

Board of Aldermen Committee Minutes

Date: 07/14/15 **Chair:** DePoy **Convened:** 5:30 PM **Adjourned:** 6:30 PM

Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Charter & Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Liquor	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermunicipal	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Abatement	

Committee Members Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Allaire		<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Etori
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Humphrey
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom DePoy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Siliski
	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Bloomer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Skates
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Donahue
	<input type="checkbox"/> William Notte		

Others Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Louras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Chief Myles	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Romeo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Notte	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Allaire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad and Tina Lafaso	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Rotundo	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Etori	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Motions/Discussion

The Public Works Committee met to discuss the RFP recommendation from The Public Works Dept. regarding the traffic lights/street lights maintenance and repairs. An RFP was sent out by Public Works and the sole response came from Lafaso Electric, Inc. Jim Rotundo sent out a 12 page RFP with the hopes of getting several responses. Extra ordinary lengths to attract several proposals were initiated. Timeliness is very important in regards to public safety. In reviewing the response submitted by Lafaso Electric, it was decided that the proposal met the criteria of the RFP and being that Lafaso Electric is locally owned and operated would be very responsive to the needs of the city's traffic lights and street lights.

During the committee discussion, the question came up if there ever was an RFP sent out and responded to by CEA, which was recently bought by Lafaso Electric and the answer was "no". There may have been a gap in the past process. It was assumed that CEA was the sole provider and they had done the work for many years. Leading up to the sale of CEA to Lafaso Electric, it was made very clear that an RFP was going out which L. E. was welcome to respond to. Tim Pockette of VTrans was contacted to provide more names to Jim Rotundo, and he gave 3 contacts all of whom did not respond to the RFP. AGC of VT also provided a few names but the response was typically "not interested". The rates quoted by Lafaso E. were lower than those of the State of VT traffic control experts. Brad Lafaso has 27 years experience and Butch Shaw has 40 years of experience in the field. Brendan Lafaso has 2 years experience.

