

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 41 Traffic Signal Upgrades at Pennsylvania Avenue, Union Boulevard and Eaton Avenue

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

DATE: November 26, 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. We recommend award of the contract to:

Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.

- 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.....):

LRR (2022)	\$193,640	69000-66002
LRR (2024)	\$625,000	69024-66002

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

Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
1720 Spillman Dr, Suite 260
Bethlehem, PA 18015

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

To be completed by December 31, 2025.

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

This contract is for the design and permitting of traffic signal upgrades to current standards and regulations for the intersections of Pennsylvania Avenue, Union Boulevard, and Eaton Ave per our Traffic Maintenance 5-Year Capital Improvements Program. Construction of the upgrades is planned/budgeted for 2025.

- 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:


\$57,850

- 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 City solicited proposals and received two (2) proposals for the design and permitting of the three intersections ranging from \$57,850 to \$92,000. Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. (TPD) provided the lowest cost proposal, was responsive to our Request for Proposals (RFP), and has demonstrated experience with and has performed this similar work for the City in the past.

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: 
Director of Public Works & City Engineer

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: Traffic Planning and Design, Inc
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2024 41 Traffic Signal Upgrades at Pennsylvania Avenue, Eaton Avenue, and Union Boulevard

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk