

MINUTES OF 271st MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND CONTRACT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10.4.2017 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH.

PRESENT :-

Sarv./Sh./Smt.:-

1.	Asha Jaswal	Mayor
2.	B. Purushartha, IAS	Commissioner
3.	Ajay Dutta	Councillor
4.	Arun Sood	Councillor
5.	Jagtar Singh	Councillor
6.	Kanwarjeet Singh	Councillor
7.	Sh. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
8.	Manoj Khatri, HCS	Secretary

OFFICERS PRESENT :-

Sarv./Sh./Smt.:-

1.	Uma Shankar Gupta, PCS	Additional Commissioner
2.	Shilpy Pattar, HCS	Joint Commissioner-II
3.	N.P. Sharma	Chief Engineer
4.	Sanjay Arora	S.E. (P.H.)
5.	P.K. Aggarwal	XEN (Roads-I)
6.	Gursharan Dass	XEN (Roads-III)
7.	Arjit Singh	XEN (Roads-II)
8.	Harish Saini	XEN (P.H. Div. No.I)
9.	Shyam Lal	XEN (P.H. Div. No.II)
10.	B.K. Dhawan	XEN (P.H. Div. No.IV)
11.	Suresh Gill	XEN (P.H. Div. No.III)
12.	Krishan Pal Singh	XEN (Horticulture)
13.	Rupinderjit Singh Randhawa	XEN (Electrical)

The Secretary welcomed the Mayor, Commissioner, Members & officers present in the meeting.

The Mayor apprised the Committee that she was invited to attend the function at Nagpur regarding Green City Clean City and the City Beautiful has been awarded in this respect. She further said that the credit of this award goes to worthy Commissioner, Councillors and staff of M.C. Chandigarh. She shared the functioning of the M.C. Chandigarh with the Mayors of other states.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.1

Confirmation of the minutes of 270th meeting of the Finance and Contract Committee held on 16.03.2017 at 3.00 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

The Mayor said that it was decided that the complete survey should be got done and notices to all eating joint owners should be issued to obtain the permission for using the pavements/tiled space between veranda and parking. She further asked what action had been taken in this regard. She further said that the action taken report of the previous meeting should be brought in the next meeting.

The Joint Commissioner-I said that a drive was launched by the Enforcement wing of the Corporation to check the eating joints in the city. He further told that the challans were issued against the violators. He further told that an agenda would be brought in the House regarding the confiscated material of violators/defaulters for auction. He suggested that the material of the three or four times violators should be seized permanently instead of release after payment.

The Commissioner said that the action could be taken according to the provisions laid in the Municipal Act. He advised that the fresh survey should be got done and thereafter a list should be prepared of those who have not obtained the permission so far and the action should be taken against them. He further said that installation of CCTV at every eating joint should be enforced. He further advised that the list of the

violators should be provided to the enforcement wing for taking necessary action. He further said that the detailed notice should be served to all the eating joints with terms & conditions, so that owner of eating joint could be aware about the penalty.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that every eating joint would obtain the permission for water & sewerage connection and the waste material would not be thrown in road gullies. He further said that if any eating joint would not fulfil the conditions, it would be presumed that he had been running the eating joint since last six months and the licence fee for six months would be recovered from the said eating joint.

The Mayor said that the matter relating to the grease traps was also discussed in the previous meeting, but it seems that no action had been taken so far.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that the grease traps should be mandatory for every eating joint, it should be inserted in the terms & conditions of licence.

The members of the committee asserted that the Vendor's Act should be finalized at the earliest, otherwise the number of vendors would increase day per day.

The Mayor invited the attention of the committee towards page No.8 of the minutes of 270th meeting, statement of Sh. Arun Sood that several water connections have been given without completion certificate in village Attawa. She asked what action had been taken in this regard. She further asked about the rent of Verka/Vita Milk booths.

The S.E.(P.H.) apprised the committee that the leakage was being checked by the team of the department every day and messages are being received on what's up also.

Sh. Arun Sood invited the attention of the Committee towards resolution of Supplementary agenda item No.2 at page No.15 of the minutes. **It was resolved that the "providing lights" may be read as "shifting of lights in said resolution.**

The Mayor asked about the old/dead & dangerous trees.

The Executive Engineer Horticulture Division said that the list of all old, dead & dangerous trees is being prepared and action will be taken accordingly.

The Commissioner advised that a detailed report regarding total trees, dead trees, termite infected trees & dangerous trees should be brought in the next meeting of the House, so that a consolidated list could be sent to the Conservator Forest Department, U.T. Chandigarh for approval.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that the machines of latest technology should be purchased for the removal of dead or dangerous trees and other purposes.

The Commissioner suggested that the latest technology should be adopted for pruning of trees.

Sh. Devinder Babla suggested that machines of latest technology should be purchased for lifting of dry leaves. He gave the example of a machine manufactured by the supervisor of Golf Club cost of which is only Rs.50,000/-. He further said that such machines should be purchased on experimental basis. He further said that he would provide the machine for experience to clear the dry leaves on the roads.

The Additional Commissioner-I invited the attention of the Committee towards resolution of Supplementary Agenda No.4 at page 18 of the minutes of 270th meeting. It was decided that it should be inserted in the terms & conditions that the priority be given to the candidates having working experience of any Municipal Corporation.

“The Committee confirmed the minutes of 270th meeting of the Finance and Contract Committee held on 16.03.2017 at 3.00 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.2

To take decision about existing taxi stands and amendments in terms & condition for allotment Taxi Stands.

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

The Mayor said that a committee of the officers was to be constituted regarding the policy of taxi stands, what action had been taken in this regard. She further raised the issue of condemned vehicles and seized vehicles by the enforcement abandoned in the store. She further suggested that these vehicles should be auctioned after giving the final notice to the owners.

The Joint Commissioner-I said that it was suggested that survey of all taxi stands should be got done along with number of taxies and adda incharge of taxi stands should be given hearing before auction and in the meantime the agenda was deferred. He further said that accordingly they came to the office to see the concerned officers.

Sh. Arun Sood said that the union of taxi stands has come today to discuss the matter in the F&CC. He further raised the issue of LED lights and demanded that in the meantime the dark spots should be made functional in his ward with the existing lights. He further suggested that all the iron jhullas should be replaced with fibre.

The Joint Commissioner-I told that the auction of seized material could be done after three months.

The Committee invited the union in the committee room during the meeting to hear them.

The President of the Taxi Stands Union participated in the meeting on behalf of all the taxi stands and the issues were discussed in detail. He further said that he had come to know that all the taxi stands are to be auctioned afresh. He further told that the petitioner/adda incharge of 24 taxi stands filed the writ petition against the cancellation of their taxi stands.

The Joint Commissioner briefed the matter that an agenda was placed before the F&CC on 27.8.2012 regarding re-allotment of 37 taxi stands to existing licensees, but 24 licensees out of them did not fulfil the prescribed conditions.

Thereafter, the F&CC decided that taxi stands Sr.No.1 to 13 be re-allotted for period of three years extendable upto 5 years and the licence of 24 taxi stands were cancelled and decided for re-auction. The licensees of 24 cancelled taxi stands approached the Hon'ble High Court demanding the cancellation of orders of Commissioner, M.C. Chandigarh. The Hon'ble High Court set aside the order of the Commissioner, M.C. Chandigarh and granted liberty to the Corporation to pass fresh orders in accordance with law. It was made clear that till the appropriate fresh orders are passed by the competent authority, status quo as it exists shall continue. Thereafter, two or three committees consisting of officers & Councillors were constituted. The Committee of the officers headed by Sh. Varinder Chaudhary, HCS Joint CMC-II recommended that in future the taxi stands should be auctioned to maintain transparency. The Committee further recommended that 24 taxi stands whose period expired on 30.6.2015 and other taxi stands whose term is going to expire very shortly should be allowed to continue till the auction process is finalized. He further said that now the matter is placed again before the F&CC for further strategy/action.

The President of the taxi stands union apprised the committee that total 62 taxi stands had been running in the city. He further said that the taxi stands had constructed their own infrastructure incurring an amount of Rs.2.50 to Rs.3.00 lacs and all the taxi stands had been paying the licence fee timely on the prescribed pattern. He further said that structure of all the taxi stands is 12'x12' and rest of the area is meant for the parking, which is used by the customers and shopkeepers of the market. He further said that 10 times more business is being done by the private taxi operators by hiring a small cabin than the approved taxi stands. He further said that there was no rent for the taxi stands, the licence fee on taxi stands had been imposed since the inception of M.C. Chandigarh, which had been increased year by year. He requested that all the taxi stands should be allowed to work continuously instead of re-auction. He further said that

at least 15000 taxies of Ola & Uber had been running in Chandigarh and nothing was being paid to the Corporation.

The Mayor said that the facilities had been provided by the M.C. to the taxi stands as they use the water & toilets free of cost.

The Joint Commissioner-I said that the taxi stands were allotted initially for three years extendable upto five years and their tenure had expired, therefore, there should be no hitch for re-auction of the taxi stands.

Sh. Arun Sood said that they had established their own business after incurring on the infrastructure of taxi stands, if the taxi stands are re-auctioned they would have to vacate the site. He further said that 90% taxies had been running bearing the registration number of Punjab and they would have to pay the entry tax. He further said that their rent should be increased. He further said that the condition of having four taxies in its own name has no importance, this should be ignored.

Sh. Devinder Babla said that the members had not gone thoroughly in the agenda, it requires some time, therefore, it should be deferred.

The Committee deferred the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.3

Procurement of Slacked Lime.

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

The MOH apprised the committee that 16000 bags of slacked lime per year are purchased @ Rs.129.75 per bag having a weight of 25 kg. each and its total cost would be Rs.20,76,000/- for one year. The period of contract for supply was for one year and extendable upto three years on year to year basis. He further told that the contract had completed two years.

The Chief Accounts Officer apprised the committee that the amount of the contract is more than Rs.60.00 lacs which is beyond the jurisdiction of F&CC.

“The Committee considered and accorded approval in principle to extend the contract of M/s Usha Chemical Industries, Chandimandir, for another one year i.e. w.e.f. 14.2017 to 6.4.2018 for the supply of 16000 bags of slacked lime (25 kg. each) @ Rs.129.75 per bag on the same terms & conditions at the total cost of Rs.20,76,000/-. Further, the Committee recommended that the agenda should be brought in the next meeting of the House for final approval in view of the amount of the contract.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.4

Rough cost estimate for purchase of 6 Nos. Tractors for use in the Road Wing of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

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

The Chief Engineer apprised the committee that the Secretary State Transport Authority, U.T. Chandigarh had ordered vide letter dated 27.12.2016 that no transport vehicles would be allowed, which had completed 15 years of their lives and there is urgent requirement of 6 Nos. tractors for use in the Road Wing of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, as the existing tractors had completed prescribed time limit of 15 years.

The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.33.86 lac for purchase of 6 Nos. Tractors in place of old tractors which had completed more than 15 years, for use in the Road Wing of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.5

Filling up of one post of Draftsman-cum-Data Entry Operator on Outsource basis in the Architecture wing of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.5 before the Committee for consideration.

“The Committee considered and accorded approval for filling up one post of Draftsman-cum-Data Entry Operator on outsourced basis for Architect Wing of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.6

Agenda for supply and fixing of open air gym in Green Belt of Sector 18, 19 & 21, Chandigarh (Under Landscaping).

The Secretary placed agenda item No.6 before the Committee for consideration.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that the open air gym should be installed on the mound to avoid the mud during rainy season. He further said that these open air gym should be installed throughout the city in the interest of the citizens and a single tender should be floated to reduce the cost.

The Chief Engineer apprised the Committee that the material of the open air gyms would be repairable & have a good quality whereas already installed gyms are not repairable.

The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.18.37 lac for supply and fixing of open air gym in Green Belt of Sector 18, 19 & 21, Chandigarh.”

Sh. Ajay Dutta said that the walkers/poor use the T.T. water in the parks inadvertently and they fell ill. He suggested that the signboards/warning should be installed on the T.T. water pipelines that this water is not drinkable.

Sh. Arun Sood suggested that the taps of red colour should be fixed on the T.T. water pipelines.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.7

Rough Cost Estimate for the Work of Boring & Installation of 01 No. 12”x8” (304.80x203.20mm) I/D Deep Bore Tube Well in Lieu of Low Discharge/Abandoned Tube Well no.2 at Vikas Nagar, EWS Housing Complex, Chandigarh (With Percussion-cum-Rotary Drilling rig/any Other Method of Latest Technology).

The Secretary placed agenda item No.7 before the Committee for consideration.

The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.32.15 lac for the work of boring & installation of 01 No. 12"x8" (304.80x203.20mm) I/D Deep Bore Tube Well in Lieu of Low Discharge/Abandoned Tube Well no.2 at Vikas Nagar, EWS Housing Complex, Chandigarh (With Percussion-cum-Rotary Drilling rig/any Other Method of Latest Technology)."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 271.8

Rough Cost Estimate for the work of "Providing and Laying of Sewerage system in Sector 24/C, Chandigarh.

The Secretary placed agenda item No.8 before the Committee for consideration.

"The Committee considered and approved estimate amounting to Rs.38.34 lac for providing and Laying of Sewerage system in Sector 24/C, Chandigarh."

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Sd/-
Secretary,
Municipal Corporation,
Chandigarh.**