

A meeting of the Beaufort Redevelopment Commission was held on January 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fire Station on Ribaut Road. In attendance were Commissioners Bob Pinkerton, Martin Goodman, Mike McFee, Billy Keyserling, Gary Fordham, and City Manager Scott Dadson. Commissioners Gene Rugala had a previous commitment; Donnie Ann Beer was sick, Mike Sutton and James Bellew were absent. In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Bob Pinkerton.

**BID OPENING – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Denos Liollo of Liollo Associates of Charleston, SC conducted the bid opening for the Fire Department expansion. Of the fifteen bids received, three were disqualified due to a conflict.

The following bids with subcontractors and Alternates 1 & 2 noted were read aloud in the order they were received:

	<u>base bid</u>
Creative Structures, Inc.	\$2,900,603
Hanco of SC, Inc. Myrtle Beach	(disqualified)
Arnold Construction Corporation	\$2,394,000
Atrium Builders, Inc.	\$2,906,000
Beaufort Construction, Inc.	(disqualified)
Brunson Construction Company	\$2,537,000
International Public Works	\$3,445,217
Collins Construction Services, Inc.	\$2,527,000
Dabbs-Williams General Contractors	\$2,397,000
Dawson Inc., General Contractor	\$2,695,000
Complete Building Corporation	\$2,497,716
Charles Blanchard Construction, Corp.	\$2,675,000
PW Construction, Inc.	\$2,797,000
Mashburn Construction	(disqualified)
Leopardo Construction	\$2,381,835

The bid opening concluded at 2:30 p.m.

The City Manager requested the Chairman rearrange the agenda to consider the last item next.

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

On motion by Commissioner Goodman, second by Commissioner McFee, the Commission changed the order of the agenda.

**SIGN PLAN – MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

A master sign plan for the Municipal Complex was provided by Chris Palles of Christos Palles Associates in Mt. Pleasant, SC. The City Manager said this discussion is about both types of signs at the Police and Court Building at the Municipal Complex. The building is expected to be ready for use by the beginning of March.

Mr. Palles displayed drawings of the proposed exterior signs stating they would be illuminated internally and made of vinyl. The City Manager reminded the Commission a decision still needs to be made on the sign at the right hand corner of the project.

One comment about the site in general was made by the City Manager. The exact curb line in front of City Hall has not been finalized. Until a decision is made on the exact road design, nothing permanent will be placed in front of City Hall. The County has not released the balance of the construction documents. The City Manager stated he spoke with Rob McFee this morning and they are in the process of finalizing the drawings. However, the schedule states the construction will not begin until 2010 because they have to make the r-o-w acquisition.

Keith Watson, Project Manager, asked the Commission their thoughts on the location of the sign on Palmetto Street in front of the Police Department. The City Manager, showing the Palmetto entrance, stated the sign on the corner of Palmetto and Boundary Street will state City of Beaufort Municipal Center.

Commissioner Goodman left at 2:50 for a previous commitment.

The Commission continued with their discussion. Commissioner Keyserling questioned the need for all the signs. Input was provided by Mr. Palles. The City Manager pointed out that the Design Review Board took the minimum approach to signage when reviewing the project.

The City Manager suggested the Commissioners go to the site before making a decision on the exterior signs. Mr. Palles will provide photos for the Commission to assist them in their decision making.

Commissioner McFee moved to proceed with the interior signs as presented by Christos Palles Associates of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Commissioner Fordham seconded the motion. Due to a lack of a quorum, the vote was not counted.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Commissioner Keyserling, second by Commissioner McFee, the Commission members moved into executive session to receive direction from the architect on how to move forward with the project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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BOB PINKERTON, CHAIRMAN

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BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK