

**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 44 Greenway Appraisal Review

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

**FROM:** Laura Collins

**DATE:** 10/9/2024

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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 above referenced project.

- 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.....):  
69999-662043
- The name and address of the recommended Contractor/Professional Service Provider:  
Christie M. Davies  
432 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Bethlehem, PA 18018
- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:  
11/15/2024

- 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, Ms. Christie M. Davies will provide a technical desk review of an October 2024 “yellow book” appraisal prepared by Raymond C. Geiger. She 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.
- 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:  
\$4,500
- 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:  
None
- Reasons for recommendation of Administration and Council approval of contract:  
The City is required to conduct a review appraisal of a “yellow book” appraisal being completed by Ray Geiger to satisfy federal grant requirements for the acquisition of land from Norfolk Southern to complete the South Bethlehem Greenway. The City believes we are best to proceed with Ms. Christie M. Davies for these services given the proposed scope of work, qualification, and prior experience with Ms. Davies 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: Christie M. Davies
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2024 44 Greenway Appraisal Review

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

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk