

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: 2024 29 Greenway Acquisition Appraisals

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Tiffany Wismer, DCED Business Manager

DATE: 5/1/2024

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 above referenced project.

- Is the contract appropriation or price increase included in this year's budget? Xyes ___no
- Identify contract funding sources (general fund, grants, loans, etc.....):
69999-662043
- The name and address of the recommended Contractor/Professional Service Provider:
Raymond C. Geiger
5050 W. Tilghman St. Suite 115
Allentown, PA 18104-9114
- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:
12/31/2024

- Description of project or scope of services to be provided:
As required for expenditure of grant funds for the purchase of land to complete the South Bethlehem Greenway, Mr. Geiger will complete a review appraisal of a November 2022 appraisal by Mr. William Yetke of approximately 23 acres of Norfolk Southern land. He will conduct a complete reading of the appraisal report to analyze and develop an opinion as to the completeness, accuracy, adequacy, relevance and reasonableness of the descriptions and conclusions in the report. Following the development of the appraisal review, an appraisal review report will be prepared, completed, and delivered summarizing the reviewed opinion. Mr. Geiger will also appraise two additional land areas currently under lease and by Norfolk Southern and subject to a proposed future acquisition by the City of Bethlehem.
- 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:
\$7,000
- 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:
N/A
- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:
The City is required to conduct a review appraisal of a previously conducted appraisal of this land conducted by Mr. William Yetke as well as new appraisals of adjacent land leased to third parties. The City believes we are best served to proceed with Ray Geiger for these services given the proposed scope of work, qualifications, and prior experience with Mr. Geiger for appraisal services.

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: _____
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. 2024-_____

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.

1. Name of Contractor: Raymond C. Geiger
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2024 29 Greenway Acquisition Appraisals

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk