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>> We can get started if everybody else is here? What are we looking at?

>> It appears that all the members of council are here. We have the captioner.

>> Okay. Let me check here

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>> Meeting is live.

>> I would like to welcome everybody to the finance committee Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 1:05 p.m. We are doing our Zoom meeting. First thing on the agenda is John sanders resolution awarding the professional engineering design proposal for willow street project to dewberry engineers incorporated Jon sander, you are up.

>> Roll call, please.

>> Hold on, Jon. We have Bonnie Katz present, Adam Yoder, John Mackie, Liz Miele will be on shortly. Joe paw lack from finance, the treasurer, the IT, Janice Frank, the city clerk and peg by telephone and Jon sanders the city engineer. We're waiting for Gary Nalr also. So Jon sanders, you are up at this point.

>> Sure. The willow street project is a -- I'll call it the quarter -- million dollar alley.

It's a quarter mile alley runs from the -- the project is from Market Street over to Basin improving the alley essentially creating a mixed use roadway for pedestrians and vehicles. The project has been on the books for a couple years. We were kind of knowledged by Lycoming college to get moving on. We put out request for proposals and we got seven proposals for the project. We've had them since fall of last year and gone through them. To me the best proposal. There were four that stood out to me. Dueberry engineering lawson, stall Shaffer and wood. I recommend dewberry engineering. Larson and woods were also very good, however. I like to spread the work around to different companies. Larson got the scoreboard project from us and wood gets a lot of the city and county levee design work. I would recommend Dewberry for this particular project. Design wise it's fully CDBC funded in the current budget and construction it's \$11,000 in city tax dollars and the foundation has \$60,000 or 70,000. I can tell the specifics but construction won't be likely until 2022. It's part of connect Williamsport initiative which is to bring businesses and growth to downtown Williams port. That's all I got.

>> If we talked about this the end of last year in finance, he brought up specifically Penn DOT and I think FTA experience.

>> Yes.

>> and Dewberry stuck out to you in those areas as well, correct?

>> That's correct. They are a very large company. So are a couple 6 other ones as well but they are one of Penn DOT district 3's preferred consultant engineering firms. They work with them quite a bit.

>> Okay.

>> If I remember we talked pricing. They were middle of the road, but I think the -- part of your strategy. I don't want to put words in your mouth but they are a little bit more expensive upfrond but they'll save us headache and work in the long run.

>> Have it dollar figures which is public information. Dewberry \$169,000, Larson was \$120,000 and stall Schafer was \$190,000 and Wood was \$167,000. They were right there. Larson was slightly cheaper than the other three but in this particular case -- you don't want to show favoritism towards one company. You have to spread the work around as parts of philosophy understood.

>> As long as they qualify.

>> I remember that. A would agree with that. Whenever you are looking at these types of projects, I think that experience is important.

So I would agree. I just -- I remember that being a part of the conversation. I just wanted to revisit it quick. That's all I've got, thank you very much, Bonnie and thanks, Jon.

>> No problem.

>> Jon you said this isn't going to start until when?

>> If we award it Thursday, we can give them inside to proceed since we have the budget. We can give the notice to proceed instantly or within a couple of days. The design will start but then the design is going to take -- well, if there weren't other entities involved, it would take them, I don't know six months. But because there's Penn DoT reviews, several for this project and Penn DOT is working from home so it makes it a little tricky. I think you are talking this whole year 2021 for design and Penn Dot reviews.

A lot of times in the private sector would would send packages to Penn DOT and it takes several months until it's review smed that happens.

>> There's a good possibility this won't start until next year.

>> It's likely that construction will not happen until 2022. In regards to construction, once this project is designed, signed, sealed and delivered which is called the package. It gets handed over to Penn DOT and Penn DOT bids on the electronic content management system and they are going to provide consultant inspectors on site, too, during construction.

>> Well, as you discussed before, they worked with Penn DOT very closely on so many different projects and that's what makes this company also more favorable at times because of that. But I will say here we go, another block that is \$1 million. I mean that section of the city is the golden brick road. That's all I can say. But it's going to look fantastic when it's all done -- said and done.

>> There's a lot of projects down there that are either just start order finished or starting them. It's going to brick business and growth to downtown Williams port. That's the idea. That's it, exactly. It really is.

Any questions. Peg, do you have any questions?

>> No questions.

>> Liz, you are here?

>> I've been here. Thank you, Bonnie for taking the meeting on for me. I appreciate it. So Jon, just a couple of questions -- so this will officially cover its basin street -- it's Willow only from Basin to Market, correct?

>> That's correct.

>> That's a pretty good run, four or five blocks, yeah?

>> Yes.

>> And it foresees landscaping, laying, permeable street surface so, the whole idea is a green alleyway, correct?

>> Yes, that's correct.

>> the one -- I know this isn't part of initial scope of work but as long as we're working on this project, one of the things that you might ask Dewberry given their relationship to Penn DOT to contemplate is what would it take to jump market street with willow to create --

>> Go further west?

>> I don't think we want to do work further west on willow. We don't have the money for that. But part of the goal of willow street alleyway reconstruction within this project was to provide a conduit for students from lie coming college to head toward downtown.

>> Yes.

>> We get them to market and it's then it's a four lane street with no easy way to cross there. So I think part of the consideration is how do we get them across market street? How do we provide get them cross.

>> You want safe cross s.

>> Yes, but that's a Penn DOT road and we've had difficulty getting any sort of access to get Penn DOT to agree. Dew bts Berry might have insight in a way to accomplish that. Something to put in your head moving forward. That was the one element of that this we didn't contemplate when we were kind of looking at the vision for east third street was how toll connect east third street most effectively to the existing -- to the most vital part of our downtown area. And this nearly accomplishes it but it gets people to market and not over. We can look at that. But, yeah, I think this is an exciting project. Drop data is not unexpected. I can understand where the college is eager to get this in motion. What sort of meetings does the Dueberry set up with city stakeholders? Any element of the design phase that incorporates input from people in the neighborhood?

>> Yes, yes. Bear with me for one moment. This is this is pretty easy -- this is award winning projects. But in regards to stakeholders in that area -- there will be dewberry will be coordinating with not only local businesses but Lycoming College being it's in a close proximity.

>> I'm assuming there's no public meeting element of that agreement. Apologize. I reviewed these and it was a couple months ago and I don't remember. They are not doing any public meetings, right?

>> Public involvement. Two individuals -- yeah -- looking to have -- yes, a small public meeting that shows the project.

>> Okay, good.

>> All right.

>> Awesome. That will be good. I think that will kind of help make certain that we meet the needs. We've just had -- there are a number of stakeholders down in that area even though there's a lot of vacant land. And I've been approached by them on multiple occasions, people asking what is going on and what we're doing. I think if we can provide some sort of an opportunity for them to sort of even more than offer input, just find out about the project and parts of the project moving forward. If we do have a public meeting, Jon, if Dewberry organizes it, it would be a great service to the city and citizens down there if we had some presentation from the administration to answer any questions about the totality of the project not just the Willow Street element.

>> That is the perfect one because they did the design for the third street project.

>> That's what I was going to say. They've never had a contract with the city before, correct?

>> That one -- they were hired by Penn DOT to design the portion of third street and dewberry hired Larson to do the street escape portion.

That's that relationship.

>> Got it. They did third street and Larson is heavily involved in the project. What other firms have we had involved in this project so far?

>> Involved in willow street or --

>> No, the total East 3rd street project? I have to remember --

>> It was just Dewberry and Larson were the design team.

>> basin Street --

>> That was Larson.

>> It's been primary Larson and Dewberry so far. I think that's a good number of entities to have involved really. Okay. All right. Well, that's -- I think -- thanks for doing your due diligence and vetting proposals, Jon, and it's exciting frankly that we got proposals and so many were quality. It's nice have a good crop of bids to choose from so you really get the sense of what the project starts to take shape, I think, then before you accept the assignment. But, please, if you don't mind keep us updated on things as they progress and on the design elements as they progress. We've done a small amount of green development in the city prior to this and some of it has not been that well done. So I think it would be really be nice to make this a showpiece for the neighborhood especially 30 minutes it's affiliated with the college. But I would like to see this work out as kind of a green alleyway thing we can be proud of and point to as successful green design

in the city. That's everything I got. Bonnie, do you want me toll take over from here?

>> Yes, I do have one question. You know, I traveled that alley many, many time as a shortcut and I always thought how sad this looked. It's going to be exciting to seat changes that will occur with this. There's going to be lighting, also. That's the other thing I found. It's always been so dark going down there. I'm hoping that that is incorporated into the design.

>> They'll investigate that. That a determination with the city and the council involved well. This being smack between third and fourth and the close proximity in the college in my opinion it's in everyone's best interest to have safety lighting, however, we can look when the time comes. I personally think it's a a good essentially alley to have safety lighting on.

>> If we're encouraging afterwards pedestrian access, probably it would be wise. When I mean after hours, don't mean after dark, I mean 2:00 a.m. If students are using that to come downtown for dinner or drinks, some of the older ones, and we want a safe transit area. That said, I don't think we need an overwhelming amount of lighting and I don't know to what extent. We haven't looked at a budget for the larger project because we haven't got a design. Some of those decisions need be made once we look at the design elements. It seems like you are hearing that lighting should be one of the priorities. That was not an add on or add alternate for the contract? Lighting was envisioned in the initial scope of design?

>> Yes.

>> Good. Bonnie, anything else you had to say?

>> That's all I wanted to --

>> Adam, any further thoughts?

>> Nope, I'm good.

>> Okay. Then I W0 take a motion, guys?

>> I'll make a motion --. Go ahead, Bonnie.

>> I a make a motion that we pass this on to the full buddy of council with a positive recommendation.

>> Second.

>> All in favor?

>> aye.

>> Aye.

>> Aye. Okay. Sounds good.

>> Guys, any other things in regards to myself because I have to hop on another call.

>> No, go, Jon.

>> Thanks, see you.

>> Two further items on the agenda today and one is only related items. Mr. Narr are you with us out there? Doing this from the phone is hard sometimes. Item number one is a --

>> Yes. Mr. Narr is not on the call. I spoke to him and he didn't realize this was going to finance and he's getting ready to walk out the door to do an inspection.

>> So he will not be joining us today.

>> Correct.

>> All right. Thank you Mr. Cooley for looking into that. I really appreciate that. I thought we had talk about him earlier on the call and I interpreted that as him being here. Well, I tell you what?

>> That was my assumption because he was on the agenda. That's what I said in the beginning that he would get getting on.

>> I heard his name because I wasn't fully focused on the meeting it didn't occur to me that you weren't saying he was here. But -- what was I going to say? Even without him being here, I think we can have a brief discussion. Adam, as you know, I believe that all of the ordinance that Mr. Narr is introducing were reviewed by the economic revitalization committee at one time but not all of them recently. Adam, do you have any thoughts on the items he brought before us?

>> I'm starting to remember when this one was brought forward. If it was, it was a while. I'm not remembering it. But with this one specifically, this one -- I mean, in generality strikes me as a good idea. If I'm understanding this correctly, it's really protecting a lot of our -- what I would call old mixed -- I shouldn't say old, historical or existing mixed use properties downtown to make sure we have commercial space for them. I generally think that's a good idea. So -- I'm not going to sit here and be a zoning expert. I'm not at all. From what I see it's good and the I plan to support it.

>> Got it.

>> Yeah, I think -- my observation on this document is we had requested a handful of modifications to section 1379 in the book of ordinances a couple months ago. Mr. Banks of driving that. Gary incorporated that into zoning amendments we reviewed prior to the shutdown January or February at trade and transit, too.

>> That makes sense before why I don't remember.

>> Some of this is stuff we just saw and tucked in with other stuff we have not just seen, I

believe. I was going to follow up on that with Mr. Narr today. But we'll -- I guess we'll deal with it on Thursday. But I see here the requirement that CS districts within a certain amount of feet of CBD or CC shall follow certain elements like design standards from 1379 shall apply and certain element of CS districts if they are in close proximity of CSD. Many of the ones we had not talked about a month or so ago were proposed by a consultant who did work on the east third street visioning process and so these are -- these come to us as recommendations from people who deal with items like this all the time and have seen them succeed in other communities. That said, I would not want the finance committee to take a motion on anything that the administration had not had a chance to present to us. We'll look at this in -- on Thursday during full body of council and discuss it there. I would encourage finance if we have questions to reach out to Mr. Narr directly.

>> Bonnie, did you have questions?

>> I thought this was good. Found the information with things we discussed, the changes we liked to have seen and I think Gary touched most of those bases.

>> Yeah, okay. Good. All right. Then we'll move on from here. Make my way back to our agenda here. Item number three, any related items? Any members of the finance committee with questions, concerns, comments to introduce here?

>> I don't.

>> Veas vis-a-vis the financial situation? Adam?

>> No.

>> Mr. Pawlak, anything you wanted to discuss here?

>> Nothing.

>> Anyone else who is present at the the meeting have anything they would like to bring up? Okay. Then this might be a record, Janice Frank don't get your hopes up this won't happen again.

>> I'm laughing with you.

[ Laughter ]

>> All right. If there's no other material that we need cover, then I would take a motion to adjourn.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> All in favor?

>> Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Okay. Thanks very much, guys.

Mr. Cooley, I think we kept it under the one hour captioner mark.

>> I sent you a text about ERC.