

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Acting Chairman; Joy Zainey, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Tim Coulon, Member; Donald Sharp, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillipott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick Congemi; Lt. Mike Kelly; Stacie Heffker; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Robert Graham; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans and David Webber, Volkert and Associates; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune; Kazem Alikhani and Vjjal Dasgnpte, ECM; Philip Averill, Gulf Material Sales; Dave Bauer and Sharon Bradshaw, Hiliti Inc.; Bob Schmidt, Huval and Associates; Michael Delullum, Sisung Securities group; Aaron w. Crossley, JB James; Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2018 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission.

Ms. Jan Evans introduced Mr. David Webber, a senior VP with Volkert and Associates. Mr. Webber briefly explained his many accomplishments including the Wallace tunnel and concepts for the first P3 Bridge in Alabama.

There were no additional comments or questions from the audience.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in September the Drawbridge operations included 11 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 310 breakdown responses in September on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 202 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 108 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 33 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 27 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 5 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 343 breakdown responses for both bridges in September.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of September there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 4 occurred Northbound, 5 Southbound, and 1 in a Crossover. Mr. Dufrechou reported 4 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of September, 8 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 4 Eastbound and 4 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint summarizing significant events that occurred since the last Commission meeting.

On the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to award JB James Construction, L.L.C. for the project. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and the Consulting Engineers, the project titled Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements, GNOEC Project No. 433, is awarded to the low bidder, JB James Construction,**

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L.L.C., in the total amount of \$33,653,542.00 for the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1. The Chairman and General Manager are hereby authorized to complete the execution of the contract with JB James Construction, L.L.C., pending the review of the bonds and insurance by legal counsel and insurance representatives. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris stated there was a \$5,000 incentive per day, with a cap of \$500,000 for early completion as a max bonus, which could bring the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements project down to one year. Work will be accomplished primarily at night and on weekends.

Mr. Coulon stated acceptance of this project is monumental and it is a real tribute to the prior Commissioners. He stated that he would like to acknowledge Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Ligi, and many other Commissioners who made this possible by their tireless efforts.

On a motion to withdraw revised agenda action item B (GNOEC #2018-38) by Mr. Fitzmorris, acceptance of lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the upgrade to the GNOEC Toll Tag store customer service center, the GNOEC staff has recommended additional time to consider bids. At this time the GNOEC, hereby moves to withdraw this action item from today's agenda to be discussed at a later regular meeting date. The GNOEC will hear public comment as to this Motion to Withdraw Action Item B. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion. Action item B (GNOEC #2018-38) was withdrawn from the agenda.

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On the surplus firearms and accessories, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for sale. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (“GNOEC”) through the Causeway Police Department (“CPD”) desires to dispose of surplus firearms in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1798. The GNOEC hereby declares the following as surplus property: 28 Remington 870 Police Shotguns, 1 H&K MP5A2, 1 H&K MP5SD2, 1 H&K MP5K-PDW, 1 Auto Ordnance 1928A1 Thompson, and 1 SCRC Mark 25A Suppressor. Based on the recommendations of the CPD, GNOEC staff, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes CPD Chief Nick Congemi, in accordance with La. R.S.40:1798 and all federal and state laws governing the transfer of firearms, to sell the surplus firearms and accessories identified herein for fair-market appraised value to Northshore Classic Firearms, LLC, a federally licensed firearms dealer, holding licenses authorizing it to buy and trade these surplus firearms.. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

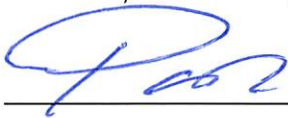
On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to the preconstruction contract with Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on March 29, 2018, the GNOEC and Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C. entered into a Contract for Preconstruction Services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project No. 432. Pursuant to the Preconstruction Contract, services were to be completed within 182 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed. Considering Boh Bros. engaged in advanced work as contemplated by La. R.S. 38:2225.2.4 and

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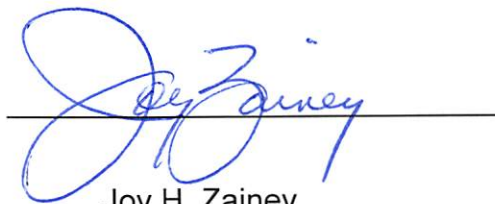
authorized by Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1, 2, and 3, additional time is needed to complete the Preconstruction Services, including the Gauranteed Maximum Price (GMP) negotiations. Accordingly, after consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the project manager, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the Chairman and the General Manager to execute the documentation necessary to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to amend the Preconstruction Contract with Boh Bros. to extend the Preconstruction Phase through December 31, 2018. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Coulon recognized and congratulated Chief Congemi for his tremendous career in law enforcement. He stated he admired Chief's passion and commitment. Mr. Coulon reported the City of Kenner showed their appreciation to the Chief by naming their Police headquarters in his honor. He thanked Chief for his service past and present. By applause, the audience thanked Chief Congemi also.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Patrick Fitzmorris
Vice Chairman



Joy H. Zainey
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer