



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – March 23, 2026
City Council – April 6, 2026

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

04/06/2026

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Agenda Item: Bids for City Project #8850.02, District No. 801 – Paving & Street Lighting for S 34th St (45th – 47th Ave S)

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Matthew Maguire (Civil Engineer, Sr.)
Christian Danielson, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: Approve Award of Contract to low bidder, Paras Contracting in the amount of \$516,616.37 for City Project #8850.02 – Paving & Street Lighting for S 34th St (45th – 47th Ave S)

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Sande, second by Berg to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Berg, second by Sande to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this project were opened on March 26, 2026. 5 bids were received. The low bid of \$516,616.37 was submitted by Paras Contracting. The bid was approximately 27% under the Engineering Estimate of \$709,160.50.

As the upcoming 47th Ave Interchange project progresses closer towards implementation, the City has a requirement to provide all of the connecting infrastructure for the interchange. This paving project is a continued piece of the infrastructure build out. City project #8850.02 consists of paving and street lights for S 34th St (45th – 47th Ave S). This project will be special assessed to the benefiting properties with a 70% City share, as per City cost share policy.

S 34th St is currently an undeveloped ag field with recently platted right-of-way. Utilities for this project were bid, and construction largely completed during the 2025 construction season with final completion scheduled for June of 2026. The proposed new construction on S 34th St will be a 41' wide concrete roadway with curb & gutter, storm sewer, commercial street lights and an 8' bikepath on the east side of the roadway. A 5' width of the 8' bikepath (equivalent to a standard City sidewalk width) will be assessed to the benefiting properties. The remaining portion of bikepath will be 100% City funded as per the City Special Assessment Policy.

This project has been considered at previous Council/Committee/Public meetings:

- February 2, 2026 – Council approved Engineer’s Report, created the Special Assessment District, and directed the Engineering Department to prepare Plans & Specifications.
- February 11, 2026 – A public input meeting was held at City Hall where we received no attendees nor any other public responses to the project.
- March 2, 2026 – Council approved plans and specifications for this project.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A total of 5 bids were received, and 5 bids were opened on March 26, 2026.
- Bids received ranged from \$516K to \$647K.
- The lowest bid received was from Paras Contracting in the amount of \$516,616.37.
- The resolution of necessity for this paving project can be protested per State law [Ref: ND Century Code Ch. 40-22-15].
- This project will be funded utilizing a City share and special assessments to benefitting property owners.
- Cost share for this project will be 70/30 (City/Special Assessments).
- Construction is anticipated to take place during the 2026 construction season.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Abstract of Bids Received (1 page)
- Assessment District Map (1 page)
- Project Timetable (1 page)
- Page 341 from 2026 City Budget (1 page)

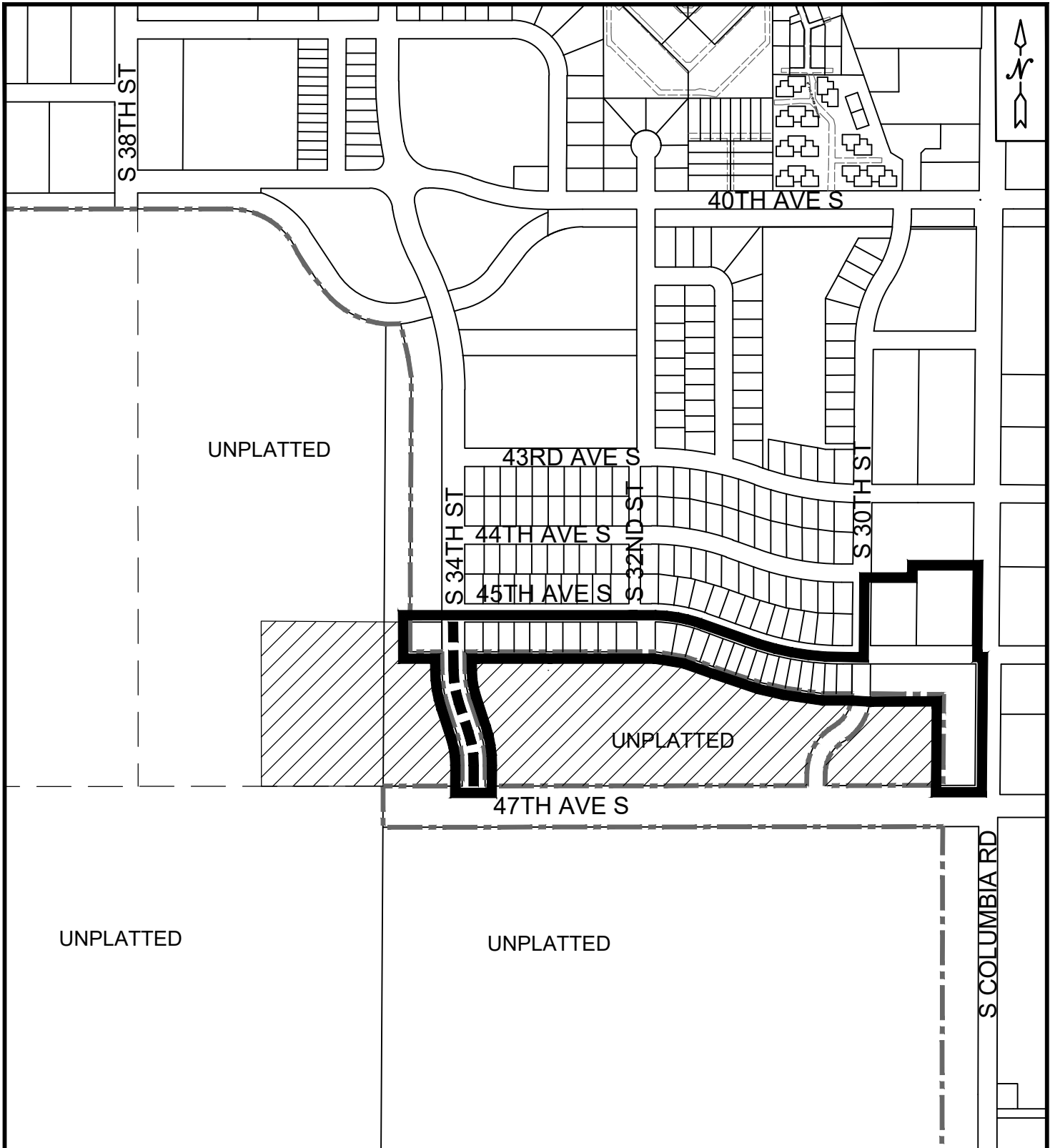
Abstract of Bids Received

City Project No. 8850

Project Name - Paving & Street Lighting for S 34th St (45th-47th Ave S)

Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 26, 2026

		Acknowledge Addendum 1	Bid Bond	Contractor's License	Non-Collusion Affidavit	Base Bid
1 Contractor Parras Contracting 300 27th Cir S, Fargo, ND 58106	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$516,616.37
2 Opp Construction LLC OP Box 13530, Grand Forks ND 5820	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$577,569.00
3 Strata Corporation 1600 N 48th St, Grand Forks, ND 582	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$589,251.40
4 All Finish Concrete Inc 801 Christianson Drive E, West Fargo	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$611,977.00
5 United Crane & Excavation PO Box 12846, Grand Forks, ND 582	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$647,331.60
6	6					
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<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>						\$709,160.50



PAVING & STREET LIGHTS FOR S 34TH ST (45TH AVE S TO 47TH AVE S)

LEGEND

PROJECT # 8850.02
DISTRICT # 801

- ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- PROJECT LIMITS
- CITY LIMITS
- FUTURE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TIMETABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Project Name: Paving & Street Lighting for S 34th St (45th – 47th Ave S)

Project Number: 8850.02

District No. 801

- Paving
 Street Lighting
 Other _____

This timetable prepared by MEM
 Revised by _____

Date 1/16/26
 Date _____

Action	Date of Action			Approved
	Other	Committee	Council	
Approval of Engineers Report including estimate. Resolution creating assessment district. Direct engineering to prepare plans & specifications, and advertise for construction bids.		1/26/26	2/2/26	
*Special Assessment Commission to meet to determine preliminary distribution of benefits.	Week of 2/2/26			
*Notices sent to property owners.	Week of 2/2/26			
Public Input Mtg	2/11/25			
Approval of plans & specs.		2/23/26	3/2/26	
**Advertisement for bids prepared.	2/26/26			
Resolution of Necessity published.	3/4/26			
*Advertisement for bids published.	3/4/26			
***Bids received, opened & tabulated.	3/26/26			
#Recommend award of contract.		3/23/26		
Expiration of protest period.	4/3/26			
***Certificate as to sufficiency.	4/6/26			
Resolution as to protest and awarding contract.			4/6/26	We are Here

*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

**Responsibility of Engineering Department.

***Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Service Office & Engineering Department.

#If bids are more than 25% higher than engineers estimate, Finance & Administrative Services Office will notify property owners and protest period will be extended 2 weeks.



Street/Infrastructure Fund

G/L Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	
Fund 4815 - Street/Infrastructure Fund								
	Council Adopted					1.0000	350,000.00	350,000.00
4815.100.650.0010	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,331,000.00	1,331,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	250,000.00	250,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	210,000.00	210,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	87,500.00	87,500.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	90,000.00	90,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	525,000.00	525,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	542,500.00	542,500.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	230,000.00	230,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	154,000.00	154,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	966,000.00	966,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	420,000.00	420,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	168,000.00	168,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	819,000.00	819,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	833,600.00	833,600.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	80,000.00	80,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	300,000.00	300,000.00