

Sec. 19. Public works, contracts.

In June of every odd numbered year, the City Council shall set or affirm a threshold value for how public works contracts are to be awarded. Every contract involving an expenditure equal to or more than this threshold value for public works projects, including the construction of improvements of public buildings, streets, drains, sewers, utilities, parks and playgrounds shall be let either to: (1) the lowest responsible bidder, after notice by publication in the official newspaper by one or more insertions, the first of which shall be published at least ten (10) days before the time for opening bids; or (2) the best value design-builds entity or best value design-build-operate entity responding to a request for proposals.

Public works projects below the threshold value may be performed by employees of the City, by force account, by negotiated contract, by purchase order, or by using procedures set by the City Council by ordinance.

The Council may at any time amend the threshold value by a four-fifths (4/5) vote.

The Council may reject any and all bids received whenever in the opinion of the City Council:

- (a) The bid or bids do not strictly comply with the notice and specifications.
- (b) The Council finds and determines that the proposed project or purchase should be abandoned.
- (c) The Council finds and determines that the materials may be purchased more reasonably on the open market and the work done cheaper by day or City labor.
- (d) The Council determines that the bids are higher than anticipated and a new call for bids would result in savings to the City.
- (e) The Council determines that it would be in the best interest of the City to delay the work or purchase for an indefinite period of time.
- (f) The best interests of the City would be served by a rejection of all bids.
- (g) The proposal is not suitable for the project.