

MINUTES OF 222nd MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND CONTRACT COMMITTEE HELD ON 03.09.2012 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.

PRESENT :

1.	Smt. Raj Bala Malik	Mayor
2.	Sh. V.P. Singh, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Smt. Harjinder Kaur	Councillor
4.	Sh. Sat Paul Bansal	Councillor
5.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
6.	Sh. Subhash Chawla	Councillor
7.	Sh. Pardeep Chhabra	Councillor
8.	Sh. Rajiv Kumar Gupta, PCS	Secretary

OFFICERS PRESENT :

1.	Sh. Sunil Bhatia, PCS	ACMC-I
2.	Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	ACMC-II
3.	Sh. S.S. Bida	Chief Engineer
4.	Sh. Mukesh Anand	S.E.(B&R)
5.	Sh. R.C. Diwan	S.E. (P.H.)
6.	Dr. B.K. Salwan	M.O.H.
7.	Sh. Desh Raj	C.A.O.
8.	Sh. Vishal Gupta	XEN (Roads-I)
9.	Sh. Jai Pal Singh	XEN (Roads-II / III)
10.	Sh Harinder Singh	XEN (P.H. Div. No-I)
11.	Sh. R.S. Ahluwalia	XEN (P.H. Div. No-II)
12.	Sh. Anil Bansal	XEN (P.H. Div. No-III)
13.	Sh. Gurpreet Singh	XEN (P.H. Div. No-IV)
14.	Sh. Surinder Pal Singh	XEN (Electrical)

The Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Councillors and Officers in the meeting of 222nd meeting of the Finance & Contract Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Action Taken Report on the resolution passed by the Finance & Contract Committee w.e.f. January to December, 2011.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.1 before the Committee for consideration.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta pointed out that the detail of the incomplete projects and reason thereof has not been given in the ATR. He further pointed out that in some cases tenders have been floated but work has not been allotted. Even the work on some projects which were approved 3 years ago has not been started.

Sh. Pradeep Chhabra said that the vehicle has not been purchased even after lapse of 1 ½ years after passing the resolution.

Sh. Subhash Chawla pointed out that in reference to Agenda Item No. 4 it has been mentioned that 50% work has been completed but the reason for delay and date of tender and allotment of work has not been mentioned.

The Commissioner asserted that the reason of delay in completion of work should have been given in ATR. He directed all the Executive Engineers to prepare a detailed data about the tenders under process and their progress.

Sh. R.S. Ahluwalia, XEN PH explained that tender was floated 8 times but nobody is willing to take up this project due to narrow lanes in Gobindpura, Mani Majra.

Sh.Subhash Chawla said that the Corporation should get the work done departmentally in such cases.

The SE (B&R) explained that engaging manpower on muster role was suspended in the year 2002 by the Chandigarh Administration, therefore man power cannot be engaged for taking up such projects.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that the Corporation grants permission for road cut for which a certain amount is charged but the said road cut remains unrepaired for a long time due to non availability of material.

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that in Road Wing the projects are incomplete for years, and in Horticulture wing the parks are not being maintained properly. So far as MOH wing is concerned, garbage containers are not available at the designated places. As such the corporation is not doing well in any field. He further pointed out that Chandigarh Administration was giving higher rates to the contractors than the rates approved by the Corporation. Therefore contractors are not ready to work with the corporation as they are not getting reasonable rates.

The S.E. (B&R) stated that as per manual the C.E./S.E. have the power to allot the contract with 10% increase in the rates than the D.N.I.T. However, he said that the corporation cannot give rates above the rates revised by the Committee recently.

The members pointed out that the tenders for re-carpeting of V-4, V-5, V-6 roads are being re-invited many times.

The Chief Engineer apprised that no tenderer is coming forward due to the reason that the rates of material which have been revised by the General House in its 181st meeting held on 19-6-2012 are still on lower side as there is scarcity of material due to shut down of quarries and market has become volatile. The rates of crushed stone aggregate/bajri, etc., have gone many time high due to closure of quarries and rainy season.

“The committee considered and decided that the tender be allowed to be allotted as per the PWD manual (20.4.3.2) i.e. variation upto 5% over the justified rates be ignored. Variation upto 10% be allowed for peculiar situations and in special circumstances. Reasons for doing so shall be placed on record.”

Sh. Subhash Chawla said that the main concern of the councilors was V-6 Roads and therefore suggested that the work be started on V-6 Roads.

While discussing the progress of Horticulture Wing, the S.E. (B&R) apprised that the tenders were allotted but the contractor could not start the work and therefore, the tender was cancelled and the earnest money was forfeited. The tenders are being invited again.

Sh. Subhash Chawla suggested that the single agency should be given rate contract for a year for supplying the play equipments and benches to be installed in the parks.

While discussing the progress of Electrical Wing, the members were of the view that the performance of Electrical Wing is very poor due to shortage of staff and equipments as no purchase has been done for years. The members were of the view that majority of street Lights are not functional.

The XEN Electrical apprised that the Electrical Wing purchased the equipments amounting to Rs. 37.00 lacs last year. He further apprised that the tender has already been floated to purchase the material.

The Commissioner directed the XEN (E) to start the process of purchasing material well in time. He further suggested to explore the possibility of outsourcing the area for maintenance of electric lights of Parks, Green Belts etc.

The S.E. (B&R) suggested that the road berms on the V-3 Roads may be allowed to the companies for maintenance and beautification.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra said that earlier this concept was started and some road berms were given to some companies for maintenance and beautification and the companies were allowed to install their hoardings but the Chandigarh Administration directed to remove them.

“After discussion the committee resolved that the information on the pending works be given in detail with all background and put up before the F&CC for consideration”.

The Mayor asked the Chief Engineer about the completion of Mahila Bhawan.

The Chief Engineer informed that the Mahila Bhawan will be completed in December, 2012.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta said that about of 75 poles, 27 electric poles are not working in Sector 20, Chandigarh and requested to repair the same immediately.

The Commissioner directed the XEN (Elect) to prepare the detailed information on the electric poles and their working condition and put up in the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Allotment of Kiosks of Night Food Street Sector 14, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.2 before the Committee for approval.

Sh. Pardeep Chhabra was of the view that the Night Food Street would not be successful if Verka/Vita products are allowed to be sold. He was of the view that non-veg items should also be allowed sold there.

- 1. After discussion it was resolved that the timing of the Night Flood Street shall be from 7.00 PM to 7.00 AM.**
- 2. The Committee allowed the 'Eggs' to be sold in the Food Kiosks @ Rs.15/- for two eggs.**
- 3. The Committee also approved the terms and conditions for allotment of Kiosks with the amendment in point No. 26. The first sentence of the para should be read as under:-**

“In the event of any dispute and difference arising out of or in any way touching or concerning this License Deed, the matter what so ever shall be referred to the Sole Arbitrator i.e. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh or the officer so appointed by him, whose decision shall be binding on both the parties.”

- 4. The Committee also approved the list of eatables and their rates as annexed with the agenda as Annexure-B”.**

Taking up the matter of toilet blocks, Sh. Rajesh Gupta pointed out that some toilet blocks have been leased out to the contractors for renovation and maintenance but the condition of most of the toilet blocks is very bad.

The Commissioner directed the XEN (PH) to check the condition of all such toilet blocks and chalk out the plan for proper maintenance of the toilet blocks given on lease.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Rough cost estimate for “Strengthening of SWD system at Phirni road in Village Palsora, U.T., Chandigarh.”

The Secretary placed agenda item No.3 before the Committee for approval.

“The Committed considered and approved the Rough Cost Estimate amounting to Rs. 17.73 lac for “Strengthening of SWD system at Phirni road in Village Palsora, U.T. Chandigarh”.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Tender regarding Construction of Multilevel parking near Gurdev Studio Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.4 before the Committee for approval.

The S.E. (B&R) apprised that seven tenders were received for construction of Multilevel Parking near Gurdev Studio, Sector 17, Chandigarh. One party has not qualified technically. While checking the financial bid it was found that M/s Sam (India) Built Well Pvt. Ltd. could not upload the amount as such the amount has been shown ‘Zero’ in the comparative statement. The matter is to be decided by the Committee whether the said tender is to be considered as invalid.

“The Committee considered and decided that since the rates quoted by M/s Sam (India) Built Well Pvt. Ltd., #435, Jagriti Enclave Vikas Marg Extension Delhi could not be uploaded and depicted as zero for all the items. The tender as such be treated as “Invalid Tender”. The Earnest Money of the agency be released. ”

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.