

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Motion to award Bid No. 26022 for the Water Main Replacements 2026 Phase 2 & PRV project to Kar-Vel Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount of \$4,615,958.25, plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan Nos. W-16 & W-67).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ACTION**

This motion will award Bid No. 26022 to Kar-Vel Construction for the Water Main Replacements 2026 Phase 2 & PRV project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to award Bid No. 26022 for the Water Main Replacements 2026 Phase 2 & PRV project to Kar-Vel Construction.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Water Main Replacement program has been ongoing for many years and plays a key role in 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 10,790 linear feet of aging and undersized water main pipe in the Utilities service areas of Bellevue, Medina and Clyde Hill. The project will also replace an existing pressure reducing valve (PRV) station in the 4700 block of 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. Utilities has coordinated with individual property and business owners to minimize construction impacts to their respective properties and the neighborhood.

Bids were opened on April 9, 2026, 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>Kar-Vel Construction</i>	\$ 4,615,958.25
<i>Fury Site Works Inc</i>	\$ 4,910,295.77
<i>Tapani Inc</i>	\$ 5,538,000
<i>Ryatt Construction</i>	\$ 5,873,135

**Engineer’s Estimate** **\$6,670,318**

The bid from Kar-Vel Construction is approximately \$2,054,360 or 31% 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 responsible.

To the best of staff's knowledge, all factors that normally contribute to construction expenses have been accounted for in the plans, specifications and Engineer's estimate. It is our experience that

construction projects of this type usually result in some amount of field changes. Such changes 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**

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.
- Install pressure reducing valves to provide increased water system operational control when needed; CIP Plan No. W-67 Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Station Rehabilitation 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 or reject any bid where the cost exceeds \$350,000.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Awarding this bid commits the city to payment of \$4,615,958.25, plus all applicable taxes. This contract is primarily funded through the Water Main Replacement Program (CIP Plan No. W-16) and partially through the Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Station Rehabilitation Program (CIP Plan No. W-67). Sufficient funds have been budgeted to fund this contract in the 2025-2030 Utilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Award Bid No. 26022 for the Water Main Replacements 2026 Phase 2 & PRV project to Kar-Vel Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$4,615,958.25, plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan Nos. W-16 & W-67).
2. Reject all bids and provide alternate direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A