



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

Item Number: 5

DATE: March 25, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Community Development Committee

LIAISON: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Tim Burkman, City Engineer
Engineering

SUBJECT: **Resolution awarding a contract with Ponstein Enterprises LLC dba Georgetown Construction for Reconstruction of Kendall Street and Fruitwood Drive in the amount of \$1,938,359 with total amount not-to-exceed \$2,613,528**

This project consists of the water main replacement in Kendall Street SE from Kalamazoo Avenue to Kentridge Drive and Fruitwood Drive NW from Covell Avenue to Woodcrest Drive. The work will include the replacement of the existing six-inch water mains, replacement of existing water services (no lead services), minor storm sewer upgrades, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk ramp installation, and minor sidewalk replacement. In an effort to make the project more attractive to bidders, the Contractor has the option to construct the project in either the 2025 or the 2026 construction season (or one phase in each). The approximately 66 to 75-year-old water mains were installed in the 1950's, which has a history of poor performing water main materials. The water mains overall rating further highlights its poor condition and need for replacement. The pavement outside of the water main work will be reconstructed on Fruitwood Drive and resurfaced on Kendall Street because the overall quality of the remaining asphalt is in poor to fair condition.

Bids were received on March 4, 2025 for this project. The engineer's estimate, is \$2,236,545 and Ponstein Enterprises LLC DBA Georgetown Construction (Georgetown) submitted a bid of \$1,938,359 (low discounted bid same as bid). Georgetown will not be utilizing any Micro Local Business Enterprise participation but will be subcontracting a total amount of \$325,079. Reference the attached Equal Business Opportunity – Construction Worksheet regarding the applicable bid discounts for this project.

The attached resolution provides for the award of the construction contract for this project to Georgetown in the amount of \$1,938,359 with total expenditures not to exceed \$2,613,528. This amount includes the costs of the construction contract, public information program previously authorized services by Materials Testing Consultants, Inc.

(MTC), construction materials testing by SME, engineering/inspection/administration, previously authorized services by Moore & Bruggink (MB), and contingencies. The overall design and construction engineering/inspection will be performed by the City of Grand Rapids. MTC provided design phase services for soil borings. SME will perform materials testing during the construction phase. M&B provided survey services during design.

This project is being financed by the Water System and Vital Streets Funds.

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Reviewed by O.E.E.

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Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution awarding a contract to Ponstein Enterprises LLC dba Georgetown Construction and authorizing expenditures in connection with Reconstruction of Kendall Street from Kalamazoo Avenue to Kentridge Drive and Reconstruction of Fruitwood Drive from Covell Avenue to Woodcrest Drive.

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 4, 2025 for the following project:

Reconstruction of Kendall Street from Kalamazoo Avenue to Kentridge Drive and
Reconstruction of Fruitwood Drive from Covell Avenue to Woodcrest Drive.
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Ponstein Enterprises LLC dba Georgetown Construction (Georgetown) submitted a bid of \$1,938,359 for which the engineer's estimate is \$2,236,545; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of Georgetown be accepted and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents for the Project on behalf of the City.
2. That total expenditures for the Project be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$2,613,528 which includes the costs of the construction contract, public information program previously authorized services by Materials Testing Consultants, Inc. (MTC), construction materials testing by SME, engineering/inspection/administration, previously authorized services by Moore & Bruggink (MB), and contingencies. Said amount of \$1,641,621 to be charged to the applicable Water Codes and \$971,907 to be charged to the applicable Vital Streets Codes.
3. That the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make payment, in amounts and to said payees, as the City Engineer or his designee requests in connection with the Project.


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