

**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: 2022 48 Craig Avenue Swale Improvements

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

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

**DATE:** July 21, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 the 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.....):

Stormwater fund (012A-42047)

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

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, INC.  
501 Allendale Road, Suite 203  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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

60 Days

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

The swale located adjacent to the property at 257 Craig Avenue needs improvement. The swale has fabric exposed along the surface of the swale. A large tree has fallen at the bottom of the swale and blocked the flow of water into the forest. Over time the water has breached the swale and is now causing erosion on the north side. A detailed hydraulic and hydrologic analysis is needed to identify potential issues with the existing system and identify a detailed scope of work for restoration.

- 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:

\$21,767.00

- 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:

We solicited and received two (2) proposals ranging in prices from \$21,767.00 to \$31,850.00. Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc's proposal was the most responsive in meeting the project scope/needs and have demonstrated substantial project experience/expertise with similar projects.

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: Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, INC.
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2022 48 Craig Avenue Swale Improvements

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

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

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk