

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/22/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0324

LOG NAME: 80CIQUIO VASQUEZ PARK PHASE I CONSTRUCTION

SUBJECT

(CD 11) Authorize Execution of a Contract with L.J. Design & Construction LLC, in the Amount of \$4,629,948.24 for Construction of Park Improvements at Ciquio Vasquez Park, Adopt Appropriation Ordinances and Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget and the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of a contract with L.J. Design & Construction LLC, in the amount of \$4,629,948.24 for construction of park improvements at Ciquio Vasquez Park project (City Project No. 104195);
2. Authorize waiver of all City permit fees;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from Fiscal Year 2024 Assigned Fund Balance for the purpose of transferring to the General Capital Projects Fund;
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, transferred from fund balance within the General Fund, for the purpose of funding the Ciquio Vasquez Park Phase I project (City Project No.104195) ; and
5. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget and Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a contract with L.J. Design & Construction LLC, in the amount of \$4,629,948.24 for construction of park improvements at Ciquio Vasquez Park.

The project was advertised for bid on November 20 and November 27, 2024, in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. On December 19, 2024, the following bids were received and tabulated.

BIDDER	BASE BID
L.J. Design & Construction LLC	\$4,629,948.24
A&C Construction	\$4,787,500.00
CGC General Contractors Inc.	\$4,931,837.14
Millis Development and Construction - Dallas, LLC	\$5,277,355.54
The Fain Group, Inc.	\$5,916,943.30
NorthStar Construction. LLC	\$6,003,887.78
C Green Scaping, LP	\$6,267,024.94

Base bid improvements include the following: realigned access drive turn in from Interstate Highway 35, 2 baseball fields and plaza complex, memorial overlook area for Mr. Ciquio Vasquez, walking loop path, playground, picnic pavilion and asphalt paving improvements.

Contract time is 275 days, and construction is anticipated to commence in June 2025 and be completed by July 2026.

As part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 year-end process, the City Manager assigned \$56,507,497.00 from the FY 2024 fund balance to address future capital shortfalls and library capital projects, as authorized by M&C 25-0003. This assigned amount exceeds the General Fund reserve requirements and is composed of the following sources: \$9,472,519.00 from the sale of library property residuals, \$14,627,444.00 from capital project shortfalls funded by the remaining assigned fund balance from FY2023, \$7,690,534.00 from FY2024 budgetary savings, and \$24,717,000.00 from one-time interest earnings.

This action in the M&C will amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget, as approved in connection with Ordinance 27107-09-2024. Funding for this project was not included in the FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program due to cost overruns resulting from inflation and rising construction expenses. This M&C action will also amend the FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program, as approved in connection with Ordinance 27107-09-2024.

General Fund	FY2024 Assigned Fund Balance for Capital	This M&C	Revised Assigned Fund Balance
Assigned Fund Balance - Capital Project Shortfalls	\$47,034,978.00	(\$1,500,000.00)	\$45,534,978.00
Assigned Fund Balance - Library Capital Projects	\$9,472,519.00	\$0.00	\$9,472,519.00
Total Assigned Fund Balance for Capital	\$56,507,497.00	(\$1,500,000.00)	\$55,007,497.00

This project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to make any interim progress payments until debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

Funding is available in the 2022 Bond Program Fund and Assigned Fund balance within the General Fund for the purpose of funding park improvements at Ciquio Vasquez Park.

The park improvements at Ciquio Vasquez Park are estimated to increase the department's annual maintenance cost by \$113,637.62 beginning in Fiscal Year 2026.

The Business Equity Division placed a 12.51% business equity goal on this solicitation/contract. L.J. Design and Construction LLC, will be exceeding the goal at 13.13%, meeting the City's Business Equity Ordinance. Any changes in subcontractors will be reviewed by the Business Equity Division.

Ciquio Vasquez Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the 2022 Bond Ciquio Vasquez Park project within the 2022 Bond Program Fund and in the General Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the 2022 Bond Program Fund and General Capital Projects Fund for the 2022 Bond Ciquio Vasquez Park project to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department is responsible for validating the availability of funds.

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