

**CITY OF BETHLEHEM**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**SUBJECT:** Request for Approval by City Council of Contract Award or Contract Price Increase Pursuant to City Ordinance, Article 121.05 (a)

Project or Contract Reference: 2025 43 Wawa Gateway Art

**TO:** City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

**FROM:** Laura Collins, Director of Community and Economic Department

**DATE:** September 9, 2025

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On behalf of the Administration, pursuant to City Ordinances, Article 121.05, I request City Council's approval of the following recommendation of the referenced contract award or price increase.

- Check Type of Contract or Change:

\_\_\_\_\_ The contract is for over \$50,000 and required to be bid under the Third-Class City Code. We have advertised the above referenced project and received qualified bids. We recommend award of the contract to the bidder identified and for the reasons stated below.

\_\_\_\_\_ The recommendation is for a price increase of 10% or more for an existing contract over \$50,000 that was previously bid and awarded under the Third-Class City Code.

  X   The contract is for the engagement of professional services. We have received a proposal for professional services in connection with above referenced project.

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget?   X   yes         no
- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):  
0305-42047-Contribution from the Wawa Developer (part of the developer's agreement)
- The name and address of the recommended Contractor/Professional Service Provider:  
Five Rivers Fabrication, Inc  
230 Cherrywood Dr.  
Wind Gap, PA 18091
- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:  
July 1, 2026

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:
  - Consultant shall design, construct, and install a metal sign containing the words “City of Bethlehem” on a 5 foot by 10 foot existing concrete pad located on the property at 770 Hellertown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Access to the concrete pad shall be by means of an approximately 194 square foot easement extending from the public right-of-way. Design of the Sign shall be approved by the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission prior to construction and installation thereof.
- State the actual or estimated price to the City or the proposed Department budget allowance for the initial term; and state payment rate per unit of service if applicable:  
\$20,000
- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:  
NONE
- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised:  
NONE
- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:
  - As per the developers agreement, a selection committee was formed comprised of a member from the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, a member of the Lehigh University Art Gallery (LUAG), a representative of Wawa, and a representative of the Landowner. This selection committee met and reviewed the 10 unique submissions, selecting Manraj Matharu as the preferred design. Manraj’s design pays homage to the history of Bethlehem (steel, star), while also honoring members of his family, and the Bethlehem community.

Please approve this recommendation by passing the accompanying resolution. A vote of final approval is requested at the first City Council agenda listing of this matter.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head

Copies To: Mayor  
Director of Administration  
Director of Budget and Finance  
Law Bureau  
Purchasing Bureau  
Controller  
Project Manager

Attachment: Proposed Resolution

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization for Contract or Amendment under Article 121.05(a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and the Controller and/or such other City officials as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to execute a Contract or Amendment and such other agreements and documents as are deemed by the City Solicitor to be necessary and/or related thereto, with the following named contractor, for the uses and purposes indicated in the supporting Recommendation of Award of Bid or Contract.

1. Name of Contractor: Five Rivers Fabrication, Inc

Project or Contract Reference: 2025 43 Wawa Gateway Art

Sponsored by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk