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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Megan D. O'Callaghan, P.E., City Manager
Date: January 7, 2025
Initiated By: Paul A. Hammersmith, P.E., Director of Engineering/City Engineer
Brian D. Gable, P.E., Director - Capital Projects
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Re: Resolution 03-25 – Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Avery Road and Rings Road/Cara Road Interim Intersection Improvement Project (20-019-CIP)

Background

On December 18, 2024, seven (7) bids were received and publicly opened for the Avery Road and Rings Road/Cara Road Interim Intersection Improvement Project, 20-019-CIP (Project). The scope of work for this Project includes constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Avery Road and Rings Road/Cara Road, water and sanitary sewer line extensions for Rings Road, Cara Road, and Cara Court, curb and gutter installation on Cara Road and Cara Court, and pedestrian facilities for Rings Road, Cara Road, Avery Road, and Cara Court. Please see the attached Project Location Map for the general Project work area.

Traffic at the two-way stop sign controlled intersection of Avery Road and Rings Road/Cara Road is congested, particularly during the peak hours. This Project addresses existing traffic volume congestion on Avery Road at Rings Road and will improve safety for vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

The water and sanitary sewer utility extensions are in utility extension area 8A as identified in the amended public water utility and sanitary sewer utility extensions to existing developed property policy adopted on April 25, 2022. The water and sanitary sewer utility extension portions of this Project will serve, or provide the ability to serve, 21 and 19 existing parcels, respectively.

This Project was initially advertised for bids in May 2024. On June 18, 2024, four (4) bids were received with the lowest submitted bid being \$7,041,344.60. The engineer's estimate at that time was \$5,100,000.00. Due to the difference between the engineer's estimate and lowest submitted bid, the City rejected all bids. The Project maintenance of traffic was revised to provide alternates which included one to close the intersection for a longer duration versus the alternate essentially that maintained traffic through the intersection. In November 2024, the Project was advertised for bids a second time with the bid alternates.

The budgeted funds for the Avery Road and Rings Road/Cara Road Interim Intersection Improvement Project in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are \$7,000,000 from account ET202 (TIF funded). The engineer's estimate for the second advertisement of the Project was \$7,000,000 for Alternate 2 (longer closure duration).

Strawser Paving Company, Inc. submitted the lowest and best bid of \$6,249,459.05 for Alternate 2, which is 10.7% under the engineer's estimate and more than \$300,000 less than Alternate 1 (maintain traffic). Staff has reviewed all bids and a summary of the Alternate 2 bids received for the Project is listed below.

Bidder	Bid as Read (Alternate 2)	Bid as Read Over (+) or Under (-) Engineer's Estimate	Corrected Bid
Strawser Paving Company, Inc.	\$6,249,459.05	-10.7	N/A
Trucco Construction Co., Inc.	\$6,353,497.85	-9.2	N/A
George J. Igel & Co., Inc.	\$6,578,582.40	-6.0	N/A
Miller Bros. Const., Inc.	\$6,756,824.05	-3.6	N/A
The Ruhlin Company	\$6,700,600.72	-4.3	N/A
Elite Excavating Co. of Ohio, Inc.	\$6,949,215.00	-0.7	N/A
Complete General Construction	\$7,557,501.74	+8.0	N/A

The work for this Project is expected to commence in February/March 2025 with construction of storm sewer and sanitary sewer on the east side of Avery Road, Cara Road, and Cara Court. Rings Road will be closed to traffic between Avery Road and Pensworthy Drive for approximately 5 months and is expected to begin in April 2025. Avery Road at Rings Road will be closed to through traffic for approximately 2 months following the Rings Road closure. Detours will be posted as described in the plans. Access to homes in the vicinity of the intersection and the Ted Kaltenbach Park will be maintained throughout the Project. The Project is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of October 2025.

The typical and customary communication methods will be used to convey construction information to adjacent property owners, residents and motorists throughout the duration of this work. The City will have a designated Engineering Project Inspector assigned to this Project, who will be available to answer questions, manage access, and monitor the maintenance of traffic operations throughout the Project duration.

Recommendation

Staff has thoroughly reviewed the bid submitted by Strawser Paving Company, Inc. Previous experience with Strawser Paving Company, Inc. has been favorable, including these recent projects: 2024 Street Maintenance Program – Phases 1 and 2, and River Forest Storm and Roadway Improvements in 2024. Staff is confident that Strawser Paving Company, Inc. will do well performing the work for this Project.

Staff recommends Council approve Resolution 03-25 accepting as lowest and best the bid of Strawser Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,249,459.05 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Strawser Paving Company, Inc. for this Project.

Location Map

