

CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/23/2025

REQUESTER: Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL,

REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2425-3: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ELLSWORTH CONSTRUCTION OKC, L.L.C., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$26,489.66 FOR A REVISED AMOUNT OF \$1,299,019.66 AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT K-2425-3 AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$32,475.48 FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE BOND, URBAN CONCRETE PAVEMENT, FYE

2025 LOCATIONS, BID 2 PROJECT.

BACKGROUND:

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Norman residents voted to approve the issuance of \$27 million in bonds to fund the resurfacing, rehabilitation and reconstruction of neighborhood streets as part of a 5-year, 5-category program. The five categories include (1) Asphalt Pavement Street Rehabilitation, (2) Urban Concrete Street Rehabilitation, (3) Urban Road Reconstruction, (4) Rural Road Rehabilitation, and (5) Preventive Maintenance. The FYE 2025 urban concrete street rehabilitation locations were bid out in two separate bid packages.

The Urban Concrete Street Rehabilitation project includes select panel replacement in existing concrete streets. Curb replacement and ADA curb ramp improvements will be completed as necessary. The project covers approximately 2.8 miles of city streets.

The project was publicly advertised on May 16 and 23, 2024. Four contractors attended a pre-bid conference on May 30, 2024. Eight bids were submitted and opened on June 13, 2024.

The low bid was submitted by Ellsworth Construction OKC, LLC of Oklahoma City in the amount of \$1,272,530. City Council approved Contract K-2425-3 with Ellsworth Construction OKC, LLC on July 9, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Construction projects are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Contractor bids are determined using estimated plan quantities multiplied by the contractor's unit prices for all bid items of the contract. The total of all these costs represents the contractor's bid. During

construction, each quantity is verified in the field and the contractor is to be reimbursed based on the actual quantity of materials and/or labor used.

During construction, it was determined that additional panel replacements were necessary on Berry Road between Main Street and Robinson Street to provide Norman residents with a better quality end-product.

Of the twenty-six (26) bid items, twenty-one (21) items had a quantity change. Nine (9) quantity changes resulted in increased cost, while twelve (12) quantity changes resulted in a decreased cost for an overall contract increase of \$26,489.66 or 2.08%. The contract increased from \$1,272,530 to \$1,299,019.66 and 100 days were added to the project duration (please see the attached Change Order 1 for a complete list of bid item cost increases and decreases). Funding for this change order is available in Westwood Estates: Merkle/Rosewood/Mercedes, Construction (Account 50593393–46101; Project BP0626) in the amount \$26,489.66.

The final payment amount owed to Ellsworth Construction OKC, LLC is \$32,475.48, which includes the full retainage.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends the approval of Change Order 1 to Contract K-2425-3 with Ellsworth Construction OKC, L.L.C. increasing the contract price by \$26,489.66 for a revised price of \$1,299,019.66 for the Street Maintenance Bond Program –Urban Concrete Pavement - FYE 2025 Locations, Bid 2 Project.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff further recommends final acceptance of the Street Maintenance Bond Program – Urban Concrete Pavement – FYE 2025 Locations, Bid 2 Project, Contract K-2425-3, and final payment to Ellsworth Construction OKC, L.L.C. be approved in the amount of \$32,475.48.