



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

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

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Agenda Item: Bids for City Project No. 9050, District No. 797 – Reconstruct 5th Ave S (Demers Ave to Washington St) and Project No. 9101, District 631 – Storm Sewer for 5th Ave S (Demers Ave to Washington St)

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Rachel Bremer, PE (Civil Engineer, Senior)
Edward Liberman, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: **Reject all bids for City Project No. 9050, District No. 797 – Reconstruct 5th Ave S (Demers Ave to Washington St) and Project No. 9101, District 631 – Storm Sewer for 5th Ave S (Demers Ave to Washington St)**

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

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

BACKGROUND:

Bids for these projects were received on March 19, 2026. Five bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Opp Construction in the amount of \$613,296.25. However, the portion of the bid for Project 9101 was \$98,081, which is more than 40% higher than the Engineer's Report. According to ND Century Code 40-22-29, the City may not award a contract to any bidder where the bid exceeds the Engineer's Report by 40% or more. Since the contract documents state that the bid award will be based on the lowest sum of the combined totals for each project, staff recommendation is to reject all bids.

A revised Engineer's Report for Project 9101 will be submitted to the Council for approval, and the projects will be re-bid together later this spring.

These projects consist of reconstruction of the existing concrete roadway and replacing the existing storm sewer on 5th Ave S from N Washington St to Demers Ave.

This project has been considered at previous Council/Committee/Public Input Meetings, as follows:

- February 2, 2026 – Council approved the Engineer’s Report, created the Special Assessment District, and directed Engineering Department to prepare Plans & Specifications.
- March 2, 2026 – Council approved Plans & Specifications and directed Engineering Department to advertise for construction bids.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

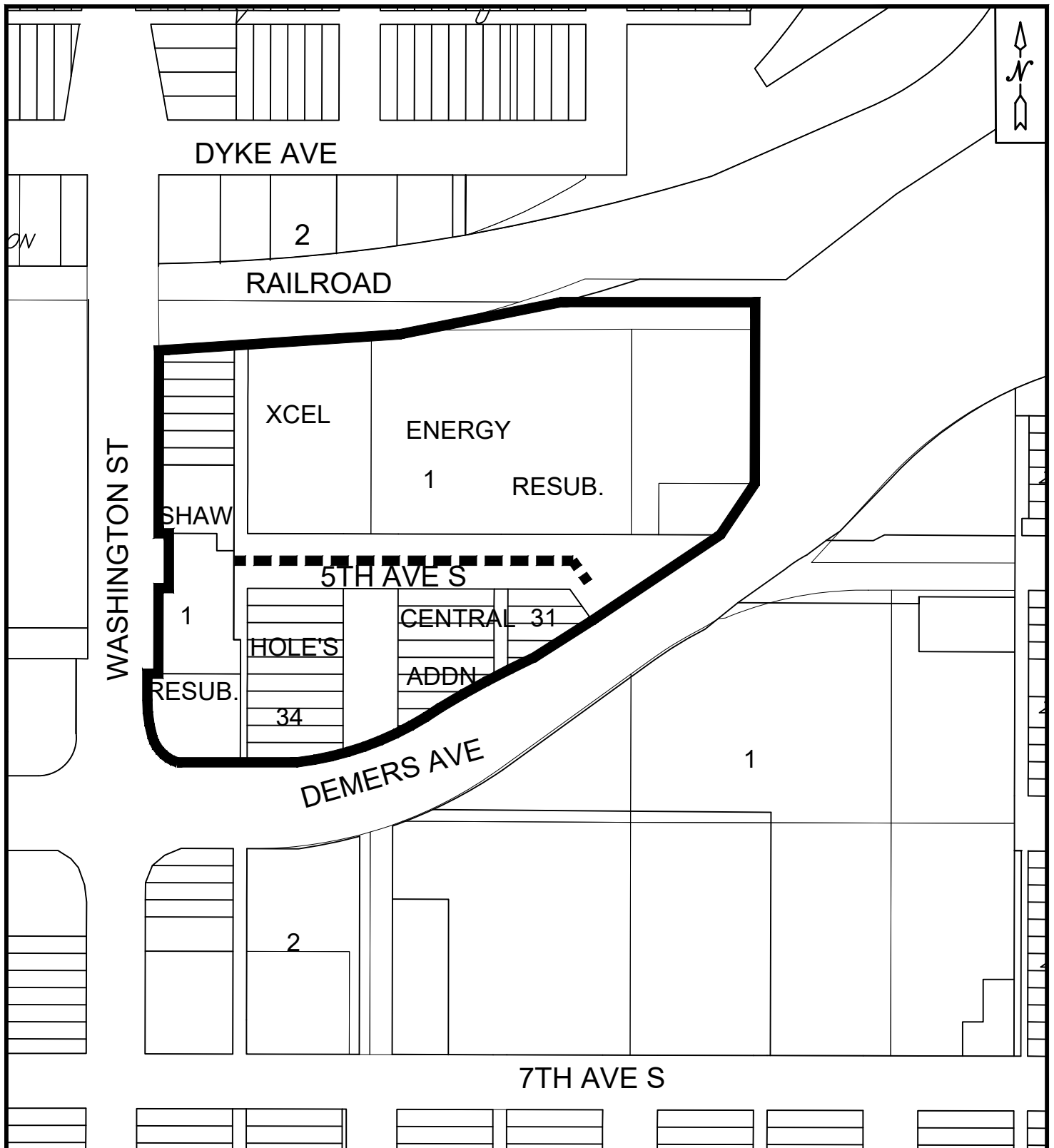
- A total of 5 bids were received, and 5 were opened.
- The bids received ranged from \$613,296.25 to \$724,929.05.
- The low bidder’s amount for Project 9101 exceeded the Engineer’s Report by 47% and cannot be awarded per ND Century Code.
- Projects will be re-bid.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Abstract of Bids Received (1 Page)
- Assessment District Maps (2 Pages)

Abstract of Bids Received
City Project No. 9050 & 9101
Project Name - Reconstruct 5th Ave S & Storm Sewer (Demers-Wash.)
Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2026

| Contractor | | Acknowledge Addendum 1 | Bid Bond | Contractor's License | Non-Collusion Affidavit | Base Bid |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Opp Construction LLC OP Box 13530, Grand Forks ND 5820 | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | \$613,296.25 |
| 2 | Taggart Contracting Inc PO Box 726, Thief River Falls, MN 56 | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | \$680,570.50 |
| 3 | Strata Corporation 1600 N 48th St, Grand Forks, ND 582 | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | \$688,523.04 |
| 4 | All Finish Concrete Inc 801 Christianson Drive E, West Fargo | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | \$717,759.25 |
| 5 | United Crane & Excavation PO Box 12846, Grand Forks, ND 582 | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | \$724,929.05 |
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| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | | | | | | \$672,123.25 |



RECONSTRUCT 5TH AVE S (DEMERS AVE TO WASHINGTON ST)

LEGEND

PROJECT # 9050

DISTRICT # 797

- ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- PROJECT LIMITS

