

seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE, One vote NO, Mayor Pro Tem McDonald. Motion passed.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION R04-20 FROM WCAD FOR PROPERTY SALE.

No additional information was provided regarding this resolution as the discussion on the first resolution covered this aspect as well. Council member Mikeska made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Council member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE, One vote NO, Mayor Pro Tem McDonald. Motion passed.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD.

Mayor Hill made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem McDonald to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Board. Council member Mikeska seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One ABSTAINED, Mayor Pro Tem McDonald. Motion passed.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR CITY AUDIT FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005.

Ms. Lillie Lawler, Accounting Manager, presented a summary of the results of sending out a request for proposal for the city audit. The city received eight proposals and Ms. Lawler submitted a chart comparing services and costs for three of the companies responding. Mayor Hill asked for any local references and agreed with city staff that it was important to find a firm that would perform a pre-audit service in June or July. After reviewing the information presented and some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem McDonald made a motion to award the contract for city audit services for the fiscal year 2004/05 to Freemon, Shapard & Story located in Austin. Council member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TAYLOR HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR NEW METERS.

Bill Brown, Interim Director of Public Works, presented a request from the Taylor Housing Authority to convert the master water meters currently being used at two complex sites to standard 3/4" and 5/8" meters to allow individual billing for each unit instead of one bill for the entire complex. Council member McDonald asked if this request could be divided into two separate requests in lieu of the fact that it is an unbudgeted item. This would allow the city to pay for half of the project in the current budget year and half to be included in the next year's budget. Council member Mikeska made a motion to approve the request to fund 54 meters in this year's budget not to exceed \$10,044. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

CONSIDER AMENDING WHOLESALE WATER AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HUTTO.

Frank Salvato, City Manager, received a letter as a formal request from the City of Hutto for additional water under the original contract with the City of Taylor. Ted Hejl, City Attorney, stated that the contract needs to be amended as a result of the sale of the water treatment plant to the Brazos River Authority (BRA) to reflect the change to a three party agreement. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald made a motion to accept the amended contract. Council member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

CONSIDER AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR NORTH DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND REVIEW 1998 G.O. BOND FUNDING FOR HOWARD ST., NORTH DR., AND SLOAN ST.

David Simons, Department of Engineering, presented alternate bid options as part of the contract award to Shallow Ford Construction Company, Inc. of Temple for the North Drive improvements. The proposal included three bid alternatives so that Council would have an opportunity to review the costs involved with a variety of aspects in this project. Staff recommended awarding the base