

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM MEMO  
REGULAR MEETING**

**SUBJECT:** Amending the Resolution Authorizing the Retention of BHMGE Engineers, Inc. To Design the Downtown Underground Conversion

**Staff Contact:** Blake Toliver Superintendent of Electric Operations

**Summary:** Rochelle Municipal Utilities would like to engage BHMGE Engineers, Inc to provide engineering services to design, assist in procurement, and provide construction administration for the downtown underground conversion. This project will be funded through the downtown and southern gateway TIF Bonds. The project will start at Lincoln Manor and end at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. The goal of this project will be to place all existing overhead facilities underground as well as upgrade any services that are in need along the way.

BHMGE is a trusted partner and has the knowledge and expertise to complete the desired work.

12-8-25 BHMGE seeks a price change request for \$42,800 bringing the total to \$153,100. This change request comes after design requirements expanded to providing extra effort for telecommunication undergrounding with Frontier and Comcast as well as the secondary replacements to the homes and businesses along the route. Engineering will account for less than 10% of the total project cost upon completion.

**Funding Sources:**

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
Downtown and Southern Gateway TIF Bonds	2,500,000	\$110,300
		PCR#1 \$42,800
		Total: \$153,100

**Strategic Plan Goal Application:** Infrastructure Effectiveness and Improvement

**Recommendation:** Approve the Amended Resolution Authorizing the Retention of BHMGE Engineers, Inc. To Design the Downtown Underground Conversion