

City Council met for a Special Called Council Meeting on March 6, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, with Mayor Pro-Tem McWaters presiding.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilmember Mike Penry, Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Danny Lee, David Olson, City Attorney, City Manager Kelly McDonald, and City Secretary, Angela Smith

**ABSENT:** Mayor Otis Cohn, Councilmember Jennifer Bergman

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Fred Terrell, Toby Davis, Anthony Eeds.

**EMPLOYEES:** Rod Hainey, Sean Anderson, Bobby Pennington, Darrel Broussard

Mayor Pro-Tem McWaters called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm and stated there was a quorum. Councilmember Lee gave the invocation and Councilmember Penry led the pledge to the US and the Texas flag.

### **Discussion and Action**

**1. Consider contract from LJA Engineering for the Structural Engineering Request for Qualifications Project that was awarded to them on December 19, 2017 for the Fire Stations (both) and Cleveland Historical Museum Building Assessments**

Toby Davis with LGA Engineering and Anthony Eeds with White Rock presented the scope of work for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Fire station #2 needs to look at the strength of the foundation as soil boring will be needed on both inside & outside. Phase 1 cost \$64,680 with ground penetrating radar, without the radar the cost is \$60,110. They can meet the FEMA deadline with Phase 1 report for the denial. Mr. Davis recommends just Phase 1 only and then later come back to council for approval of Phase 2. City Manager McDonald stated that April 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline with FEMA on the claim denial. The total cost, Mr. Davis clarified, of \$100k is just for the review with no repair work being done. LGA Engineering is doing the assessment of needs which is more than an estimate of what needs to be done. City Manager McDonald reminded council that FEMA denied our Harvey claims for both fire stations and we need a structural engineering report for the denial appeal process. Station 1 the building is unsafe, staff has pulled everything out of it so putting more money into Station 1 is not a good idea. There are cracks in the building big enough for a hand to fit through, a wall is bowed out and if it fails the building is gone.

Councilmember Penry made a motion to deny the contract with LGA Engineering for Structural Engineering for the Fire Stations and Cleveland Historical Museum Building with a second from Councilmember Lee. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

**2. Consider recommendation from EDC on sending out for Request for Proposals for the Municipal Sports Park mowing maintenance contract.**

The mowing contract for the sports park is up in May and EDC had made a motion to bid it out this year however there is one more year for EDC to cover the maintenance on the park and then the City takes over. Precision Lawn is the current vendor for the park and they also do work for other City locations. Future locations to be potentially included are City Hall and the Civic Center. It was asked if they were still working at the sports park and the response was that it is an annual contract so they are paid the same amount each month and Precision Lawns has stated that they are willing to help out with the restoration of the park. It was commented that

now would not be a good time to change as the park needs to be in better shape so contractors get a better scope of the project. Discussion occurred about why CYBA could not take care of the fields instead of Precision Lawns. City Manager McDonald will explore that idea with CYBA.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to table this request until a meeting with CYBA on them taking over the field mowing is done with a second from Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Councilmember Penry made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting with a second from Councilmember Clay. All Council members present voted "AYE". Motion carried. Council meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

Signed & approved  
Mayor Otis Cohn

**ATTEST:**

Signed & approved  
Angela Smith, City Secretary