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SPRINGFIELD WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

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Minutes of Meeting

February 8, 2023

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission held a hybrid meeting on February 8, 2023 in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022.

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and announced the Commissioners that are participating. Secretary for the Commission Jaimye Bartak called the attendance roll:

Daniel Rodriguez, Present
Vanessa Otero, Participating Remotely
Matthew Donnellan, Present

Also Present
Norman J. Guz, Commission Counsel
Theo Theocles, Director of Legal Affairs/Chief Procurement Officer
Jaimye Bartak, Communications Manager/Secretary for the Commission

Participating Remotely
Joshua Schimmel, Executive Director
Katie Shea, Educational Outreach Manager

Business Matters

1. Consideration of Birnie Avenue Water Transmission Main Repair (Bid No. 23-22) – Notice of Award: Report by Director of Legal Affairs.

Director of Legal Affairs/Chief Procurement Officer Theo Theocles reported that a 36” transmission line on Birnie Avenue recently experienced a crack, and an excavation was done to determine the problem. A temporary repair was made that involved the use of fiber and reinforced lining, with a more permanent repair planned. The state was consulted about an emergency waiver of advertising requirements for bidding. Two quotes were received by Kleinfelder, who recommended awarding the contract to R.H. White for \$572,300.

Executive Director Josh Schimmel added that an emergency repair is needed since the crack makes the North End, Downtown and Indian Orchard at risk of low pressure. Commissioner Otero asked if businesses are disrupted on Birnie Avenue. Mr. Schimmel responded they are not currently affected since a valve is shut, but a large water main break would have more impact. Commissioner Otero asked if communities would be notified of any service disruptions. Mr. Schimmel responded yes, as is standard protocol, but disruptions are not expected.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked why the cost was so high. Mr. Schimmel responded it was related to the type of pipe. Atty. Guz asked if the location was near the large break many years ago. Mr. Schimmel responded the location is adjacent to where infrastructure was replaced in the past 15 years.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE BY COMMISSIONER DONNELLAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER OTERO

**VOTED YES –
COMMISSION DONNELLAN
COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ
COMMISSIONER OTERO:**

to authorize the Executive Director to award and execute the contract with R. H. White as presented.

2. Consideration and/or action on any other matters that may come before the Commission at this meeting.

None considered.

Voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:12 PM.



Exhibits considered:

Kleinfelder Bid Evaluation for the Birnie Avenue Water Transmission Main Repair Project
Construction Contract Summary for SWSC Bid Number 23-22
SWSC Contract No. 20230042