

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024
8:30 AM

Present: Christopher G. Davis, Chairman
Richard W. King, Vice Chairman (VIA WEBEX)
Ronna Rowe Garrett, Secretary
Donald L. Porter, Treasurer

Others Present: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager
Derrick Thompson, City Council Liaison
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager
Media (WEBEX)

Absent: Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Christopher Davis called the meeting of October 23, 2024, to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Davis led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett and unanimously approved.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett motioned to approve the Consent Items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, and unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of October 9, 2024
- B. Approve cancellation of November 27th and December 25th Commission Meetings
- C. Approve bid recommendation to award bid for the purchase of the First and Second Stage Bucket Sets to Turbine Services, Ltd., Saratoga, NY, the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$313,000.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The First and Second Stage Bucket Sets are budgeted in 001.0915.0802.00000000-00.153000.00000.

Bids were received October 8, 2024, as follows:

CONFORMING BIDDER

TOTAL PRICE

Turbine Services, Ltd. Saratoga, NY

\$313,000.00

NON-CONFORMING BIDDER

Turbine Technology Services, Orlando, FL

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on September 23, 2024, with a bid opening date of October 8, 2024. Bids were solicited from three (3) vendors and two (2) were received. The PWC Procurement Department requests the rejection of the bid submitted by Turbine Technology Services as it was non-conforming to PWC's bid submission requirements. **MWDBE/SLS Participation:** Turbine Services, Ltd., Saratoga, NY is not a small local or MWDBE business and intends to self-perform the contract and its entirety.

- D. Approve bid recommendation to award bid for the construction of the Rockfish B4.9 Solar Utility Station to River city Construction, Washington, NC, the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC, in the total amount of \$6,485,706.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The Procurement and Construction of the Rockfish B4.9 Solar Utility Station is budgeted in 103.0000.0435.2401187-02.341000.CPR1000546.

Bids were received October 10, 2024, as follows:

CONFORMING BIDDERS

TOTAL PRICE

River City Construction Inc., Washington, NC

\$6,485,706.00

Oral's Construction Company Inc., Maxton, NC

\$7,882,197.77

Axis Energy Inc., Holly Springs, NC

\$9,926,928.54

NON-CONFORMING BIDDER

Diversified Services & Construction LLC, Fayetteville, NC

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on September 12, 2024, with a bid opening date of October 10, 2024. Bids were solicited from two (2) vendors and four (4) bids were received. The PWC Procurement Department requests the rejection of non-conforming bids to the specified bid requirements. **MWDBE / SLS Participation:** River City Construction, Inc., Washington, NC is a MWDBE business. River City Construction, Inc. anticipates an estimated spend of \$2,100,000.00 with small and local businesses.

END OF CONSENT

III. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

AMWA Award

Mr. Bryant and Commissioner Davis attended the Association of Metro0politan Water Agencies (AMWA) Executive Conference this past weekend. PWC received the Gold Award for Exceptional Utility Performance, as well as recognition for being an AMWA Sustaining Member. Mr. Bryant

stated this organization represents all 50 states, and PWC was one of six utility companies to receive this award. He then presented them to Mr. Noland, Chief Operating Officer – Water Resources. .

Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Noland and the entire team. He stated it is the staff in water, our support staff and everyone leaning to make this happen. Mr. Noland stated he just wanted to echo that it is not just the water house, it is everyone. It takes everyone to come together to be successful. We have a great team, including out technical consultants. He thanked everyone who represented PWC at the conference.

People

Mr. Bryant stated we have two water resources teams currently in transition in Western North Carolina. One crew just arrived, and another will be returning to Fayetteville no later than tomorrow afternoon. Also, our electric resources crew who served mutual aid in support of Hurricane Helene returned last week. He thanked our team members and what they do, not only everyday here in the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County area, but also supporting our broad network of utilities.

Community and Customer Engagement

Our PWC Supply Chain and MWDBE Program Team supported the Minority Enterprise Development Day at the FTCC Tony Rand Center. It was well attended, and they represented PWC well.

This Friday, October 25th is PWC's Meal Packing event. If the Commissioners have not registered yet, please sign up.

Commissioner Davis stated so many great things going on with our teams. Continued support of our friends in the western part of the state remains in the forefront of what we are doing.

IV. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council Liaison Derrick Thompson

Council Member Thompson stated he has been the liaison here at PWC for a year (next month). And there has not been a month that someone has not been recognized for doing something great PWC. It amazes him that the more he knows the more he enjoys sitting in this chair.

Cumberland County Liaison Sally Shutt

No Comments

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter stated he is so proud of this organization. He stated the CEO does a fantastic job in communicating what is happening here at PWC. However, he thinks we need to develop a campaign to make sure the record is reflected correctly.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated she agrees with the education part. As a Commissioner and being in the Chair seat several years, though fiduciary is her primary responsibility, education aligns to it as well. It is amazing what she did not know, She stated her perceptions were wrong coming in. We take it upon ourselves to educate when we can, and showcase not just all the awards, but the commitments, the analysis, the smart people that work here and the partnerships we have with all the right people, the county, the city and as well as the partnerships.

Commissioner Garrett also commented on the social media post regarding the WR crews that were highlighted. One team has returned, and another has left for Western, NC. She stated the spirit and feel in this place is a sense of community.

Commissioner Richard King

Commissioner King stated every other week we come in we have another award. It is pretty amazing that we get an award for just doing our jobs. In other words, the roadmap that has been laid out for us is so well executed that all you have to do your job, and you will be great at it. He applauds everyone.

Commissioner Christopher Davis

Commissioner Davis stated he agrees with Commissioner (Colonel) Porter that we need to figure out how well we are doing in telling the story so that people can feel the pride we have in what we do here for not only those who live here, but for those across the state. It is amazing to see PWC nationally respected, to be in the room with the other leaders and to be asked about issues and problems. Other utilities are still modeling what we are already doing here at PWC. They have not reached the point where they can commit funding to things our CEO and the team are putting into action now. To see them value what is being done here and to see them pull on our CEO and Chief Officers makes you understand how important the work we do.

V. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Purchase Orders - _September 2024
- B. Utility Payments by Payment Type – September 2024
- C. NC Retirement Report
- D. Career Opportunities
- E. Actions by City Council during the meeting of October 14, 2024, related to PWC:
 - Approved – Bid Recommendation - Construction for Readvertisement Butler Warner Generation Plant Gas Line Replacement Project
 - Approved – Sole Source Recommendation - One Cla-Val Pump Control Valve, Two Solenoid Valves
 - Approved – Sole Source Recommendation - (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni device kits and ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 extensions manufactured and distributed by Xylem Sensus

VI. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(3) FOR LEGAL MATTERS

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to enter closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(A)(3) for legal matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, and unanimously approved at 8:44 a.m.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, the Commission returned to open session at 9:23 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.