

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bainton called the meeting to order at 7.30.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aloysius (late), Bainton, Chris, Reich,
Warner
Absent: Clark, Carpenter (excused-family matters)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Chris, 2nd by Warner to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SELECTION OF AUDITING FIRM FOR CITY

Item A: Selection of Auditing Firm

Finance Director Donnell reviewed for Council the status of the City's present arrangement with Ernst and Whinney for audit services noting that E/W has performed auditing services for the City for the past 4 years. Finance Director Donnell recommended that the City retain E/W for this year's audit. City Manager Widom also recommended the City retain, for this coming audit, the firm of Ernst and Whinney and suggested that the City require the auditors to make a presentation before Council on the audit. Councilmember Chris informed Council that she had received a letter from the accounting firm of Mikunda-Cottrell expressing an interest in conducting the City audit.

motion

M/M by Reich, 2nd by Warner to continue to employ the firm of Ernst and Whinney for the FY '86 City audit and to continue to evaluate the auditing service. Poll vote, motion carried (4 yes, 0 no - Councilmember Aloysius not present for the vote).

motion

M/M by Warner, 2nd by Chris directing Administration to institute a policy and procedure for putting out a timely RFP for auditing services for FY '87. Poll vote, motion carried (4 yes, 0 no - Councilmember Aloysius not present for the vote).

Item B: TAMS Engineering Report

TAMS ENGINEERING REPORT

City Manager Widom presented to Council the TAMS engineering report on TAMS review of the seawall project. In addition, City Manager Widom presented to Council the written response of Galliett and Silides, engineers on the seawall project, to the TAMS report. A discussion took place concerning which method and engineer firm should be utilized in the next phase of construction of the seawall. City Manager Widom noted that the TAMS report questions the continued use of the pipe piling method of construction, the report recommending a more flexible type structure, suggesting that the use of rock be considered for future construction.

City Manager Widom noted for Council that Council needs to decide if the City should continue with the present engineering firm of Galliett and Silides or contract with a different firm for future work on the seawall.

Councilmember Chris noted for Council that Galliett and Silides did what Council had directed, to construct a seawall that would allow for tie-up use by residents living along the riverfront. Councilmember Chris also noted that the City needs to consider the long-term affects that the seawall is having on the river channel at Bethel. It was noted by Council that at the time of planning for seawall construction rock was not readily available at an affordable price at Bethel but that the situation concerning rock availability at Bethel has changed, now being less expensive and of better quality.

A discussion took place as to funding for seawall protection and construction this year. City Manager Widom informed Council that the City had been allocated \$4 million in the Governor's budget for seawall work at Bethel; that it is unlikely that the City will receive any money from the Corps of Engineers this year. Administration reminded Council that the City had asked for \$18 million for the seawall project for this year; that the engineers have indicated that \$7 million would be required to protect the existing structures and to extend the present seawall an additional 300' along Mission Road.

City Manager Widom noted for Council that the City has received an estimate on the cost of rock for the project that would allow the City to do the engineers suggested work for this year at a cost of less that \$7 million.

motion

City Manager Widom noted for Council that he had additional information concerning the seawall project that was confidential in nature suggesting that the information be discussed in executive session. M/M by Chris, 2nd by Warner to go into executive session to disucss legal matters affecting the City's seawall project. Voice vote, motion carried. Council was in executive session from 9-10 pm. Upon return from executive session, Council directed Administration to place the selection of an engineering firm on the April 8 Council agenda. No further action was taken by Council on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Chris to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10.10 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 1986.

ATTEST

Wayne J. Maiers
Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk
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Marge Bainton, Mayor