

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Motion to award Bid No. 25085 for the Water Main Replacement 2026 Phase 1 project to D&G Backhoe Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$3,259,417.60, plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. W-16).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ACTION** This motion will award Bid No. 25085 to D&G Backhoe Inc. for the Water Main Replacement 2026 Phase 1 project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to award Bid No. 25085 for the Water Main Replacement 2026 Phase 1 project to D&G Backhoe Inc.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Water Main Replacement program has been ongoing for many years and is a major component of Utilities’ proactive strategy for renewal and replacement of aging infrastructure. Replacement of aging water mains reduces the risk of pipeline failures that result in customer impacts and potential property damage. This project will replace approximately 6,900 linear feet of aging and undersized water main pipe in the Utilities service areas of Bellevue. Utilities has coordinated with individual property and business owners to minimize construction impacts to their respective properties and the neighborhood.

Included in this contract is replacement of approximately 535 Linear Feet of 6” watermain owned by Beaux Arts. The low bid amount for construction cost of this watermain is \$199,168 excluding Washington State sales tax. The city will be reimbursed by Beaux Arts for the actual cost of replacing this watermain in accordance with a cost sharing agreement with Beaux Arts, since final quantities may vary from the bid quantities.

Bids were opened on January 8 and are as follows. Please note, these bid amounts do not include Washington State sales tax on applicable bid items.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid (excluding taxes)</b>
<i>D&amp;G Backhoe Inc.</i>	<i>\$3,259,417.60</i>
<i>Kar-Vel Construction</i>	<i>\$3,269,389.00</i>
<i>Fury Siteworks Inc.</i>	<i>\$3,320,575.25</i>
<i>Shoreline Construction Co.</i>	<i>\$3,344,031.00</i>
<i>Earthwork Solutions LLC</i>	<i>\$3,685,357.00</i>
<i>Ryatt Construction LLC</i>	<i>\$3,771,464.00</i>
<i>Interwest Construction Inc</i>	<i>\$4,571,505.00</i>
<b>Engineer’s Estimate</b>	<b>\$4,410,025.00</b>

The bid from D&G Backhoe Inc. is approximately \$1,150,607.40 or 26.1% under the Engineer's estimate. Staff performed an in-depth analysis of the bid as compared to the Engineer's estimate and have found the bid to be responsive and the low bidder to be responsible.

To the best of staff's knowledge, all factors that normally contribute to construction expenses have been accounted for in the plans and in the Engineer's estimate. It is our experience that construction projects of this type usually result in some amount of field changes. Such claims are rigorously reviewed and only those that are clearly necessary to accomplish the intent of the contract, but have not been provided for, will be paid.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

City Comprehensive Plan policies: Provide reliable water service for domestic use, fire flow protection, and emergencies.

Utilities Department policies: To invest resources as necessary to construct, maintain and renew water system infrastructure and equipment so that Utility customers are provided with consistent, reliable service.

Utilities Department practice: Replace small diameter asbestos cement water main installed in the late 1940's through 1960's to reduce the possibility of water main breaks as well as other small diameter water pipes of varying materials determined by city staff to be at high risk of failure; CIP Plan No. W-16 Water Main Replacement Program has been designated to do this.

Bellevue City Code 4.28.040 requires the city to competitively bid public works in accordance with City Codes and state law. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$350,000. Council approval is also required to reject any or all bids.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Awarding this bid commits the city to payment of \$3,259,417.60, plus all applicable taxes. This contract is funded through the Water Main Replacement Program (CIP Plan No. W-16). Sufficient funds have been budgeted to fund this contract in the 2025-2030 Utilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Award Bid No. 25085 for the Water Main Replacement 2026 Phase 1 project to D&G Backhoe Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$3,259,417.60, plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. W-16).
2. Reject all bids and provide alternate direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Vicinity Map

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A