



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date: May 7, 2012

To: John Szerlag, City Manager

From: Mark F. Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development  
Steven J. Vandette, City Engineer

Subject: Agenda Item – Standard Purchasing Resolution #1: Award to Low Bidder  
Contract 11-10 – Section 16 Water Main Replacement

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### Background

The cast iron water mains in the southeast corner of Section 16 (e.g. Hart, Webb, Paragon, Carter, Lange, Virgilia, and Pierce Streets) are over 45 years old and have exceeded their service life. This project will replace and upsize these mains to meet current size and fire flow standards while eliminating costly main breaks that are common with older water mains. Work will include replacing the existing 6" & 8" water mains on the above noted streets with 8" & 12" water main. The work is anticipated to start in June and be completed in October.

Bids were received and publicly read on May 2, 2012. The low bid of \$2,498,647.34, as submitted by Bricco Excavating Company, LLC, can be seen in the attached tabulation of bids. The engineer's estimate at the time of bidding was \$2,700,000.00. The low bid is therefore \$201,353 or 7.5% below the engineer's estimate.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council award a contract for the Section 16 Water Main Replacement project to Bricco Excavating Company, LLC, 21201 Meyers Road, Oak Park, MI 48237-3201 for their low total bid amount of \$2,498,647.34. In addition, we are requesting authorization to approve additional work, if needed, not to exceed 15% of the original project cost due to unknown conflicts with existing underground utilities that may arise during construction.

Enterprise funds are being used to fund this project; enterprise funds can only be used for operation, maintenance and improvements to the water system.

### Fund Availability

Funds for this work are included in the Water Fund. The budgeted amount includes funds for construction, inspection and contingencies.



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### Legal Considerations

Work was competitively bid and publicly opened with seven (7) bidders responding. The award is contingent upon submission of proper proposal and bid documents, including insurance certificates, bonds and all specified requirements.

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