

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **LEWISTON, MAINE**

**February 28, 2005**

**PRESENT:**

Ronald Paradis, Roger Provencher and Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien.

**ABSENT:**

Robert Reed and Councilor Mark Paradis

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by the Chairman Roger Provencher.

On motion of Ms. O'Brien , seconded by Mr. Ron Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(24-2005)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated February 14, 2005 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 3-0**

The Committee considered a recommendation to authorize a contract with Technical Services Inc. for design and engineering services associated with Phase II of the Gendron Business Park.

The joint venture agreement between Gendron & Gendron and the City of Lewiston requires that the City contract with Technical Services Inc. to perform the design and engineering services. David Jones, Public Services Director, stated that he had reviewed the proposal with Technical Services Inc. and the contract being recommended was the result of those discussions. Mr. Jones indicated that the prices offered in the contract for the services are very reasonable.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien , seconded by Mr. Ron Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(25-2005)** To authorize the contract with Technical Services Inc., Auburn, Maine, for design and engineering services associated with Phase II of the Gendron Business Park at a cost of \$98,900, subject to an appropriation of funds by the City Council.

**VOTE: 3-0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 28, 2005**

The Finance Director reviewed the fiscal year 2006 Capital Improvement Program with the Committee. Items reviewed included the Capital Project Summary Table which indicated the various proposed sources of funding for the entire five year capital plan. Also reviewed was the Financial section which analyzed the fiscal impact of the program over the five year period on the City's bonded debt.

After thorough review of the fiscal impact of the program, the following action was taken.

On motion of Ms. O'Brien , seconded by Mr. Ron Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(26-2005)** After review of the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Improvement Program and the impact on the City's bonded indebtedness, the Finance Committee wishes to caution the City Council that bonded indebtedness increases should only be made comensurate with projected increases in the City's tax base. Bonded debt increases over the past four (4) years have averaged over 20% per year. Annual increases at this level going forward are not sustainable over the long term to the taxpayers of this community.

**VOTE: 3-0**

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee