

**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: 2022 31 Water Main Installation and Replacement

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

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

**DATE:** May 24, 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:

  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 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

Water Capital Fund

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

Account Numbers:

007A – 77005	\$1,136,595.00
007A – 77002	<u>  \$ 129,150.00  </u>
Total	\$1,265,745.00

- The name and address of the recommended Contractor are:

R-III Construction, Inc.  
600 Creamery Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064

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

The contract shall run from the Notice to Proceed until December 31, 2022.

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

To provide labor and material to remove, replace, and install various size water mains and all appurtenances in four different municipalities, and five locations:

- A. 2200 lf - 8” Replacement – Hanover Township, Lehigh County
- B. 840 lf - 8” Replacement – East Market Street, City of Bethlehem
- C. 300 lf - 8” Replacement – Highland Avenue, City of Bethlehem
- D. 240 lf - 16” Installation – South Side Reservoir, Borough of Fountain Hill
- E. 800 lf - 12” Installation – Snow Drift Road, East 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:

\$1,265,745.00

- 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:

\$1,265,745.00

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

Five (5) bids were received from contractors. References and financial information were checked and R-III 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.

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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 May 24, 2022.

1. Name of Contractor: R-III Construction, Inc.
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2022 31 Water Main Installation and Replacement

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

ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk