



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration of approval to award the Southwest Water Main Loop project contract to Bidigare Contractors, Inc., the qualified low bidder, in the amount of \$4,039,390.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Scope includes 15,200 feet of 14-inch high density polyethylene (HDPE) and 12-inch ductile iron water main along portions of 8 Mile, Napier and Beck.
- Water main will be installed through the ITC Sports park, providing public water access to the park facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

	FY 2026/27
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$ 4,039,390.00 Construction \$ <u>370,520.96</u> Engineering Services \$ 4,409,910.96 TOTAL
BUDGET	
Water & Sewer Fund 592-536.00-976.214	\$ 6,632,567.00 *Part of the FY 2025-26 Budget Rollover
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 0
FUND BALANCE IMPACT	\$ 0
Budget includes current estimated total project costs for construction (construction engineering, crew days, material testing, contingency, etc.), which is \$4.9M.	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Water system improvements to the southwest area of the city were identified in the 2020 Water Master Plan Update to improve water flow and fire protection in the Intermediate pressure district, including the installation of a looped water main connection in this area. This project would involve constructing this looped system consisting of approximately 15,200 feet of 14-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and 12-inch ductile iron water main along portions of 8 Mile, Napier and Beck, including a segment through ITC Sports Park. The majority of the water main will be installed via horizontal directional drilling, a trenchless method that minimizes impact to affected properties and reduces the need for restoration.

This project will improve flows and fire protection in this area of the city and will provide the opportunity for additional improvements including a potential elevated water storage tank, and the possibility of expanding the Island Lake Pressure District. These additional improvements have been studied and will be discussed in the upcoming Water Master Plan Update expected in October.

City engineering consultant, OHM Advisors, assisted City staff with design of the Southwest Water Main Loop project. The project was advertised for public bids on August 12, 2026. Eleven (11) bids were received and opened on September 2, 2026, following the solicitation period. A summary of the five lowest bids is below.

Contractor	Total Bid*
Bidigare Contractors, Inc.	\$ 4,151,390.00
DVM Utilities, Inc.	\$ 4,283,733.20
Inner City Contracting, LLC	\$ 4,331,834.00
Pamar Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 4,352,796.00
Anglin Civil, LLC	\$ 4,594,363.36

***Crew Days are included to compare bids but not included in the award. See bid tabulation for all bids received.**

The contract administration and geotechnical engineering services related to this project will be awarded to the following pre-qualified firms using the fee percentages in the Agreements for Professional Engineering Services and Geotechnical Engineering Services for Public Projects.

OHM	Contract Administration	4.5% of the construction award	\$ 181,772.55
	Crew Days	\$800 daily inspection fee x 140 days	\$ 112,000.00
G2	Material testing services	1.9% of the construction award	\$ 76,748.41
TOTAL			\$ 370,520.96

Construction is expected to start in October and continue through summer 2027.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to award the Southwest Water Main Loop project contract to Bidigare Contractors, Inc., the qualified low bidder in the amount of \$4,039,390.