta Feliciano, Co-Chair; James Holloway, Richard Salter, Alfredo Castillo, Susan Brannelly (6:02 p.m.)

OTHERS: John Cottell, Deputy Director of Public Facilities; Frederick Fastiggi, Shoreline Energy Advisors, LLC; Mark Anastasi, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Feliciano called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2015

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER MOVED THE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2015.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2015 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

147-14 Proposed First Amendment to the Energy Services Agreement with Bridgeport Microgrid, LLC for the City Hall Microgrid Project. (Ref. #83-14)

Mr. Cottell and Mr. Fred Fastiggi came forward to present the contract.

Council Member Brannelly joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Cottell said that the Council had approved the original contract on May 18th. Since then there has been a few changes to the terms of the contract and Mr. Cottell said that he wanted the Council to be aware of the changes.

Mr. Cottell explained that there was an absorption chiller that was included in the contracts but the maintenance fee for the chiller was not included in the contract. The developer will pay the fee for the first two years and the City will be responsible for the remaining 18 years.

Mr. Cottell said that the developer has yet to lock in the financial terms. Once that is done, the Council will be informed. There are fluctuations in the interest rates, which will affect the final costs.

Mr. Cottell said that the City will be paying \$33,000 for the regular capacity. Once the developer completes his maintenance obligations the City will be paying approximately \$35,000 a month. There will be an additional 3% increase each year. This is a modest fluctuation and may not change at all.

Atty. Anastasi joined meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Council Member Holloway asked about the cost of the natural gas. Mr. Cottell said that the cost of natural gas may fluctuate over time. Council Member Holloway said that half of the taxpayers don't understand what a micro-grid is. Atty. Anastasi reminded everyone that it was a generator for City Hall, the Senior Center and the Police Department. Council Member Holloway asked if there needed to be a public hearing. Atty. Anastasi said that he did not think the committee needed one, but it was up to the Committee. He pointed out that the Committee was obligated to do this in terms of the Ordinances. However, this is a contract.

Mr. Fastiggi said that the City Hall would be drawing power from the grid during normal operations because it is a base load generator. This would take the place of an emergency generator and reduce the amount of electricity that the three buildings need from Eversource.

Council Member Brannelly had some detailed questions about the language of the contract, which Mr. Cottell answered. She wished to know what the cost of the system would be in twenty years. Atty. Anastasi pointed out that the escalator on the first item would be fixed at 3% and the cost of the absorption chiller was fixed at 3.5%. However, Atty. Anastasi said that the reason for the discussion was to alert the Committee and that the terms of the contract had already been determined and approved.

Council Member Holloway announced that he would be abstaining from the vote because he works for the Department of Public Facilities, which will be involved in the project.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 147-14 PROPOSED FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEPORT MICROGRID, LLC FOR THE CITY HALL MICROGRID PROJECT. (REF. #83-14).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (SALTER, CASTILLO, AND BRANNELLY) AND ONE ABSTENTION (HOLLOWAY).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
Contracts Committee
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