LEVEE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF FOSTER CITY

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TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

LEVEE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS BOB FITZGERALD, AL DEGROOT, KRISTA DIXON, QING LIU and BOB TESSLER WILL PARTICIPATE BY TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM’S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20

PURSUANT TO RALPH M. BROWN ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, ALL VOTES SHALL BE BY ROLL CALL DUE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS RITCHA AWASTHI AND JON FROOMIN PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE

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LEVEE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
3:00 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Committee Members

Bob Fitzgerald Committee Chair
Al DeGroot Committee Member
Krista Dixon Committee Member
Qing Liu Committee Member
Bob Tessler Committee Member

Staff Members

Edmund Suen Finance Director
Norm Dorais Public Works Director / City Engineer
Julie Paping Recording Secretary
Laura Galli Engineering Manager
Kai Ruess Senior Deputy City Attorney

III. Introductions

IV. Public
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any City matter not on the agenda. The period for public comment at this point in the agenda is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker. *Speakers may join the Zoom meeting via the meeting link and using the “raise hand” feature and the Zoom host will call on people. For those on the phone, please use *9.*

V. Approval of XX, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Action) – N/A

VI. Reports
a. None

VII. Old Business
a. None

VIII. New Business
a. Discussion of Committee Function
IX. Communications/Committee Member Comments
   a. E-mail and Memo dated 9/24/20
      i. Response E-mail dated 10/1/20
   b. E-mail and Memo dated 10/4/20
      i. Response E-mail dated 10/12/20
   c. E-mail dated 10/12/20
   d. E-mail and Memo dated 10/14/20

X. Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment

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Item IX.a. - Communications
Hello Bob,

Thanks for your memo. I will have staff work on compiling this information for the Oversight Committee Members. Electronic links to the requested items may be the most efficient method.

Hope you are well,

DANTE G. HALL, ICMA-CM
INTERIM CITY/DISTRICT MANAGER
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-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:37 AM
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Subject: Levee Bond Oversight Committee
9/24/20

Memo to: Dante Hall
From: Bob Fitzgerald
RE: Levee Bond Oversight Committee
CC: Committee Members

Dante,

To assist in our preparation to serve on the Oversight Committee, I would like to suggest that the following information be provided to each Committee member for background and review purposes:

1. Copies of all current contracts in force for all consultants, contractors and sub-contractors.
2. Copies of all approved change orders to contracts to date.
3. Copies of all pending contract change requests to date.
4. Details of all payments made to date on each contract.
5. Recap of all expenditures to date which are charged to Levee Bond proceeds.

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Thank you for sending the information on the Lovee project which I requested in my 9/24 memo to Dante Hall. In reviewing the Summary of Costs to Date, I have developed a couple of questions regarding payments to Contractors as follows:

1. Since the sale of berms has been done, have the following Contractors completed their work or do we expect additional billings from them?
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I have also noticed that a couple of these contracts are Time and Material with a Cost Not to Exceed. Have the progress billings on these accounts been reviewed to assure that the amounts charged are accurate and appropriate? Please send copies of all the progress billings on the T&M contracts.

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Item IX.c. - Communications
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Was the account reimbursed from bond funds?
Does annual external audit include levee funds?
Have recent estimates been made regarding the amount and timing of property taxes to meet debt service requirements?
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Norm,

Please see attached memo.
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Memo to: Norm Dorais

From: Bob Fitzgerald

RE: Levee Bond Oversight Committee

CC: Dante Hall, Committee Members

Norm,

Thank you for your reply to my memo dated 10/5/20. I understand your answers to Questions 1 and 2 of this memo, but would like further clarification of your response to my Question 3, regarding the contract with Schaaf & Wheeler. As I understand it, this contract is basically a time and material contract with a not-to-exceed cost and that the contract was issued in two Phases with a separate not-to-exceed amount set for each phase of the contract. It is for this reason that I suggested that the separate phases of the contract be dealt with individually when determining the cost of each phase.

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In the Phase II contract, the authorized amount is $2,324,286 and, according to the Updated Contractual Services Table the amount paid to date is also $2,324,286. This would indicate that the total of all monthly billings (based on actual time and material costs) has exactly matched the authorized contract amount. It appears to me that this is an almost impossible coincidence that these amounts match. It would also appear that this contract is complete, since all the authorized monies have been expended. Is this correct, is this contract 100% complete and will there be no additional billings for this contract?

Your comment in your 10/12/20 memo that "since we are expending all the amount for each Phase" would seem to indicate that you expect the total of all monthly billings for Phase I and Phase II would exactly match the total cost authorized in each contract. How is that possible when the monthly billings are based on time and material expended?

Given the above questions, I am again requesting that the Committee be given the following:

1. Copies of all approved change orders to each contract to date.
2. Copies of all pending contract change requests to date.
3. Details of all monthly billings made to date for each contract shown on the Update Contractual Services Table.
4. Details of any billings on each contract for which payment has not yet been made.

I believe it is important that the Committee have the opportunity to review all this information before we have our first meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my request.

Thank you