



# Common Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Roll Call

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Notice of Open Meeting

## Approval of Agenda

**Public Comment** *(Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.)*

## New Business

1. Consider and take action on award of bid for the Reconstruction of W. School Street to Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,755,700. (CoW 04/08/26)
2. Consider and take action on Task Order 2026-04 with Ruekert-Mielke for construction-related services for W School Street in an amount not to exceed \$238,700. (CoW 04/08/26)

## Adjourn

\*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.

April 8, 2026

Matt Amundson  
 City of Columbus  
 105 N. Dickason Blvd  
 Columbus, WI

RE: 2026 West School Street Reconstruction

Dear Matt:

Bids for the above project were opened on January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. via virtually online at Quest and were as follows:

BIDDER	BASE BID A	BASE BID B	GRAND TOTAL
1. Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc.	\$2,511,565.00	\$244,135.00	\$2,755,700.00
2. Kopplin & Kinas Co., Inc.	\$2,670,158.40	\$268,909.50	\$2,939,067.90
3. James Peterson Sons, Inc. – Utility Division	\$2,957,709.43	\$286,634.85	\$3,244,344.28
4. Rock Road Companies, Inc.	\$3,128,093.73	\$265,825.44	\$3,393,919.17
5. Parisi Construction, LLC.	\$3,474,124.75	\$239,842.75	\$3,713,607.50

We reviewed the documentation submitted by the apparent low bidder and found that:

1. The Bid Form has been appropriately completed.
2. We have no objections to the low bidder, nor to the proposed major subcontractors and suppliers.
3. Low bidder has successfully completed similar projects over the last 5 years.

On these bases, we recommend that Forest Landscaping and Construction be awarded the 2026 West School Street Reconstruction contract, in the amount of \$2,755,700.00. This amount is based on the bid unit prices and estimated quantities. Actual quantities, and therefore the final contract price, may vary.

Our review did not include an evaluation of bidder's current financial condition nor of their permanent safety program.

Should you decide to accept our recommendation, we have prepared the enclosed Notice of Award for your use. After City Council approval has been received, please have the appropriate official sign where indicated and forward a signed copy of the Notice of Award to our office. We will then fill in the date at the top of page one and forward it, with contracts for execution, to the Contractor. One fully completed Notice of Award will be returned to you for your records.

Bids remain subject to acceptance until April 28, 2026, unless Bidder agrees to an extension. Please advise us of your award decision, or call if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.



Samantha E. Boman  
 Project Engineer  
[sboman@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:sboman@ruekert-mielke.com)

SEB:ied  
 Encl: Notice of Award

**NOTICE OF AWARD**

Item #1.

Contract: 2026 West School Street Reconstruction	Date of Issuance: _____
Bidder: Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc.	Owner: City of Columbus
Address: W8583 Finch Brothers Road	Engineer: Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
Lake Mills, WI 53551	Engineer's Project No.: 8117-10105

**TO BIDDER:**

You are notified that your Bid dated January 28, 2026 for the above Contract has been accepted by Owner and you are the Successful Bidder and are awarded a Contract for:

2026 West School Street Reconstruction

The Contract Price of your Contract is: \$ 2,755,700.00

Two (2) copies of the proposed Contract Documents (except Drawings) accompany this Notice of Award or have been transmitted or made available to Bidder electronically.

Two (2) sets of the Drawings will be delivered separately or otherwise made available to Bidder electronically.

Bidder must comply with the following conditions precedent within 15 days of the date of issuance of this Notice of Award:

1. Deliver to Engineer Two (2) fully executed counterparts of the Contract Documents.
2. Deliver with the executed Agreement the Performance Bond, Payment Bond as specified in the Instructions to Bidders (Article 21), General Conditions (Paragraph 6.01), and Supplementary Conditions (Paragraph SC-6.01).
3. Deliver with the executed Agreement certificates and other evidence of insurance as specified in the General Conditions (Article 6) and the Supplementary Conditions modifying Article 6 of the General Conditions.

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle Owner to consider you in default, annul this Notice of Award, and declare your Bid security forfeited.

Within 10 days after you comply with the above conditions, Engineer will return to you one fully executed counterpart of the Agreement.

Owner: City of Columbus

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy: Engineer

This is Task Order No. 2026-04,  
 consisting of 4 pages  
 City of Columbus  
 2026 West School Street Reconstruction  
 Construction Services

## Task Order

In accordance with the Master Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbus (Owner) and Ruekert-Mielke, Inc. (Engineer) dated March 20, 2019, Owner and Engineer agree as follows:

### 1. Specific Project Data

- A. Title: 2026 W School Street Reconstruction
- B. Description: This task order includes the construction-related services for the W School Street reconstruction project to provide engineering support and oversight to the contractor for the City of Columbus and Columbus Utilities.

### 2. Services of Engineer

#### A. PHASE 1 – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

- Prepare construction agreements for execution and send out Notice to Proceed after award.
- Prepare agenda and attend preconstruction meeting.
- Prepare preconstruction meeting minutes and distribute.
- Coordinate construction with private utility upgrades.
- Construction submittal review and approval.
- Pay request review and recommendation as required.
  - Breakdown of fee by City category for each pay request.
- Change order preparation as required.
- Weekly on-site progress meetings and meeting minutes.
- Technical support and administration.
  - Meeting with residents.
  - Project support as directed by the City Administrator.
- Substantial completion inspection.
  - Issue substantial completion certificate.
- Develop punch list/review punch list.
  - Coordination with Contractor and property owner.
- Final completion inspection.
- Provide FieldAlly working drawings and inspection reports.
- Project closeout documentation.

#### B. PHASE 2 – CONSTRUCTION STAKING

- Construction staking for:
  - Water main and hydrants
  - Sanitary sewer and structures
  - Storm sewer and structures
  - Concrete curb and gutter

#### C. PHASE 3 – CONSTRUCTION REVIEW

- Construction Review – Utilities
  - Full time review of sanitary sewer construction.
  - Full time review of water main construction.
  - Full time review of storm sewer construction.
  - Full time review of all sanitary sewer laterals and water services.
- Construction Review – Road including sidewalk, curb and gutter, and pavement.
  - Full time review when Contractor is pouring concrete for:
    - Sidewalk.

- Curb and gutter.
- Private driveway aprons.
- Part time review for removals of existing pavement and saw cutting.
- Full time review of proof rolling and undercutting operations.
- Full time review of paving and compaction operations.
- Part time review of restoration and landscaping

D. PHASE 4 – UPDATE GIS

- Update GIS with record drawing information for water main, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer.

DI. PHASE 5 – LRIP GRANT ADMINISTRATION

- Execute signed State Municipal Agreement (SMA)
- Inspect completed project and provide Engineer’s Certification.
- Complete and submit DT 2353 (Project Reimbursement – Municipal Agreement) to WisDOT after final payment to contractor.

**3. Owner’s Responsibilities**

The City shall have those responsibilities as set forth in Section II of the Agreement, subject to the following:

- A. City shall confirm attendance to meetings prior to meeting.
- B. Attend utility coordination meetings.
- C. Provide timely review for questions.
- D. Attend the weekly on-site meetings.
- E. Attend the final site walk-through.

**4. Items Excluded**

The following items are excluded from the scope of services:

- A. Anything not specifically listed in the scope of services above.
- B. Replacing property irons or setting new property irons.
- C. Detail record drawings other than provided working drawings.
- D. Boundary survey or property survey.
- E. Title reports required to create legal documents for any properties.
- F. Creation of easements (temporary or permanent)
- G. Real estate appraisal/acquisition.
- H. Public hearings unless specifically presented.
- I. Any grant application completion or administration related to this project not included above.f
- J. Flow monitoring or dye testing of sewers
- K. Wetland delineations
- L. Historical, environmental, or archeological investigations, coordination, and/or mitigation.
- M. Contaminated site investigations, coordination, and/or remediation design.
- N. Any alternative analysis for approved design
- O. Additional construction staking outside of what is indicated in scope and or the contract documents
- P. Any additional permitting required beyond what was included in the design scope of services

**5. Times for Rendering Services**

Schedules are subject to change due to activities beyond the control of R/M. In general, the tentative schedule is as follows:

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Begin Construction	April 2026
Substantial Completion	October 30, 2026
Project Walkthrough	November 2, 2026
Final Completion	November 15, 2026

**6. Payments to Engineer**

A. Owner shall pay Engineer for services rendered as follows:

<u>Category of Services</u>	<u>Compensation Method</u>	<u>Estimate of Compensation for Services</u>
Construction Administration	Standard Hourly Rates	\$32,000
Construction Staking	Standard Hourly Rates	\$50,000
Construction Review	Standard Hourly Rates	\$150,700
Update GIS	Standard Hourly Rates	\$5,000
LRIP Grant Administration	Standard Hourly Rates	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$238,700</b>

Below is the total fee for construction services breakdown by category for internal City use. All invoicing will reflect the prorated percentage of costs for this task order when received.

Water Utility (28%)	\$66,836.00
Sewer Utility (15%)	\$35,805.00
Storm Utility (10.5%)	\$25,063.50
Street (46.5%)	\$110,995.50

B. The terms of payment are set forth in the Standard Terms and Conditions.

**7. Consultants**

None.

**8. Other Modifications to Standard Terms and Conditions**

None.

**9. Attachments**

None.

**10. Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. / City of Columbus Master Agreement

TASK ORDER

Item #2.

TASK ORDER NO. 2026-04  
2026 West School Street Reconstruction Construction Services  
Between City of Columbus  
and  
Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.

Dated: April 8, 2026

Terms and Conditions: Execution of this Task Order by Owner and Engineer shall make it subject to terms and conditions, (as modified above) set forth in the Master Engineering Agreement Amendment between Owner and Engineer, dated March 20, 2019, which are incorporated by this reference. Engineer is authorized to begin performance upon its receipt of a copy of this Task Order signed by Owner.

The Effective Date of this Task Order is April 8, 2026.

OWNER:	ENGINEER:
City of Columbus	Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
Signature: _____	Signature: <u>Jason P. Lietha</u> <small>Digitally signed by Jason P. Lietha Date: 2026.03.30 13:56:47 -05'00'</small>
Name: <u>Matt Amundson</u>	Name: <u>Jason P. Lietha, P.E.</u>
Title: <u>City Administrator</u>	Title: <u>COO</u>
Date: <u>April 8, 2026</u>	Date: <u>April 8, 2026</u>

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR TASK ORDER

Name: _____	Name: <u>Samantha Boman, P.E.</u>
Title: _____	Title: <u>Project Engineer</u>
Address: _____ _____	Address: <u>4630 S. Biltmore Lane</u> <u>Madison, WI 53718</u>
Email: _____	Email: <u>sboman@ruekert-mielke.com</u>
Phone: _____	Phone: <u>608-572-7972</u>
Fax: _____	Fax: <u>262-542-5631</u>