

TAUNTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2022 at 1 pm

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4322 5292; Passcode: 941937;

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89543225292?pwd=dXM3WVd0Y2gxVGJ1N1VFUUtCRSs1QT09>

Members Present:

Chris Coute

Ed Correira

Larry Silvia

Jeff Pagliuca

William Roth, OECD/TRA Ex. Director was also in attendance.

Dennis Ackerman, Consultant to the TRA was also in attendance.

Call to Order at 1:00 pm: A quorum was present.

Item number 1: Review, discuss, and recommend the hiring of a consultant for the Urban Renewal Plan, based on the interviews from April 4, 2022.

Mr. Coute indicated that he was 51% for Stantec and 49% for BSC Group. He felt that Stantec's success in Brockton and ongoing support was most relevant, which swayed him towards them.

Mr. Correria asked if we could get a lower cost if we removed the appraisal requirement and go with assessed values like the State allows.

Mr. Pagliuca asked what the time frame was. Because appraisals become outdated and if that portion could be delayed until the Authority is ready to act then that might be a savings.

Mr. Roth indicated that the Grant funds of \$100,000 needed to be spent by June 30, 2023 and the URP needed to be completed to get reimbursed.

Mr. Silvia indicated he was 51% for BSC Group and 49% for Stantec, he felt both could do the project and that the BSC Group was more affordable.

Mr. Roth indicated that the next meeting would be on April 27, 2022.

Mr. Ackerman indicated that he spoke to the Legal Department and the CFO, who is the City's procurement officer, and based on the conversations, the TRA should go with Stantec because they addressed all of the scope of services, including having the appraisals, whereas BSC Group proposed assessed values and did not have appraisals within their bid. He felt that it might be

possible to split the contract into two parts: the first part would be the URP, and the second part would be having appraisals on specific lots at a later date to be determined.

Discussion occurred on the two firms and their proposals.

Mr. Coute motioned to hire Stantec, subject to negotiations on differing the appraisals to a later date to be determined, provided that the Law Department approves the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pagliuca. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was then made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Roth, Jr.,
Executive Director, TRA