

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: February 5, 2024  
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**Subject:** CA-1 alternate resolution - revision to Major Contracting bid amount  
**Date:** Monday, February 5, 2024 7:09:12 PM  
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Council Member Radina – an error in Major Contracting’s bid proposal amount was discovered, and the total contract amount per the updated/correct bid is \$8,528,195.50. Clean and redline copies of the modified alternate resolution for CA-1 are attached. Staff has been advised of this update.

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## Alternate Resolution for CA-1 (23-2122) on 2-5-24 Council Agenda

### **..Title**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Major Contracting Group, Inc. for the Huron West Park Sanitary Sewer Replacement Phases 2 & 3 (\$8,481,495,528,195.50)

### **..Memorandum**

Attached for your review and approval, please find a resolution to approve a construction contract between the City of Ann Arbor and Major Contracting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$8,481,495,528,195.50 for the Huron West Park Sanitary Sewer Replacement Phases 2 & 3 (RFP #23-62).

The scope of this project includes replacement of sanitary sewer through easements, park property, and along Dexter Avenue from Arbana Drive to Lyn Anne Court. A visual depiction of the pipe location can be found in the attached drawing. The construction of the project is anticipated to begin in late February and extend through November 2024.

Engineering staff supervised the creation of plans and contract documents and bid the project through the City's Procurement Unit. On December 14, 2023, the City received proposals from Major Contracting Group, Inc. and Pamar Enterprises, Inc. for this work.

The City evaluates construction project proposals using its best value criteria in ORD 21-41 which include:

- Qualifications, Experience, & Accountability (20%)
- Workplace Safety (20%)
- Workforce Development (20%)
- Social Equity & Sustainability (20%)
- Schedule of Pricing/Cost (20%)

Applying the best value criteria, City Council determines that the proposal from Major Contracting Group, Inc. provides the best value to the City.

Major Contracting Group, Inc. complies with the City's Non-Discrimination and Living Wage ordinances.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: This project is included in the FY23-28 Capital Improvements Plan (UT SN 19-01). The estimated total cost of the project is \$11,650,000,000.00. Funding for the project is included in the approved capital budgets of the Developer Offset Mitigation Fund and the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

### **..Staff**

Prepared by: Nicholas S. Hutchinson, P.E., City Engineer  
Reviewed by: Brian Steglitz, Public Services Area Administrator  
Approved by: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator

### **..Body**

Whereas, the existing sanitary sewer in the project area has been identified as needing replacement to provide additional capacity and increase the useful life of the sewer infrastructure;

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**To:** [Disch, Lisa](#)  
**Subject:** Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power  
**Date:** Monday, February 5, 2024 7:49:56 PM

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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#)  
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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Song, Linh](#)  
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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Harrison, Cynthia](#)  
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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Radina, Travis](#)  
**Subject:** Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power  
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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Akmon, Dharma](#)  
**Subject:** Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power  
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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Watson, Chris](#)  
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**From:** [Mike Nowak](#)  
**To:** [Cornell, Jenn](#)  
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**From:** [barbara Wetula](#)  
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## Alternate Resolution for CA-1 (23-2122) on 2-5-24 Council Agenda

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### **..Staff**

Prepared by: Nicholas S. Hutchinson, P.E., City Engineer  
Reviewed by: Brian Steglitz, Public Services Area Administrator  
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Dharma,

Thank you for your kind words and strong support of the Nature Playscape project this evening at council. I am grateful for your leadership of our city, and supporting words towards both parks and the Leslie Science & Nature Center. This project is many years coming, and already beloved by many in our community. I hope I can welcome you to the site in the coming months and year, and meet thank you in person.

Much appreciated, Susan

**Susan Westhoff** *she/her*  
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**From:** [Paul Fleming](#)  
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Thank you so much!

Take care,  
Paul

On Sat, Feb 3, 2024 at 4:30 PM Harrison, Cynthia <[CHarrison@a2gov.org](mailto:CHarrison@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon!

Friday was a busy day, thank you for asking. Saturday is a bit more calm which is good. I hope your weekend is going well so far.

You're welcome for the resolution, and the time line is on the agenda. It's item #24-0145. I have included the link for you and your CROS colleagues to access.

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Hope all is well!

**Cynthia Harrison**  
**Council Member, Ward 1**  
(She/her/hers)

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Hi CM Harrison,

I hope you're having a good friday! Thanks for your [resolution](#) about the new unarmed crisis response RFP. I'm writing to ask about the timeline that the city administrator was supposed to produce by Jan 26th. Has the timeline been released? If so, could you point me and my CROS colleagues to where we might be able to access it?

Thanks!

Paul