

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Chairman Michael Wright**  
**Vice-Chairman Thomas Malik**

Members: Lennix Madere, Kurt Becnel, Warren Torres, Tammy Houston, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Robert Arcuri, Tonia Schnyder, Michael Wright, Thomas Malik

**PRESENT:** Kurt Becnel, Warren Torres, Tonia Schnyder, Thomas Malik, Tammy Houston, Robert Arcuri, Lennix Madere, Tyra Duhe-Griffin

**ABSENT:** Michael Wright

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 minutes per citizen)**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Peter Montz - Authorization to award the bid for Concrete Mix to Landrieu Concrete and Cement Industries, LLC**

Peter Montz stated, "*Landrieu Concrete and Cement Industries, LLC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for various departments to complete regular maintenance operations work orders. Purchases will be on an as-needed basis and will be funded through each Department's budget. Administration recommends approval.*"

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for Concrete Mix to Landrieu Concrete and Cement Industries, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Stacey Cadore - Authorization to renew the Excess Flood Insurance for the St. John Parish Government Complex with London Markets**

Stacey Cadore stated, "*This renewal through Riverlands Insurance Services, Inc. has an estimated annual premium of \$10,694.70 for \$1M excess building coverage and \$500,000 excess in contents coverage which reflect an increase of \$5,594.70 over the expiring premium. It is funded through the General Fund and Administration recommends approval.*"

It was noted that this is an award not a renewal, so the motion was changed to reflect that award.

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the Excess Flood Insurance for the St. John Parish Government Complex with London Markets. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard - Ratification of owner approval of Change Order #1 for the Westbank Safety Complex**

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "*Contained in the legal report, is the information from the District Attorney's office and in summary it says that they recommend the*

ratification of owner approval of change order #1 for the West Bank Safety Complex, as per the legal report. That is our recommendation."

Councilwoman Houston asked, "Mrs. Hotard, why are you recommending ratification of this change order? If I can recall, this change order was one that came before this council a few months ago with a dispute between the architect and the contractor in terms of who would be liable for them authorizing the change order without council approval, am I correct?"

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "Something like that."

Councilwoman Houston asked, "So we are actually going to go ahead and approve what they have requested, what Aegis requested a few months ago, is that what you are asking for tonight?"

Jaclyn Hotard stated, "Yes and for clarity, the legal report states that the District Attorney's office is recommending ratification of owner approval in accordance with all documentation submitted by Aegis Construction. So, this recommendation comes directly from the District Attorney's office and I concur with their recommendation."

Councilwoman Houston stated, "I do too. I don't think that the construction company was to blame. If we are going to assign blame, I think that the architect company actually moved forward without approval, which was required, but still and all the work was done and the people need to be compensated for who did the work. I do agree with that but I just want to go on record tonight in saying that I have zero faith in the architect company, in Seizler and I just want that on record."

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Torres seconded the motion to grant administration authorization for the ratification of owner approval of Change Order #1 for the Westbank Safety Complex. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard - Authorization of payment of Change Order #1 for the Westbank Safety Complex**

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to grant administration authorization of payment of Change Order #1 for the Westbank Safety Complex. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Travis Perrilloux - Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with St. James Parish, Town of Gramercy, Town of Lutcher, River Parishes Tourist Commission, and the Festival of the Bonfires, Inc. to support and promote the Bonfire Festivities**

Travis Perrilloux stated, "This CEA is required for participation in the annual Bonfire Festivities. Permitting will be managed by the Department of Public Safety. The CEA document was provided to all participating Parishes by the Bonfire Festival and deemed legally sufficient by Legal Counsel. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor

Agreement (CEA) with St. James Parish, Town of Gramercy, Town of Lutcher, River Parishes Tourist Commission, and the Festival of the Bonfires, Inc. to support and promote the Bonfire Festivities. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Griffin seconded the motion to adjourn the finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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