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Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2019

9:00 a.m. (Common Council Chambers, City Hall)

Board Members Present: Mayor Ben Walsh, Superintendent Jaime Alicea, Charles Merrihew, Patricia Body, Calvin Corriders and Larry Williams

Board Member Absent: Helen Hudson

Calvin Corriders made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

JSCB Secretary Joe Barry gave the following updates:

-Notified Board members of the new correspondence from the Superintendent regarding the opening of Schools for the new School year.

Chris Gray presented the Program Manager Report

Chris Grey provided an update on the following schools: Frazer, Fowler, Corcoran, Henninger, Blodgett, Grant, Huntington and Bellevue.

Calvin Corriders asked how far along the roof is at Grant. Nate responded that they have the vapor barrier done in the library and they are in the process of tearing off the skylights and the roof material at the lower level. They still need to lift the membrane and skylights in the auditorium.

Calvin Corriders asked what the anticipated date of completion is for the Grant roof. Nate responded that all of the demolition will be done before September 4, 2019.

Calvin Corriders asked for an update on the Fowler roof given the fact that the season for roofing and paving is short. Nate responded that the membrane is replaced there so we're not battling outdoor elements. The largest issue at Grant is removing the skylights. Chris Grey emphasized that these skylights are unique structural elements and difficult to remove.

Patricia Body asked how disruptive it will be to work on the Grant roof during school hours. Nate responded that they would not work on anything disruptive during school hours and will coordinate work schedules with the school principal, working second shifts if necessary.

Patricia Body asked if they are pretty confident that the Grant roof would be completed before winter. Nate responded yes.



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Jaime Alicea expressed concerns about all of the schools except Ed Smith and asked what the plan is due to dates not being met and lack of manpower. Nate responded that the work is progressing toward the dates set in the plan. Jaime noted that he observes during the second shift and notices there are not many workers. Nate responded that a challenge they're dealing with is no manpower to work a second shift.

Calvin Corriders asked Mayor Ben Walsh if it is possible to have an ad hoc committee looking at some of these issues to meet every couple days to update us on the process. Pat noted that she is getting calls from concerned residents. Chris Grey responded that he has a call every morning with construction managers, Tom, and Dean to communicate updates. Jaime noted that meetings are taking place but we are not seeing the delivery.

Mayor Ben Walsh asked for a description of the mechanisms they are using to hold people accountable. Chris Grey responded that is a challenge, other than providing a three day notice.

Mayor Ben Walsh asked if Chris Grey and Nate were surprised by the current status of the schools and asked for an explanation for how the school status got to this point. Chris Grey explained there were some structural issues with the buildings that they did not anticipate.

Mayor Ben Walsh asked for a post mortem once we get done to see how we can avoid some of these problems going forward. Mayor Ben Walsh also asked how we are ensuring quality control. Nate responded that they have increased their staffing and increased the frequency inspectors are on sight. Nate discussed specific structural issues at Blodgett, Huntington, and Grant that pose scheduling challenges but are not detrimental to the quality of the work on the buildings.

Mayor Ben Walsh asked if we can expect students in these schools on the first day of class. Chris Grey responded yes.

Larry Williams asked if someone from the school district is aligned with the contractors to communicate to Jaime if proactive decisions need to be made. Chris Grey responded that yes, Tom Ferrara is involved and informed. Tom explained that they were aggressive with the schedule on asking the contractors to get a lot of work done in a short period of time and in the future there will be tighter specifications on protection of surfaces and cleaning.

Calvin Corriders expressed concern about Tom's comment regarding the scope of the project. Kelly Haggerty responded that we have never worked on this many at the same time and there is only so much manpower in Syracuse.

Jaime Alicea asked if it is accurate to say that we could bring people in to do the work. Nate responded that Greg is pushing on his membership and that one of the mechanical contractors is traveling people from Albany and Buffalo. Chris Grey stated that there are certain trades that are lacking.

Mayor Ben Walsh asked if in the post mortem they could include the specific trades that are lacking in manpower.

Patricia Body wanted to clarify the number of hours for the workers in the coming weeks to make up for the hours missed last week. Nate explained that the projects where they are working 12 hour shifts to make up for last week is at Bellevue and not part of C&S. Nate further explained that C&S has 10 hour commitments for workers on their projects and commitments for Saturday and Sunday. Chris Grey clarified that the 12 hour commitment is for mechanical systems.

Patricia Body asked if there have been arrangements made with the construction workers for when the teachers start in the building. Chris Grey responded that the plans they have take account for occupancy.

Mayor Ben Walsh asked to have a written update on the schools either the day before classes or on the first day of classes. Chris Grey responded yes and thanks the board for their patience.

Jaime Alicea asked if the glass for Ed Smith is on its way. Staff responded yes.

Joe Barry circled back to answer Calvin's previous question to say that they have used board members committees of 3 to address special situations in the past.

Resolutions:

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 40-2019 to authorize Landon & Rian Phase II payment (Invoice #47) in the amount of \$35,020.00. Charles seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Larry Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 41-2019 to authorize a payment to the Turner Construction Company (Payment #42) in the amount of \$122,576.10. Charles seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Jaime Alicea made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 42-2019 to authorize the City's Director of Management & Budget to purchase, extend and add projects to the existing JSCB Builders Risk insurance policy from the Travelers Insurance Company at a cost not to exceed \$6,522.00 through the insurance agency of Haylor, Freyer, and Coon. Pat seconded motion at it passed 6-0.

Charles Merrihew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 43-2019 to authorize payments to various contractors pursuant to Tranche I financing as set forth in Appendix A. Calvin Corriders seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Patricia Body made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 44-2019 to authorize payments to various contractors pursuant to Tranche II financing as set forth in Appendix A. Larry seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 45-2019 to authorize the Chair to execute the WD Malone site work contract for the Fowler Fields Project in the amount of \$18,252,800 and contingency budget of \$1,247,200 resulting in a total not to exceed contract authorization of \$19,500,000. Calvin Corriders seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Calvin Corriders asked if the money for Grant would be from the contingency budget. Chris Gray responded that we are going to reallocate additional monies but we aren't overall increasing the building budget.

Calvin Corriders then asked Mayor Ben Walsh if the new STEAM School will be run by JSCB. Mayor Ben Walsh responded no, that the County has agreed to fund the project so it will be done differently.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen Hudson seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.