

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**SUBJECT**

(CD 3, CD 8 and CD 11) Authorize Execution of a Construction Contract with Cole Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$768,693.47 for the Park Improvements at Tim Watson, Wesleyan Hills and Victory Forest Parks, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance and Amend Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a construction contract with Cole Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$768,693.47 for the park improvements at Tim Watson Park (City Project No. 102336), Wesleyan Hills Park (City Project No. 102326), and Victory Forest Park (City Project No. C00130);
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance in the PARD Dedication Fees Fund by:
  1. Increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00, from available funds, for the purpose of funding the Tim Watson Park project (City Project No.102336);
  2. Increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the amount of \$4,000.00, from available funds, for the purpose of funding the Central City programmable project (City Project No. P00057) in order to fund project, Victory Forest Rec Center (City Project No. C00130); and
  3. Increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the amount of \$32,000.00, from available funds, for the purpose of funding the Wesleyan Hills Park project (City Project No.102326); and
3. Amend Fiscal Years 2024 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of a construction contract with Cole Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$768,693.47 for the park improvements at Tim Watson, Wesleyan Hills and Victory Forest Parks.

The project was posted on the City purchasing website and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on September 7 & 14, 2023. The following bids were received on October 5, 2023:

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALTERNATES	TOTAL
Cole Construction, Inc.	\$686,382.74	\$82,310.73	\$768,693.47
Northstar Construction, LLC	\$782,957.00	\$84,780.00	\$867,737.00
2L Construction, Inc.	\$793,452.50	\$77,000.00	\$870,452.50

Base bid improvements at Tim Watson Park and Wesleyan Hills Park include installation of a concrete trail, a new playground, and benches. Base bid improvements at Victory Forest includes the installation of a small shelter with amenities. Alternate bid items at Tim Watson Park include the installation of multiple park benches and construction allowances. Alternate bid items for Wesleyan Hills Park include installation of a basketball court, one bench, and construction allowances. The alternate bid item at Victory Forest Park include the installation of a concrete seating wall.

Funding for the Victory Forest Rec Center project and the Wesleyan Hills Park Project was not included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program due to increased costs from the original estimate. The action in this M&C will amend the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 26453-09-2023.

Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in January 2024 and be completed in August 2024.

Tim Watson Park, Wesleyan Hills Park, and Victory Forest Park improvement projects are estimated to increase the department's annual maintenance by \$19,079.00 beginning in FY2025. As of October 2023, the cumulative total of all previously approved M&C's increased the department's estimated annual maintenance by \$73,124.00 beginning in FY2025.

Cole Construction, Inc., is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 7% MWBE participation on this project. The City's MWBE goal on this project is 7%.

Funding is budgeted in the 2018 Bond Program, General Capital Projects, PARD Gas Lease Capital Projects and PARD Dedication Fee Funds for the purpose of funding the Tim Watson Park, Wesleyan Hills Park, and Victory Forest Rec Center projects, as appropriated.

Tim Watson Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 3, Wesleyan Hills Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8, & Victory Forest Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Tim Watson Park project within the 2018 Bond Program Fund, the Victory Forest Rec Center project within the General Capital Projects and PARD Gas Lease Capital Projects Funds and in the Wesleyan Hills Park, PPD 4.10-2, PPD 4.6-4 and PPD 4.2-3 projects within the PARD Dedication Fees Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the PARD Dedication Fees for the Tim Watson Park project, Wesleyan Hills Park project, and Central City programmable project to support the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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