

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

I. CALL TO ORDER – On Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:20 p.m. a Council Meeting was held in the City Auditorium.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Mayor Roland Michaud conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: Margaret Mills, Leslie Smith Jr., Marie Doucette, Jeffrey Christenbury, Arthur Tardif, Eric Cote and Marston Lovell. City Administrator Rick Michaud was also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. GENERAL:

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

VI. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. AWARD A DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION AT 271 NORTH ST. TO PIZZAGALLI CONSTRUCTION

As part of the application for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security A.R.R.A. Grant, the Saco Fire Department began the Conceptual Design and Permitting for the North Street site. As part of the process in obtaining the Grant funding, the City was required to provide technical construction detail associated with the project. Therefore, the City underwent the following selection process in order to impartially select a Design/Build Firm for the project:

- Request for Qualification (dated 7/13/09): The RFQ was advertised in the Portland Press Herald, Construction Summary, and Dodge Report. An addendum was issued on July 17, 2009. Thirty-seven (37) Design/Build Firms requested the RFQ package, and thirteen (13) Design/Build firms submitted Qualifications by the deadline of July 27, 2009.
- Review of Qualification Packages: The Selection Committee included: Chief Alden Murphy, Deputy Chief John Duross, Deputy Chief Ed Dube, Matt Webb (Saco Fire Dept), Peter Morelli (Economical Development Director), Michael Bolduc (DPW Director), and Angela Blanchette (City Engineer). A thorough review of the Qualifications was done by each of the committee members. Their individual scores for each firm were totaled and a tally was provided.
- Request for Proposals (8/19/10): The four (4) highest ranking firms from the RFQ process were invited to submit a Proposal and interview with the Selection Committee. At that time the Selection Committee voted to narrow the possible firms to the two (2) most qualified to provide the services.
- Reference Check: Angela Blanchette, City Engineer contacted the references for the two (2) highest ranking firm, and shared a summary of notes taken during conversations with past clients with the Selection Committee.
- Selection Committee Final Decision: The Selection Committee met a final time to discuss the proposals, interviews, and reference checks. Pizzagalli Construction was notified by Angela Blanchette in October of 2009 that they were selected as the most qualified Design/Build firm based upon the criteria set by the City of Saco.

The City Council discussed this item in Workshop on February 16, 2010.

Staff agrees with the Selection Committee's recommendation to award the Central Fire Station Design/Build contract to Pizzagalli Construction, Inc.

Councilor Lovell moved, Councilor Smith seconded that it be Ordered that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a design/build contract with Pizzagalli Construction for the 271 North Street Fire Station,

and further that all subcontracts with a value of \$8000 or more shall be awarded by the City Council. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with six (6) yeas and one (1) nay – Councilor Tardif.

B. CONVERSION OF THE FUEL PROCESSING PLATFORM OF MERC

The City of Biddeford's Mayor Twomey founded the Task Force to close the Maine Energy Recovery Company(MERC), charged with studying options to deal with the future of MERC.

The Biddeford City Council met on February 16, 2010 to decide whether the city would maintain representation on the Task Force or any group that is in place to deal with the future of Maine Energy. The Biddeford Council did not pass said motion and instead voted to request that the Mayor's of Biddeford and Saco form an ad hoc committee with the objective to recommend a common policy and strategy for the two municipalities to deal with the future of MERC.

On or about December 15, 2009, the City of Saco submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy for \$2,000,000 for a project that seeks, under sponsorship of the City of Saco including meeting Saco's energy and environmental development goals, to demonstrate that thru the conversion of the fuel processing platform of the Maine Energy Recovery Company's (MERC's), a Renewable Fuel produced from post-recycled waste streams can be combusted to produce renewable energy with a dramatically improved environmental and energy footprint. This project would move the trash to fuel process out of MERC's Biddeford plant.

Councilor Lovell moved, Councilor Mills seconded that it be Ordered that the City Council direct the City Administrator to contact the Department of Energy and withdraw Saco's Grant Application. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

Councilor Lovell moved, Councilor Mills seconded that it be Ordered that the City Council, in recognition of the City of Biddeford's decision to end the Mayor's Task Force to close Maine Energy Recovery Company (MERC), accept the Biddeford Mayor's request that the Mayor of Saco work with the Mayor of Biddeford to establish an ad hoc committee with the objective to recommend a common policy and strategy for the two municipalities to deal with the future of MERC. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with six (6) yeas and one (1) nay – Councilor Tardif.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Christenbury moved, Councilor Mills seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

ATTEST: _____
Richard R. Michaud, City Administrator