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City of Belfast
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Belfast City Hall – Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
6:30 P.M.

1) Call to order

2) Present: Mayor Walter Ash, Jr.; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Eric Sanders, Michael Hurley, John Arrison and City Manager Joseph Slocum.

3) Adoption of the agenda

City Manager Joseph Slocum requested to add item **3) #1** Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) C.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to accept the Agenda as amended. This motion was approved, 5-0.

3) #1 Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) C.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6) C at 6:32 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A Section 405 (6) C at 7:11 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

4) Request to award the bid for the Front Street Reconstruction Project.
City Planner Wayne Marshall reviewed the following Front Street Reconstruction bid award recommendations:

Recommendation #1: Request that the Council award the construction bid for the Front Street Reconstruction Project to Maine Earth in the amount of $3,675,523.00 with the Belfast Water District paying $479,070.00 of the construction contract.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to award the bid to Maine Earth in the amount of $3,675,523.00 for the Front Street Reconstruction Project. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Recommendation #2: Request that the Council authorize Change Order #1, which affects Bid Item #1, Test Pits. This requested change lowers the unit cost of each test pit from the $800 identified in the Maine Earth bid to $530.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to authorize Change Order #1 regarding Test Pits. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Recommendation #3: Request Council direction regarding the amount of flexibility that City Engineer and staff have to authorize change orders and to expend contingency funds without returning to the Council for further authority.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Sanders, made a motion to authorize the City Engineer and staff to approve change orders subject to guidelines identified in the February 23 recommendation from Wayne Marshall, and that all change orders will be signed by both the City Engineer (Mandy Olver) and staff (Wayne Marshall). This motion was approved, 5-0.

5) Discussion on the approach to lighting for the Front Street Reconstruction Project.

City Planner Wayne Marshall and City Engineer Mandy Olver, Olver Associates spoke with the Council regarding lighting for the area between Main Street and the Front Street Pub.

Council recommended using lamp posts and fixtures similar to those now on Main Street, with the provision that the light source should be LED.

6) Update on the Front Street Reconstruction Project.

Councilor Harkness asked about how project improvements will be coordinated with work that Our Town Belfast may be doing at Park on Main.

City Planner Wayne Marshall stated that he would follow-up with Bre Bebb.

7) Adjourn

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to adjourn at 8:20p.m. This motion was approved, 4-0 (Councilor Sanders left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.).

8) **City Council Work Session:** Council review of lighting on Cross, Miller and Spring Streets. (*This review occurred in the field and in conjunction with the members of the Downtown Revitalization Project following adjournment of the regularly scheduled Special City Council Meeting.)

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