

**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: 2020 14 GC Traffic Signal Upgrades

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

**FROM:** Michael Alkhal, P.E., Director of Public Works

**DATE:** November 11, 2021

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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.

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

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget?  yes  no
- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):

Bond: 62019 – 66002

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

Mohawk Contracting and Development, LLC  
125 Krocks Road  
Allentown, PA 18104

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions: N/A
- Description of project or scope of services to be provided: N/A
- 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:

Original Contract Price = \$77,357.75

Change Order No. 1 = \$47,875.25

- Number of renewal term options and duration of each renewal, if any:  
N/A
- Maximum dollar value of all renewals provided for beyond the original term as if all renewals were exercised:

\$125,233.00

- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:

During construction of the upgrade of the traffic signal at the Elizabeth Ave and Linden St. intersection, a significant amount of additional curb, sidewalk and ADA ramp work was required than was previously anticipated to meet federal criteria in terms of maximum grade, transition areas, etc. This included both removal of existing areas and installation of new sidewalks and curb. In addition, an area of pavement adjacent to a new ADA ramp was found to be in disrepair (note that there was a significant lag between the time of design and time of construction due to delays in securing bids as a result of the pandemic) and the City requested that the contractor repave the area to prevent further damage or future issues. Finally, some of the pavement marking quantities were increased based on poor existing conditions in the field.

The additional work completed on the pavement and ADA ramps / sidewalks has given the City (and abutting Liberty High School) a safer and more complete project.

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.

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Name of Contractor: Mohawk Contracting & Development, LLC
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2020 14 GC Traffic Signal Upgrades

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 \_\_\_\_.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk