

**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:** April 13, 2022

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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.

\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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? X yes \_\_\_\_no

- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):  
69000-66002

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

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

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

December 31, 2022

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

The City received bids in 2020 for two (2) signal replacements (Linden St and Elizabeth Ave, and Linden St and Broad St). At the time and due to budget constraints, only the Base Bid (Linden St and Elizabeth Ave) was able to be funded, and it has since been completed. Funding is now available for the Alternate Bid to replace the signal at Linden and Broad streets. Construction includes signal replacement, ADA ramps, new conduit, pavement markings, and signal timings.

- 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:


\$77,357

- 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: N/A
- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:

The contractors, Armour Electric and Mohawk Contracting., LLC, had agreed to hold their prices from the 2020 received bids, which are very likely much lower than would be provided in a bid today due to the rise in construction costs and labor. Additionally, the City has already purchased the signal equipment for this intersection (Alternate Bid) and can proceed with constructing the signal upgrade. This work will be performed to be consistent with the future conversion of Linden Street from one-way to two-way traffic.

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:   
Title: Director of Public Works

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  
Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.

2. Project or Contract Reference: 2020 14 GC Traffic Signal Upgrades

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

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ADOPTED by Council this 19 day of April, 2022.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk