August 4, 2022

TO: Council President

City Council Members

FROM: Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director

CC: Council Appointees

THROUGH: Rob Hillard, City Manager

SUBJECT: West College St. Pavement Improvement Project

**Purpose and Recommendation**

The Public Works Department has prepared plans, specifications and bid documents for improvements on West College St. from Prospect St. to its intersection with West Lorain and Pyle South Amherst. Bids were opened on July 19th. The Public Works Department recommends awarding this contract to the lowest and best bidder, Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc. of Norwalk, OH in the not to exceed amount of $967,249.89.

**Background and Discussion**

On October 18, 2021 by Ordinance 21-63, City Council authorized the City Administration to file a Round 36 funding application for a grant equal to 37% of the project cost, not to exceed $400,000. Our local match is budgeted in the Income Tax Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of $617,441. Our application was subsequently recommended and approved for funding.

The project includes replacement of the failing rolled curbs with new underdrain, new Type 6 curb and driveway apron replacements. 3 ¼” of the existing asphalt pavement will be milled off. Engineering staff will inspect and coordinate pavement base repairs as required. Utility structures will be adjusted to finish grades and the street will be resurfaced with two layers of asphalt, ODOT 448 Type 1 and Type 2, with a pavement overlay fabric between the intermediate and surface courses. After the paving is complete it will be sealed with Reclamite®. Once the seal coat has cured, new pavement markings including bike lanes, bike symbol and double yellow center-line striping will be installed in thermoplastic for enhanced durability.

City Engineer Randall Robert’s project cost estimate is $1,051,141. We received four bids for this project. These are summarized below and on the bid tab:

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| **Bidder** | **Bid** |
| Smith Paving & Excavating | $967,249.89 |
| D.L. Smith Concrete | $1,055,191.00 |
| Chagrin Valley Paving | $1,109,265.65 |
| The Ruhlin Company | $1,220.322.32 |

None of the bidders are eligible for the bid discounts per the City’s Local Preference Ordinance.

Smith Paving & Excavating has successfully completed projects of similar scope for the City, including Safe Routes to School in 2018 and the North Campus Paving Project in 2011. They have also worked as a sub-contractor on other projects for us. We are confident they can build this project and we look forward to working with them again. We intend to use Quality Control Inspection, Inc. (QCI) to provide 3rd party inspection services during construction.

**Fiscal Impact**

The 2022 budget for this project is $1,047,640 which includes the not-to-exceed $400,000 OPWC grant which will pay for 37% of project costs.

**Consultation**

Diane Ramos has reviewed and approved EEO compliance documents for all bidders, excepting the Ruhlin Company who received conditional approval, see attached.  The authorizing legislation has been provided to Law Director Jon Clark for review and approval.

**Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, the Public Works Department recommends that City Council award this project to Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc. of Norwalk, OH in the not to exceed amount of $967,249.89. The Public Works Department further recommends that City Council award this contract as an emergency measure at its August 15, 2022 meeting to allow the bid to be accepted in a timely manner and to expedite construction of this project.

If there are any questions, please let me know.