



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Dianne Tidwell
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Tuesday, January 20, 2009

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on January 20, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:05 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council regarding non-agenda items. There were no comments.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2009-1

Consider Award of Bid for the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center Expansion Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Architect Richard Edwards was present for discussion of the Humphreys Cultural Center Expansion Project. Mr. Edwards brought information requested by Council, from the January 13th meeting. Mr. Edwards' information included an estimated breakdown of the contractor's monthly draws for the duration of the project, financial statement, and information on the firm, GTT, Inc. Mr. Edwards recommended that GTT be approved as the contractor for this project.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding an overview of project costs, information on outstanding debt, and various financing options. Total base bid with add alternates (flooring, parking spaces, video projector & lift, and ADA handrails) is \$2,448,800.00. Non-construction items were also discussed, and revised, as some figures seemed conservative. Following is a list of non-construction cost items:

Materials Testing	\$13,186.00
Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment	\$150,000.00
Computer Cabling	\$6,760.00
Telephone System	\$5,000.00

Building Security System	\$5,000.00
Landscaping	\$10,000.00
Asbestos Abatement	\$24,800.00
Utilities Lines Relocation	\$34,183.00
Gas Line & Meter Relocation	\$1,500.00
Moving & Storage Expense	\$1,500.00
Architect Fees & Reimbursables, Roofing Repairs, Contingencies 10%	\$306,184.00

Total project cost is approximately \$3,006,913.00.

Council discussed the possibility of payoff of the Series 2003 General Obligation Bonds for the levee debt, the city's bond rating, and various sources of revenue that may assist with this project.

A motion was made to accept the low bid, from GTT, Inc. in the amount of \$2,418,000.00 with add alternates, in the amount of \$30,800.00, for a total of \$2,448,800.00, contingent upon the following conditions:

1. all change orders will come thru the City Manager and brought to City Council,
2. Legal counsel's review and approval of the contract, and
3. the Key Energy Lease payments be applied, in the next budget cycle, to the outstanding debt.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #1 - Humphreys CC Expansion Bid Tabulation (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Councilperson
AYES:	Carl Pickett, Dennis Beasley, Diane Huddleston, Frank Jordan
NAYS:	Louie Potetz
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

2. Council Action 2009-9

Consider Appointments to the 2009 Charter Review Commission.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett remarked that appointments are made every two years to the Charter Review Commission, an action which is mandated by City Charter. Several individuals have been approached regarding their interest in serving, however, five appointments will need to be made. Mayor Pickett requested that this item be brought to the February agenda, which will allow additional time to contact other individuals who may be willing to serve.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

VI. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Mike McCarty, Al Simonson

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary