

Tuesday - January 28, 1992 - 2:00 p.m.

Worksession

Present: Mayor Kenneth M. Michalove, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Eugene W. Ellison; Councilwoman Barbara Field; Councilmen Chris J. Peterson, Joseph Carr Swicegood and Charles R. Worley; City Attorney William F. Slawter; City Manager Douglas O. Bean; and Assistant City Manager/Deputy City Clerk Charles Penny

Absent: Councilman William G. Moore

RESOLUTION NO. 92-6 - RESOLUTION AWARDDING BIDS FOR THE PATTON AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT (STREET AND SIDEWALK CONTRACT NO. 9) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED AGREEMENTS

City Manager Bean gave background information on the Patton Avenue Project. He said that the total cost of the project is \$1,413,000 and then went on to discuss the following options which the Council had requested additional information on:

Clingman - Haywood Haywood - Biltmore

1,143,000 269,900

Deduct Granite Curb 120,000 Deduct Granite Curb 46,000

Deduct Tree Grates 46,000 Deduct Tree Grates 15,000

Deduct Scoring 10,000 Deduct Scoring 2,000

Totals 967,000 Total 206,900

Mr. Don Martell, Chairman of the Downtown Commission, used slides to illustrate where the streetscape plan had been used in the downtown area.

Ms. Pat Smith, gave detailed information on the streetscape plan and the importance of using it as a guide.

There was discussion amongst the Council members about the use of bond money for street and sidewalk improvements and where that money has been spent to date. Vice-Mayor Ellison asked the City Manager to furnish the Council with detailed documentation on how much was spent and where it was spent in relation to the bond brochure that was used to sell the water bond question.

Vice-Mayor Ellison felt that the streetscape plan should be expanded to include the entire City of Asheville, not only the downtown area.

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Councilman Peterson felt that more money should be used to install sidewalks around the school areas (not only 1/4 mile around the schools as is the present policy). He felt he could not morally vote on the project until he was given information on if the tax dollars were being distributed fairly among the overall City.

It was the consensus of the majority of Council not to replace good sidewalks in the proposed project area that did not need to be replaced.

Councilwoman Field commented that a minority bidder was the lowest bidder on the granite curbing. She suggested that if the City decided not to install granite curbs, that APAC- Carolina Inc. (the lowest bidder for the overall project) work with the minority bidders in order to give them an opportunity to bid on concrete curbing.

Councilman Swicegood felt that information relative to the cost of trees and how long the trees are anticipated to live would be helpful.

Mayor Michalove felt that since Patton Avenue is the gateway to the City, that paving needed to be done from Clingman to Coxe Avenue, but felt that he could not justify the cost of granite curbing.

Mr. Otis Vaughn, President of APAC-Carolina Inc., offered to delete some portions of the project and to work with City staff and the engineers to come up with revised figures.

Mr. Mike Green and Mr. Paul Green felt that the project needed to move forward and that the City should work with Carolina Power & Light Company to urge them to put their utilities underground.

Mr. Leon Rocamora felt also that the utilities should be put underground.

Mr. Harry Weiss felt that the downtown area is used by everyone in the City and that the City should proceed with the project.

Mr. Pat McGuire noted that granite curbs can be used forever and that they are easy to reset. She felt that over a number of years the use of granite curbing will save the City money.

Mr. Barry Olen felt that the project should move forward as proposed.

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Mr. Mike Calhoun, project engineer for Vaughn-Melton, spoke about the required curb heights.

Mr. Hugh Vaughn felt that it was important for the City to proceed with this project.

Ms. Karen Cragolin felt that Patton Avenue was a vital component in traveling to the river and should be upgraded accordingly.

Councilman Peterson moved to postpone this project and to set up a task force to examine which sidewalks need priorities throughout the City. This motion was not seconded and therefore died.

Councilman Swicegood moved to tour the project area again with the architects and engineers present and then to set up a special meeting of Council to consider this project. This motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson.

Mayor Michalove suggested directing the City Manager to meet with Southern Bell and Carolina Power & Light Company to urge them to place their utilities underground. City Manager Bean said that he felt the bid needed to be awarded first and let construction begin and not hold the project up until a decision was made about the burying of underground utilities.

At 4:45 p.m. the Council recessed for 45 minutes in order to tour the project area.

Mayor Michalove said that members of Council have been previously furnished with copies of the resolution and it would not be read in its entirety.

Vice-Mayor Ellison moved to award the bid to APAC-Carolina Inc. in an estimated amount of \$977,000, subject to the following contingencies:

1. That the work on Patton Avenue terminate at the NCNB Building.
2. That the work on College Street terminate at Haywood Street.
3. That granite curbing be deleted from the contract.
4. That tree grates be eliminated from the contract but be included with funds from the streetscape budget.

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5. That the streetscape scoring pattern be included in the contract.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Swicegood and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Field moved that the City mill and repave Patton Avenue from the NCNB Building to Biltmore Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Worley and was defeated on a 1-5 vote, with Councilwoman Field voting "yea."

Vice-Mayor Ellison moved to direct the Streetscape Committee expand their plan to include the entire City of Asheville. This motion was seconded by Councilman Peterson. After discussion about the Streetscape Committee and its make-up, Vice-Mayor Ellison withdrew his motion and Councilman Peterson withdrew his second.

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FEBRUARY 4, 1992, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Michalove reminded the Council that the February 4, 1992, meeting would be held in the Asheville Civic Center Banquet Room.

FEBRUARY 25, 1992, WORKSESSION

Mayor Michalove stated that the Chamber of Commerce has invited Council to a luncheon at which time a presentation will be given by Becky Williams.

It was the consensus of Council to hold their February 25, 1992, worksession beginning at the Chamber of Commerce at 12:00 Noon and continue their worksession in the Downtown Development Offices at 2:30 p.m.

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By consensus, the City Council agreed to recess for 45 minutes in order to tour the project area. Council returned to the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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