

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: 2025-21 Fourth of July Fireworks

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

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

DATE: 03/19/2025

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.....):

General Fund -0901-95006

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

Garden State Fireworks, Inc.
383 Carlton, Rd.
Millington, NJ 07946

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

July 4, 2025 Raindate – July 5, 2025

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

Annual July Fourth Fireworks

- 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:

\$40,000.00

- 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:

None

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

Qualified vendor/company that successfully conducted fireworks displays in the city of Bethlehem including the last three years at a competitive price.

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. 2025-_____

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: Garden State Fireworks, Inc.
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2025-21 Fourth of July Fireworks

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk