



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017; 7:00 PM**

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND STAFF RESPONSE

Item 7D.

Consideration of approving a Resolution waiving the Formal Bid Process for the purchase of Exterior Signage for the Grossinger Motors Arena in the amount of \$60,935.28. *(Recommend approving the Resolution waiving the bidding requirements for the purchase of exterior signage for the Grossinger Motors Arena from Bendsen Signs & Graphics in Decatur, IL in the amount of \$60,935.28; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Resolution, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement; and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Question from: Alderman Mathy

Could council get a list of what local signage vendors were asked to bid on the Arena signs, and what proposals we got back from them? I'm curious because we have a local bidder ordinance that gives them a bit of preference on pricing, but we don't have any local bids in our packets?

Staff Response from: Lynn Cannon, Executive Director, Grossinger Motors Arena

Regarding Alderman Mathy's request for local companies, when I first began searching for a signage company, I made calls to several local sign companies to request quotes but was not able to find one that could fabricate the three dimensional illuminated signs we were seeking. Eventually Leslie was able to track down the original sign manufacturer through the City's permit department and I received recommendations from other arenas for companies that manufactured their signs. I don't have a list of all the companies I contacted as I started this project back in July and I think my notes from then were discarded after I received the quotes.