

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 12/13/22

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-1033

LOG NAME: 80PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AT 7 PARKS 102353

SUBJECT

(CD 2, CD 4, CD 5, and CD 7) Authorize Execution of a Contract with L.J. Design & Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$1,972,007.80 for Playground Replacements for the FY20 & FY21 Playgrounds (North) Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a contract with L.J. Design & Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,972,007.80 for FY20 & FY21 Playgrounds (North) projects (City Project Nos. 102353 & 104574).

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the award and execution of a construction contract with L.J. Design & Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,972,007.80 for the FY20 & FY21 Playgrounds (North) projects (City Project No. 102353 & 104574).

On May 18, 2021 (M&C 21-0358) Council authorized an engineering agreement with Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$217,050.00 for survey, design, and preparation of construction documents for playground replacement at 14 parks throughout the City. For bidding and construction services it was determined that separating the 14 sites into two projects would allow for better cost and efficiency during construction phase. The design package was divided geographically with seven playground replacements in the south and the remaining seven in the north. This project consists of the seven playgrounds in the north part of the city in the following parks: Arcadia Trail, Arcadia Trail South, Eugene McCray, Littlejohn, Marine, Quanah Parker, and Wright Tarlton.

The Park & Recreation Department's (PARD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) allocated funding for playground replacements at 21 sites. The table below shows the budget breakdown for these seven park sites.

Playground	FY 2020	FY 2022	Total
Arcadia Trail Park	\$270,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$328,500.00
Arcadia Trail South Park	\$270,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$328,500.00
Eugene McCray Park	\$270,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$328,500.00
Littlejohn Park	\$270,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$328,500.00
Marine Park	\$270,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$328,500.00
Quanah Parker Park	\$270,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$328,500.00
Wright Tarlton Park	\$242,508.00	\$52,000.00	\$294,508.00
Total	\$1,865,508.00	\$400,000.00	\$2,265,508.00

This project was advertised for bids on October 6, 2022 and October 13, 2022 in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. On October 27, 2022, the following bids were received and tabulated:

Bidders	Base Bid	Bid Alternate	Total
L. J. Design & Construction, LLC	\$1,921,426.60	\$50,581.20	\$1,972,007.80
Cole Construction, Inc.	\$1,996,592.65	\$49,028.17	\$2,045,620.82
Northstar Construction, LLC	\$2,087,000.00	\$43,922.00	\$2,130,922.00

It is recommended that L.J. Design and Construction, LLC be awarded a contract for the Base Bid and Bid Alternate in the amount of \$1,972,007.80. Base bid improvements include the following: removing and disposing of existing playground equipment and associated materials and the installation of new playground equipment, trash receptacles and park benches. Bid alternate improvements include: installation of silt fence, sod, temporary irrigation, and concrete sidewalk at existing playground site in Arcadia Trail South Park.

Construction will begin in February 2023 and be completed by September 2023.

Replacement of the seven playgrounds is estimated to increase the department's annual maintenance by \$9,607.00 beginning in FY 2024. As of

October 31, 2022, the cumulative total of all previously approved M&Cs increased the departments estimated annual maintenance by \$197,855.00.

Funding is budgeted in the Park & Recreation Department's General Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of funding the FY20 Playgrounds (North) & FY21 Playgrounds North Ph 2 projects, as appropriated.

L.J. Design and Construction, LLC. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 5% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 5%.

These seven playgrounds are located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2,4,5, and 7.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Capital Projects Fund for the FY20 Playgrounds (North) and FY21 Playgrounds North Ph 2 projects to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the construction contract. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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