

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 Reference: 2020-04 Drexel Heights Pressure Improvements

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Edward J. Boscola, P.E. – Director of Water and Sewer Resources

DATE: April 14, 2020

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:

 X 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.

 The contract is for the engagement of professional services. We have received 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

Water Capital Fund

- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):

Account # 007A-77054

- The name and address of the recommended Professional Service Provider are:

CMR Construction Inc.
PO Box 1186
Easton, PA 18044

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:

The contract shall run for 90 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:

This project consists of materials and labor to install 700 feet of new 8" water main, with associated valves, pressure control station, and other appurtenances necessary to increase water pressure to the Drexel Heights residential development of Allen Township.

- 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:

\$153,280.00

- 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:

Three (3) bids were received from contractors for this project. References and financial information were checked and CMR Construction Inc. was found to be the lowest responsible bidder for the scope of work described above.

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: _____



Edward J. Boscola – Director of Water & Sewer Resources

Copies To: Mayor
Director of Administration
Director of Budget and Finance
Law Bureau
Purchasing Bureau
Controller
Robert Taylor – Project Manager
Attachment: proposed resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 dated April 14, 2020.

1. Name of Contractor: CMR Construction, Inc.
2. Project or Contract Reference: Drexel Heights Pressure Improvements

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 20____.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk