



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2025
TO: CITY COUNCIL
WRITTEN BY: Assistant Public Works & Utilities Director Fontes
RECOMMENDED BY: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
APPROVED BY: TAMARA VIDES, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH BEAR ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, AND INCREASE TOTAL COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, AND APPROVING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the Third Amendment to Contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. for the City-wide Streetlight Maintenance and Repair Services, Project No. TR-23-14011, and increasing the contract compensation in the amount of \$150,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000, and approving a budget appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 from the General Fund, and authorizing and directing City Manager to execute the contract amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On July 18, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 145-23 (CM) awarding a professional services contract to Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc., for City-wide Streetlight Maintenance and Repairs, Project No. TR-23-14011, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, with the option to extend one year for up to two additional years.

In October 2024, the City exercised the option to extend the contract for an additional year, and Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc., agreed. The First Amendment to Contract was executed on October 23, 2024, and extended the contract to July 18, 2025, and increased contract compensation in the amount of \$100,000, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$200,000.

The Second Amendment to Contract was executed on October 6, 2025, and extended the contract to July 18, 2026, and increased contract compensation in the amount of \$100,000, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$300,00.

DISCUSSION:

The City currently owns and maintains approximately 2,445 streetlights. These include lights mounted on grey metal “cobra head” poles on most City streets, the decorative metal poles in the downtown area and wood telephone poles. Because this work requires certified electrical technicians and specialized utility vehicles, the City has hired contractors to perform the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the facilities.

To date, the cost of maintenance has exceeded what staff originally estimated. Additional funding is needed to ensure that the on-call services for streetlight maintenance and repairs can continue for the remainder of the term of the contract.

In addition to regular streetlight maintenance services, this contract also includes repair of streetlights that have been damaged or knocked down. Over the past year, the city has experienced an increase in incidents whereby the City’s streetlights have incurred damage. The cost of repairs for addressing damaged streetlights is on a time and material basis. When the City is reimbursed for damages, this cost is recovered.

Staff recommend that the Council approve the Third Amendment to Contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc., and amend the compensation and add \$150,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000. A corresponding increase in revenue of \$35,000 is also anticipated as the City will bill the responsible parties for the property damage.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION:

No additional California Environmental Quality (CEQA) review is required for the Contract Amendment with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. On July 18, 2023, the City Council declared the City-wide Streetlight Maintenance as exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5), as it does not meet CEQA’s definition of a “project”. This Third Amendment does not add any new or more significant impacts that have not already been analyzed.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This contract amendment is consistent with the following Strategic Plan(s):

Infrastructure & Environment
Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total of the Third Amendment to Contract is \$150,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000. The \$150,000 is to be split 50/50 and charged to budget accounts: 0305-923-7837-14018 (Gas Tax – Signals and Lighting Replacement) and 0150-510-7333 (General Fund – Reimbursement Property Repairs).

There are sufficient funds in budget account 0305-923-7837-14018, and there is a total of \$40,145 available in budget account 0150-510-7333, requiring a budget appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 from the General Fund to this budget account. A corresponding increase in revenue of \$35,000 is also anticipated as the City will bill the responsible parties for the property damage, this will be accounted for in budget line item 0150-510-5805-00000.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time. Approving the Third Amendment to Contract with Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc., and amend the compensation and add \$150,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000 will allow the City to continue maintaining the City's street lighting and address any streetlight damage.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (IF ANY):

None.