



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director Parks and Natural Resources

DATE: September 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment Adding Scope to the for Innovation Hills Playground Phase II Project

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to approve an amendment to add additional scope to the Innovation Hills Playground Phase II Project to allow for the installation of turf in various areas of the playground and authorize an increase to the blanket purchase order/contract to WCI Contractors, Detroit, Michigan in the amount of \$158,572.00 for a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$881,993.20 and further authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract amendment on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

Due to Innovation Hills playground's high usage, the original tenex turf mesh/grass areas are not able to grow, resulting in areas of dirt and mesh, not grass. In reviewing possible longer term solutions to improve these areas it is recommended that we install artificial turf in these areas similar to what is around the playground equipment, but without the foam padding underneath.

When looking at possible ways to complete this project, the City considered bidding the project out in the spring of next year, contracting for each service separately (the excavation/construction work and purchase of the turf), or adding the scope of work to the current contractor already on site at Innovation Hills performing Phase II work. After much discussion, the City recommends to City Council to increase the scope of work to the contractor that is currently onsite performing similar work in the area.

It is the opinion of City staff and the City's engineering firm, Spalding DeDecker that by doing this the City will realize cost savings as it relates to mobilization costs from bringing another vendor onsite which is typically 5% of the contract amount (an estimated cost savings of \$7,500-\$8,000).

If the City waits until next year to do this project the City will most likely see increasing product costs due to rising inflation, labor, and fuel costs. Lastly, it was determined that if we bid the two portions of the contract out separately, not only would the costs mentioned above be incurred, there would be risk of much longer installation times from coordinating two separate contracts, possibly resulting in having to close large areas of the playground for several months in fall and spring.

After reviewing all these factors staff is recommending an increase to the contract with WCI to perform the work. This is very similar work to what WCI is currently performing in phase II of the playground. They have agreed to perform the services. Having them onsite and able to manage the entire project not only saves costs for the City but allows the project to be completed without any unexpected issues as they will be responsible for managing the project start to finish. In consultation with the City's engineering firm, Spalding

DeDecker, and research done by the City's Purchasing Division it has been determined that the cost is fair and reasonable and competitive based on the market conditions.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

WCI Contractors, Inc.
20210 Conner Street
Detroit, Michigan 48234

Reason for Selection:

Lowest, responsive, responsible bidder

Method of Purchase:

Contract/Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2022 Adopted Budget

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Remaining Project Budget	Cost	Remaining Budget
Facilities Fund	631.974000	Land Improvement	\$922,890.00	\$881,993.20	\$40,896.80

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A