



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 23, 2025

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**DATE:** September 23, 2025

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Construction Contract Award</u></b> <b>Starlite Lane – Violet Road to Leopard Street</b> <b>(Bond 2022, Proposition A)</b></p>
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**CAPTION:**

Resolution awarding a construction contract with Gerke Excavating, Inc. of Tomah, Wisconsin, for the reconstruction of Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street with new concrete pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, upgraded street illumination, utility, and drainage improvements, in an amount up to \$12,563,957.74, located in Council District 1 with funding available up to \$7,177,916.50 from FY2025. The remaining funds up to \$5,386,041.24, will be available from the FY2026 Street Bond 2022, Storm Water, Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

**SUMMARY:**

This resolution awards a construction contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for the complete reconstruction of Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street. The existing roadway will be demolished and rebuilt with new concrete pavement, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, streetlight, and drainage improvements. In addition to surface improvements, the project includes underground stormwater, water, wastewater, and gas improvements.

## **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On November 8, 2022, voters approved the City of Corpus Christi's Bond 2022 Program for a total of \$125 million with thirty-two projects. The propositions passed on election day included projects for streets, parks, public safety, and library improvements. One of the thirty-two projects is the \$8.1million reconstruction of Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street.

Starlite Lane is classified as a C-1 Residential Collector Street per City's Urban Transportation Plan. Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street is approximately 7,285 linear feet (equivalent to 1.38 miles). Starlite Lane is currently a two-lane, hot-mix asphalt concrete (HMAC) roadway with one travel lane in each direction, roadside ditches, and sidewalks.

Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street was recommended to be design for asphalt pavement based on the pavement design recommendations by Engineering Services and Public Works, approved by the City Council on May 21, 2024 but after review, staff decided to design the project using HMAC and Concrete pavement. Starlite is a cut through street with heavy residential traffic and will be one of the primary access road to the 105 acres residential development proposed adjacent to the Tuloso-Midway High School.

The proposed improvements includes the complete reconstruction of the existing roadway with new pavement, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks, installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, street illumination as needed. Alongside the street enhancements, stormwater, water, and wastewater, and gas utilities will be improved to align with current city standards.

## **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

<b>2023 - 2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025 - 2027</b>
<b>September - May</b>	<b>June - September</b>	<b>October – January</b>
<b>Design</b>	<b>Bid/Award</b>	<b>Construction</b>

Project schedule reflects City Council award in September 2025 with anticipated completion by January 2027.

## **COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS**

On June 18, 2025, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Bids (RFB #6628) for Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street. The City Council Policy 28, approved on May 21, 2024 for Bond 2022 recommended Starlite Lane project to be designed with HMAC but after review, staff decided to design the project using HMAC and Concrete pavement. Starlite is a cut through street with heavy residential traffic and will be one of the primary access road to the 105 acres residential development proposed adjacent to the Tuloso-Midway High School.

On August 8, 2025, the city received seven bids. The city analyzed the bids in accordance with the contract documents and determined that Gerke Excavating, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Since Gerke Excavating, Inc. had the lowest construction for both asphalt and concrete bids, concrete pavement construction was the lowest and selected option. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost was estimated based on the historic data.

A summary of the bids is provided below:

	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid 1 (Asphalt Pavement)</b>	<b>Base Bid 2 (Concrete Pavement)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gerke Excavating, Tomah, Wisconsin</b>	\$13,018,060.10	<b>\$12,563,957.74</b>
2	Bay Ltd, Corpus Christi, Texas	\$14,631,826.00	\$15,542,556.25
3	Reytec Construction, Houston, Texas	No Bid	\$15,704,735.00
4	JE Construction Services, Corpus Christi, Texas	\$16,701,992.00	\$16,169,947.00
5	Mako Contracting, Corpus Christi, Texas	\$16,862,163.95	\$16,483,480.30
6	J Carroll Weaver, Sinton, Texas	\$17,966,588.60	\$17,320,831.37
7	Go Underground, Harlingen, Texas	\$14,021,94 3.19	\$19,501,182.21
	<b><i>Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost</i></b>	<b>\$19,652,606.64</b>	<b>\$21,656,331.72</b>

Gerke Excavating, Inc. is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for both base bids. Staff conducted comprehensive review of the bid package and an informal meeting with Gerke to discuss the project implementation. Staff recommends City award the construction contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for their Base Bid 2.

Gerke Excavating, Inc. has successfully completed multiple projects from neighboring cities and is currently working on multiple construction projects with the City of Corpus Christi. Some recently completed and active projects include:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements – Ingleside, TX (\$1,986,301.78), project was completed in 2022
- East Linden Street – Rockport, TX (\$2,811,989.70), project was completed in 2024
- Brownlee St. (Staples to Morgan) (Bond 2020) – Corpus Christi (\$7,725,813.45), active construction
- Cefe Valenzuela Landfill Road Improvements Phase II – Corpus Christi (\$2,643,574.91), active construction

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council could choose not to award the contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. This decision would delay the project and conflict with the City Council's goal of expediting street projects using bond funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This fiscal impact for FY 2025 is an amount not to exceed \$7,177,916.50, for the reconstruction of Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street. Project funds are available from the Street Bond 2022 Prop A, FY2025 Storm Water, Wastewater, Water, and Gas funds. The remaining funds will be incurred in FY26 in an amount of \$5,386,041.24.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund: 2024 GO Bd22 Prop A - Streets (Fund 3561)  
Department: Streets (33)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)  
Project: Starlite Lane (Project No. 23153)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 23153  
Amount: \$3,275,247.49

Fund: STWCP RR 032950 2023 (Fund 4536)  
Department: Stormwater (47)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)  
Project: Starlite Lane (Project No. 23153)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 23153  
Amount: \$1,995,935.00

Fund: Water 2024 CIP (Rv Bds) (Fund 4491)  
Department: Water (45)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)  
Project: Starlite Lane (Project No. 23153)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 23153  
Amount: \$919,432.00

Fund: Wastewater 2024 CIP (Rv Bds) (Fund 4261)  
Department: Wastewater (46)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)  
Project: Starlite Lane (Project No. 23153)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 23153  
Amount: \$922,791.00

Fund: Gas 2024 (Rv Bds) (Fund 4566)  
Department: Gas (11)  
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)  
Project: Starlite Lane (Project No. 23153)  
Account: Construction (550910)  
Activity: 23153  
Amount: \$64,511.01

Year1 (FY2025): \$7,177,916.50  
Year 2 (FY2026): \$5,386,041.24

**TOTAL        \$12,563,957.74**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for the reconstruction of Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street in the amount of \$12,563,957.74 with construction duration planned for 15 months from issuance of the Notice to Proceed with construction starting in October 2025 and completed by January 2027.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Location Map  
Bid Tabs  
CIP Page  
Power Point  
Presentation