

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: 2026 15 Emergency Supply Water Connections

TO: City Council, all members, and Council Solicitor

FROM: Edward J. Boscola, P.E., Director of Water and Sewer Resources

DATE: July 23, 2026

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:

 X 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.

 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.....):

Water Capital Fund Account No. 007A – 77100

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

Joao & Bradley Construction Co., Inc.
4211 Tracy Lane
Bethlehem, PA 18020

- Term of contract or estimated completion date, subject to standard extensions:
The Contract shall run 197 days from date of Notice to Proceed.

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

Contractor shall install an emergency interconnect valve and meter chamber between the City of Bethlehem and Allentown (Lehigh County Authority) water systems. The interconnection would allow for supply of water in either direction should there be an emergency or loss of service in either system. This is part of a long term plan to upgrade interconnections between Bethlehem and neighboring water utilities. This one is located on Florence Ave near Central Park Ave at the border between Bethlehem and Allentown.

- 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:

\$260,440.00

- 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:

\$260,440.00

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

Three (3) bids were received from reputable contractors. References and financial information were checked, and Joao & Bradley Construction Co., Inc. was found to be the lowest responsible bidder for the scope of work described above.

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
Procurement Bureau
Controller
Project Manager

Attachment: Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

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: Joao & Bradley Construction Co., Inc
2. Project or Contract Reference: 2026 15 Emergency Supply Water Connections

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk