
**JOINT SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021
FAIRGROUNDS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A meeting of the JSSBC was held at Fairgrounds Middle School on **Thursday, August 26, 2021**. Alderman Dowd called the meeting to order at **7:04 p.m.**

Present: Alderman Dowd, Alderwoman Wilshire, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderwoman Klee, Ms. Raymond, Ms. Bishop, Ms. Giglio,

Also Present: Mr. Parker, Mr. Smith, Mr. Oullette, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Lemarier

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PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – July 22, 2021

Alderman Dowd moved to waive the reading of the JSSBC meeting minutes of Thursday, **July 22, 2021**, accept them and place them on file. **So voted unanimously by roll call.**

REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

Alderman Dowd

Glad everybody could come for the tour of Fairgrounds this evening. We're about 99.9% done and will be ready for school opening on Tuesday. We just had a tour for the BOA and the BOE to see the changes, so thank you everyone for coming.

REMARKS BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

None

ARCHITECT'S REPORT - Harriman

Mr. Oullette

I want to thank everyone for walking the tour. I think everyone can see all the beautiful work that's happened here. It's quite an enhanced school from where we started a little over a year ago. I don't have a lot to report on FMS. There are only some punch list items left, with a few items here and there. The school did get their Certificate of Occupancy last week, so it's ready for students and staff and we're all very excited about that.

Over at PMS, construction continues. We're working on some submittals and RFI's. There are a few adjustments being looked at for the design, based on the intended use once it opens. So, we'll be preparing some documents for Harvey to look at, and see if there are any cost modifications for those couple of adjustments. And those cost implications could go up or down. There are some subtractions of work, as well as maybe some additions. So as soon as we see where that lands, we'll report that at a future JSSBC meeting. I'm very excited to see the progress going on over.

Over at the new middle school, I think the biggest news is that we were able to issue the construction documents off to Harvey about 2 weeks ago, for pricing. They're working on pricing, and Harriman is continuing to work on some addenda. We have had a few meetings since our last JSSBC, with city entities and committees. We recently had a Conservation Committee meeting on the project, where we presented the project and review the progress. It went to the Zoning Board last week, and in reviewing the project with them, it was decided to table the project until the next meeting with them, so we have time to revisit it with the Conservation Commission and look at some additional improvements they're working on at the site itself. We're excited to be able to meet with them next week. Following that, we have another Planning Board and Zoning Board meeting coming up.

Alderman Dowd

Thank you, Jamie.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT – Harvey**Mr. Lemarier**

I'll start with the Construction Slide Presentation.

Mr. Lemarier gave PowerPoint Presentation, which can be accessed at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kfNw6WZ_C_3pVeHxb6HKais-RyPktGY5/view?usp=sharing

Alderman Dowd

Do you want to go into your change orders?

Mr. Lemarier

Sure. These are PCCO's; Prime Change Orders. These are comprised of potential change orders that were approved by this group. The first one is PCCO #004, which includes PCO #015, Revised Sewer Design and PCO #018, Added Isolation Valves. Those two items, if approved come to a total of \$16,691.92.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE PCCO #004, AS PRESENTED.

SO VOTED.

Mr. Lemarier

The next ones are PCO's, which are Prime Contract Potential Change Orders, and are generally generated by a proposal request from Harriman or a client that is not captured in the contract documents. These are all for PMS.

So the first one is PCO #017 for PR-018, which is for various landscaping changes and drip edge revisions. If approved, this will increase the contract value by \$21,545.97.

ALDERWOMAN WILSHIRE MOVED TO APPROVE PCO #017, AS PRESENTED.

SO VOTED.

Mr. Lemarier

The next one is PCO #019 for Harriman Proposal Request #020. This is for some additional Card Readers as a safety issue. This will increase the contract value by \$17,056.37.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE PCO #019, AS PRESENTED.

SO VOTED.

Mr. Lemarier

The next one is PCO #020, which is a credit for miscellaneous metals. If approved, this credit will be in the total value of \$6,000 returned.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE PCO #020, AS PRESENTED.

SO VOTED.

Mr. Lemarier

The next one is PCO #021, which is to demolish and remove the existing chimney, the installation of steel to the existing roof, and then replacing the roof in that area. If approved, this would increase the contract value by \$10,263.34.

ALDERWOMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT MOVED TO APPROVE PCO #021, AS PRESENTED.

SO VOTED.

Mr. Lemarier

The next one is PCO #022 for Harriman Proposal Request #023. Alderman Dowd, did you want to speak to this?

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I'll preface it. As everyone is aware, material costs have been escalating far outstripping what's normally expected. There are a couple of contractors whose materials far exceeded of what they were able to bid, and actually puts them in jeopardy. I did check with Corporation Counsel and we can cover that. But we would negotiate a price with them, and there would be no fee, and no profit. There would just be offsets for the materials costs. To be fair to these contractors, we don't want them to go out of business. So we want to add money to the escalation allowance for Harvey, and let them negotiate with the vendors, and then come back to us with what was spent. But we want to increase the escalation allowance from \$25,000 to \$275,000 because the prices have just gone crazy.

Ms. Raymond

Is that only for PMS, or for the scope of the entire project?

Alderman Dowd

That's just for PMS.

Mr. Lemarier

And just to clarify, this is a not to exceed allowance. So any funds that are not spent are returned to the City.

Alderman Dowd

And we don't need any additional monies; we have the money to cover this.

ALDERWOMAN WILSHIRE MOVED TO APPROVE PCO #022, AS PRESENTED.

SO VOTED.

Mr. Lemarier

That's it for me, thank you everybody.

AUDIO VIDEO PROJECTION SYSTEM QUOTES FOR FMS

Mr. Smith

This is for projection systems for FMS. It is in the budget, so we have \$149,000 remaining in that line. I brought 3 contractors to the school and told them what needed to be done. The clear winner and low bidder is also the company that IT prefers to work with, and that's Pro AV. So this buys a projection system for every single classroom, and the TV system for each of these common areas. You can see the details in your packet. The low bid was Pro AV Systems for \$10,717 for the common areas TV's and connections; and \$103,498 for a projection system in every classroom. That totals \$114,215, and the administration recommends that you approve that amount for that contractor.

Ms. Raymond

What is the upkeep cost of these types of projectors? I'm aware that we have them in New Searles, and we haven't had the budget to keep them up to date, fixed and functioning.

Mr. Smith

That would be a good question for Mr. Rodriguez who was unable to be here tonight.

Alderman Dowd

They would have an initial guarantee, so they would be covered under warranty for some period of time. And then after that, I'm sure the BOE wants to ensure that they have an adequate IT budget. So that would fall back to the BOE and the IT Director. But it is something that's pretty critical to the middle school education.

MS. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BID FROM PRO AV, TO INSTALL THE AUDIO VISUAL PROJECTION SYSTEM AT FMS, FOR A COST OF \$114,215.

SO VOTED.

HSI HAYNER/SWANSON CHANGE ORDER

Mr. Smith

In your packet there was a change order from Hayner Swanson, our surveying company. They had to do additional services at the new middle school. All that work has already been completed, and was approved by Alderman Dowd back on August 5th. So we're looking for your concurrence with that decision, in the amount of \$10,750.

MS. RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR HAYNER SWANSON CHANGE ORDER #6, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,750.

SO VOTED.

Ms. Smith

We have another Hayner Swanson contract, for them to prepare a storm water pollution prevention plan, and to provide environmental monitoring during the construction process. Alderman Dowd previously approved that, in the amount of \$44,950 and we're looking for your concurrence for that payment.

MS. BISHOP MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR HAYNER SWANSON CHANGE ORDER #3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,950.

SO VOTED.

VANASSE CONTRACT AMANEDMENT #4

Mr. Smith

Next is contract amendment #4 from Vanasse & Associates, for laying out the right of way at the intersection of Manchester Street and Ferry Road. Alderman Dowd already approved this on August 2nd in the amount of \$2,500, and we're looking for your concurrence for that payment.

ALDERWOMAN KLEE MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF HAYNER SWANSON CONTRACT AMENDMENT #4, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.

SO VOTED.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, FAIRGROUNDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Smith

In your packet is the Certificate of Occupancy for FMS. Thank you very much Harvey, and Harriman.

INVOICES

Mr. Smith

I will read these from your most recent agenda that you received. Sorry, we sent out several because some came in late. *Read through the following invoices:*

Harriman Invoices, Total \$89,318.21

\$69,706.11 - NMS

\$3,128.65 – FMS

\$16,483.45 – PMS

Harvey Invoices, Total \$2,377,616.52

\$414,338.94 – FMS

\$1,963,277.58 – PMS

Hayner/Swanson Invoice

\$747.50 – PMS

John Turner Consulting Invoice

\$6,120.00 – PMS

Page Street Storage Invoice

\$95.00 FMS

Vanasse & Associates Invoices, Total \$16,009.89

\$2,866.63 – NMS

\$4362.50 – PMS

\$8,780.76 – NMS

Turner Group Invoices

\$15,169.23 – FMS

And all that comes to a grand total of **\$2,505,076.35**

Alderman Dowd

Okay, I'm looking for a motion.

**ALDERWOMAN WILSHIRE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES, TO:
HARRIMAN A&E FOR \$89,318.21; HARVEY CONSTRUCTION FOR \$2,377,616.52;**

HAYNER/SWANSON FOR \$747.50; PAGE STREET RENTALS FOR \$95.00; JOHN TURNER CONSULTING FOR \$6,120.00; VANASSE & ASSOCIATES FOR \$16,009.89; TURNER GROUP FOR \$15,169.23, FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,505,076.35 .

SO VOTED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Sarno, 15 Rocky Hill Drive

Although I am a member of the Conservation Commission, I'm not here representing them this evening. The Chair of the Commission would be here, but had a prior commitment. So I'm here to talk about the new school, which came before the Conservation Commission at our early July meeting. That was the first we learned about it, in terms of the Commission. It would have been really great if it had come before us sooner, when we could have had more meaningful input. After it came to us, we had a site walk in July to evaluate the 11 wetlands and vernal pools that are on the site. In August, as was noted earlier we gave the project an unfavorable recommendation. The project will come again before the Commission in September for another vote.

I have concerns about the impact of the proposed school on the fragile habitats that exist in this forested and wetland rich area, and also about the intensity of the development. It appears to me that about 90% of the larger parcel will be impacted by the school, either in the form of buildings, roads, playing fields, courts, etc. Vernal pools are where amphibians breed in the spring. This would leave a non-functioning place for them to live out their adult life, which is an issue. I totally understand that we need a new middle school, and I hope we can come to some kind of solution that allows us to place a school on that parcel, but at the same time protects the vernal pools and other wetlands and forests that are there. Ideally, I'd like to see the project downsized, with the footprint of the school reduced, as well as the footprint of the playing fields, courts, tracks, reduced. Those are my personal wishes, and I thank you for allowing me to speak tonight, and for joining you on your tour. This is a wonderful building.

Alderman Dowd

Thank you. I just want to point out that we do have a working session with the Conservation Commission next Wednesday, and we have come up with some ideas that we'll be talking to you about.

Ms. Sarno

That's great, I appreciate that. Thank you

Alderman Dowd No

problem.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Raymond

I just wanted to thank Mr. Parker and Ms. Coffey for arranging this tour for us, and letting us get a little preview of the building before the students come back. I really enjoyed seeing all of the new spaces, the two science rooms came together, and the different wings... I love this, and I think it's fantastic. And I think it will especially help the new students coming in, who haven't been here before. So thank you very much.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, the school used to be much darker. And now it's light and bright, and that's got to help with the students coming in. And eventually they'll have lockers that they can actually put their backpacks in. And I think the collaborative educational piece of being able to have an entire 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in one of these collaborative rooms, and use the technology to improve their education... I think it goes a long way. The whole intent of the new middle school concept was supposed to be imposed years ago, but we didn't give the facilities to do it, and now

we are; is to make it an easier transition for students coming out of elementary school, and going into high school. And this sort of transitions them much easier into that high school environment.

Mr. Parker, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Schools

I was not here prior to the start of construction, but it's been wonderful to see the evolution over the past year. I do want to point out Jamie Ouellette; it has been a pleasure seeing you in action, with your flexibility and thoughtfulness in putting all this together. Mr. Smith, you did okay too.

Alderman Dowd

I don't think people realize how much work is involved. There are 7 companies involved directly or indirectly. I know I visit the schools at least once every week, and every day there's something we have to drive through to get completion. We went through 6 different easements which had to be worked through with Attorney Leonard, who did a fantastic job. The purchasing of the property and easements... there's a lot of work involved in this project.

Ms. Coffey

I just wanted to thank the Committee and the City for providing us with this beautiful school. It's really amazing. I started here in Junior High and to see how it's changed since the 60's is really great. We're very appreciative of it here, and I think the kids and the staff are going to be really excited next week. Thank you.

Alderwoman Klee

As you pointed out Alderman Dowd, there were so many different people, so many different entities, there was the easements, the lights, having to redo everything, talk to all the teachers, talk to all the staff and everyone, to get everybody's buy-in. It wasn't a snub to the Conservation Commission. I think at the last moment when you realized that maybe we should be bringing them in, you brought them in the as soon as you could. I just want the public to know that it was no snub... sometimes things just happen. But I do agree that it was good to bring them in at the last moment, even if we're hitting this wall and pitfall... it's good to everybody's voice into it. So, I appreciate you doing all of that.

Alderman Dowd

And Covid did have an impact on some things. We had planned a lot more things down on the property, and then with Covid... and then we also had 2 land acquisitions in there as well. There were a lot of negotiations.

Alderwoman Klee moved to adjourn. **So voted at 8:06 p.m.**

Submitted by Jacki Waters