

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80HIGHLAND HILLS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Reject All Bids Received on August 1, 2024 for the Cobb and Highland Hills Park Improvements Project, and Authorize Execution of a Contract with H. D. Cook's Rock Solid, Inc., in the Amount of \$362,378.00, for Construction of Improvements at Highland Hills Park Based on Subsequent Bids Received

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Reject all bids received on August 1, 2024, for the Cobb and Highland Hills Park Improvements project (City Project No.104477); and
2. Authorize execution of a contract with H. D. Cook's Rock Solid, Inc., in the amount of \$362,378.00, for construction of improvements at Highland Hills Park (City Project No. 104477).

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the rejection of all bids received on August 1, 2024 for the Cobb and Highland Hills Park Improvements project (City Project No. 104477) and to award a contract to H. D. Cook's Rock Solid, Inc., in the amount of \$362,378.00, for construction of improvements at Highland Hills Park, and provide for project administration and contingencies in the amount of \$90,000.00.

On September 27, 2022 (M&C 22-0789) City Council approved the allocation of \$4,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Subtitle M (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) for capital improvements for Cobb Park Road and parking reconstruction (City Project No. 104476), Highland Hills Park Road and parking reconstruction (City Project 104477), and improvements at the Fort Worth Zoo (City Project No. 104478) which include bridge, erosion, and road improvements and the installation of broadband. Of the \$4,000,000.00 in ARPA funds, \$1,500,000.00 was appropriated to fund the road and parking improvements at Cobb Park, \$1,000,000.00 was appropriated to fund road and parking improvements at Highland Hills Park, and \$1,500,000.00 was appropriated for the zoo improvements.

During the bidding process for the Cobb and Highland Hills Park improvements, the Park & Recreation Department (PARC) was informed there was another project being completed by the Water Department that would impact the roadway being resurfaced with the proposed park improvements. For this reason, the PARC recommends rejecting the original bids and awarding a contract for the Highland Hills Park improvements on its own.

The \$1,500,000.00 dollars in ARPA funding for Cobb Park improvements (City Project No. 104476), has been reallocated to other eligible projects. The originally scoped Cobb Park road and parking project will be included in the scope of the Water Department project.

Highland Hills Park was dedicated in 1968, consists of 28 acres and includes two entry roads with parking lots and the Highland Hills Community Center. Access to the southern portion of the park is provided at the end of Enblad Drive with both the road surface and parking surfaces in need of repair. This project will provide a new driving surface and parking area for this portion of the park.

Total Project Costs:

Description	Amount
Highland Hills Park Design Document Preparation	\$108,535.20
Project Design Total:	\$108,535.20
Construction Contract	\$362,378.00
Construction Administration & Contingencies	\$90,000.00
Project Construction Total:	\$452,378.00

Total Project Cost:	\$560,913.20
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The improvements for Highland Hills Park were advertised for bid in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on September 5 and September 12, 2024. On October 3, 2024, the following bids were received:

Bidders	Base Bid
H. D. Cook's Rock Solid Inc.	\$362,378.00
Peachtree Construction, LTD	\$462,089.00
Cole Construction, Inc.	\$535,000.00

The base bid work is to include site preparation, demolition, preparation of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, erosion control, roadway paving, parking lot paving and sealing, drainage improvements, and grading.

It is recommended that the low bid, in the amount of \$362,378.00, as submitted by H. D. Cook's Rock Solid, Inc., be approved for the award of contract. The contract period is 180 calendar days, with construction anticipated to begin in February 2025 and be completed by August 2025. Associated construction administration, inspection, testing and change order contingency funding total \$452,378.00.

There are no additional operating and maintenance costs associated with this project.

The ARPA funding must be expended by December 31, 2026. Staff foresees no issues with this project meeting that timeline.

Funding is budgeted in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund for the Park & Recreation Department for the purpose of funding the ARPA Highland Hills Park Improvement project, as appropriated.

The Business Equity Division placed a 10.24% business equity goal on this solicitation/contract. H.D. Cook's Rock Solid, Inc., will be exceeding the goal at 13.09%, meeting the City's Business Equity Ordinance. Any changes in subcontractors will be reviewed by the Business Equity Division.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the current capital budgets, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund ARPA HH Park Rd/Prking Improv project to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department shall be responsible for ensuring funds are available and that only expenditures allowable under the American Rescue Plan Act are charged to the ARPA funding source.

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