



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

November 11, 2013

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Brian Kischnick, City Manger

Subject: City Council Member Questions and Responses

I have discussed questions advanced by Mayor and Council with Staff, and responses are attached. Thank you for asking questions in advance of the meeting.

Subject: I-04 PURE TROY - SNOW MAINTENANCE

Question:

I'm still a little fuzzy on the third paragraph specifically item 3 difficult sidewalks. If a home were to meet all three criteria as a difficult sidewalk, this looks like we might exempt them from clearing the walks in front of their home as well. I can't imagine we would allow that to happen. Any way to work something into this that clarifies that point? Or am I reading this wrong?

Response:

From: Brent Savidant, Planning Director

The language specifically exempts only those sidewalks that are located within 36 inches from edge of pavement of a major thoroughfare. I see two possibilities in the scenario you describe:

- (1) If a sidewalk was located on a major thoroughfare AND addressed on the major thoroughfare, it would NOT be exempted (because the property is addressed on a major thoroughfare).
- (2) If a sidewalk was located on an interior street AND the property was addressed on the major thoroughfare, it would NOT be exempted (because the sidewalk is not located on a major thoroughfare).

If you can think of another example that we are missing, or if I have misunderstood your question, please let me know. We intended to write these provisions as simple and understandable as possible. We appreciate you taking the time to really go through the language. If you would like to discuss this further please give me a call.

Subject: J-04C SPR4 MITN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE - CITY OF ANN ARBOR - PREMIUM LASER COMPATIBLE INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES

Question:

Is there a reason we would use ann arbors mitn bid for printer supplies over doing our own bid? I have to think a local company might bid Troy and not bid Ann Arbor (or vice versa)

Response:

From: MaryBeth Murz, Purchasing Director

The City of Troy is a very active member of MITN (Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network). Where applicable the City looks to MITN for cooperative purchasing opportunities. Purchasing a commodity such as toner -- it makes sense to work together...combine quantities and purchasing power and bid the commodity together. The City of Troy has utilized a cooperative bid for toner for the last six (6) years now. Additionally the MITN bid pricing is compared to other quoted pricing from other toner companies and OfficeMax (the City's supplier for office supplies). In comparing the MITN bid pricing hosted by Ann Arbor with other companies selling toner the City saves approximately \$5500.00 annually.

Note that the City of Troy hosts MITN bids as well; such as bagged salt. The City of Troy recently hosted the bid for bag salt, which was approved by City Council on 10/21. This bid is another example of combining efforts and bidding a commodity for the best pricing.

Additionally, as per the State of Michigan Purchasing Policies and Regulations; while cooperative purchasing is not a mandate; for quite some time it has been a directive to entities to purchase cooperatively where applicable. The City of Troy, where applicable, actively participates in cooperative purchasing endeavors in an effort to purchase the best product at the best possible price.

J-04E SPR2 LOW BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS - LED LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER INDOOR POOL AREA

Question:

Altair/toggled didn't bid on this after such big discussions with them?

Response:

From: Steve Pallotta, Building Operations Director

The LED specification for this pool area required a specialized light fixture that had to deal with Chlorine chemicals, and be certified for the use in a wet environment. The light fixture components have a double clear coated protection, with a full warrantee and UL approved for this environment. The new LED fixture replaces existing metal halide 1000 watt light fixture with 175 watt LED type and provides the same amount of light lumens with a reduction of energy cost. The replacement light fixtures are used at the Midland Dow Chemical Plant and the Consumers Ammonium Plant in Bay City.

The bid did go out on MITN and I believe Altair/ Toggled only provides LED lamps not entire LED fixtures.

c: Mark Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
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