



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 11, 2022

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### Purchase of Playground Units and Shade Structures for 14 City Parks

#### **CAPTION:**

Motion authorizing the purchase of playground units and shade structures for 14 City parks as included in Bond 2020, from PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime through the Omnia Partners Cooperative for a total amount of \$459,744.20 with funding available through the Bond 2020 Fund.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This motion authorizes purchase of playground and shade equipment for 14 City parks which were previously approved through Bond 2020. The playground and shade equipment will be purchased through PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime through Omnia Partners Cooperative.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Bond 2020 was approved by City Council on January 28, 2020 to include 14 Playground Units with Shade structures in Neighborhood, Niche, and Community Parks in 4 of the 5 City Council Districts. The need for the playground and shade structures at these predetermined parks is also highlighted in the 2022 10-year Park Master Plan Needs Assessment. In the assessment, these playground units range between 1 or 2 out of 5. A 1 indicates very poor condition and requires a complete reconstruction. A 2 indicates poor condition with unsafe areas which require major repairs. Crossgate and Capt. Falcon Park are assessed at a 3 or 4 respectively which indicate the playgrounds are in good condition. Crossgate Park Playground is a wooden structure and is not consistent with our current model system. The

slide is made out of metal and becomes quite hot during summer, which would be addressed with a different material. The design of this playground was also in a low laying area and accumulates water during rain events. As such, Parks and recreation staff must pump the water after a rain event. The new playground would address this issue and modernize the playground to comply with our current model. Capt. Falcon playground is currently a challenge course without slides. This park is a 30-acre community park which would benefit from the addition of a playground unit and would augment the usability of the park.

<b>PARK</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PARK TYPE</b>	<b>DIST</b>	<b>2022 - 10 Year Park-Master Plan Needs Assessment Score</b>
McNorton	9036 Caroline Rd.	N	1	1-very poor condition and a complete reconstruction is needed
Brookhill	13121 Shelton Blvd.	N	1	1-very poor condition and a complete reconstruction is needed
Academy	1000 Comal St.	N	1	1-very poor condition and a complete reconstruction is needed
Cupier	2717 Cupier St.	N	2	2-indicates poor condition, unsafe areas with major repairs needed
Sherwood	4100 Linden St.	NP	2	2-indicates poor condition, unsafe areas with major repairs needed
Sam Houston	1629 Brentwood Dr.	NP	2	2-indicates poor condition, unsafe areas with major repairs needed
Temple	3825 Niagara St.	NP	2	1-very poor condition and a complete reconstruction is needed
Windsor	628 Sheridan Dr.	NP	4	1-very poor condition and a complete reconstruction is needed
Retta	2441 Vialoux Dr.	N	4	1-very poor condition and a complete reconstruction is needed
Douden	13614 Port Royal Ct.	NP	4	2-indicates poor condition, unsafe areas with major repairs needed
Crossgate	5307 Crossvalley Dr.	NP	5	3- Moderate condition, few opportunities present and/or moderate repairs necessary
Brighton	6517 Brockhampton St.	NP	5	2-indicates poor condition, unsafe areas with major repairs needed
Brandywine	2601 Summer Ridge Rd.	N	5	2-indicates poor condition, unsafe areas with major repairs needed
Capt. Falcon	4718 Oso Pkwy.	C	5	4-Good condition, opportunities adequate with some shade provided with small minor repairs needed

N = Niche Park under 3 acres with a ¼ mile service radius

NP = Neighborhood Park, 3 to 10 acres with a 1-mile service radius

C = Community Park, 10 to 50 acres with a 3-mile service radius

The strategy used to design and install the playground units is a joint effort between Parks and Recreation and Engineering Department. The joint effort was created to address issues that had arisen during the construction of previous playground units. During the construction of those previous units, Engineering was not involved which led to missing critical components such as proper ADA inspections and certifications. After addressing those missing components, an implementation strategy was established to treat the installation of future playground units as capital projects with owner-furnished equipment. This ensures that the vendor is only providing the equipment while the installation is designed, bid, and managed through Public Works as construction. This method would ensure proper drainage, ADA certification, and installation. Parks and Recreation is proceeding with implementation of that strategy and procuring the playground equipment including the shade structures. Engineering Services will continue with the design and bidding of the playground installation

and site work.

Currently, Engineering has already issued a task order with Hanson Engineering to provide the design services for these projects. The schematic designs were reviewed by all parties prior to proceeding with design development. Currently, the City has received 100% design plans for Districts 1 and 2, and Hanson is currently working on the 90% design plans for Districts 4 and 5 which we expect to receive by the end of January 2022. The installation services will then be acquired once the equipment has been purchased. Without the proper documentation from the purchase of the equipment, Hanson Engineering will not have the necessary specifications to define the required installation services. Projects must be bid out with the directive to follow the manufacturer's specifications and will be provided to the contractors once we receive them from GameTime. Based on our current project timeline, Parks and Recreation is estimating installation to begin in March 2022 and completion in April or May 2022.

In addition, Parks and Recreation applied and received a grant funds matching program through PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime for the playground units and shade structures. The grants funds matching program is providing a direct discount to the playground units and shades structures to be purchased. For example, the actual price for one Itsy Bitsy Unit would be \$24,243.00, but with the grant matching funds it would be reduced to \$15,151.87.

#### **PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

This procurement is through the Omnia Partners Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the Omnia Partners Cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

An alternative is to purchase the playground units using Bond 2020 funds later. However, changing the project implementation approach at this time would result in additional costs and delays. The equipment quote that is on file and being honored by GameTime is a 2021 quote. Additionally, GameTime has the equipment in stock and would be able to deliver the equipment once approval has been granted. It is possible that restarting the request for quotes could have an impact on the materials and production which has been a common trend in recent times due to our current pandemic situation. This would warrant a prolonged project completion timeline.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Parks and Recreation was awarded \$3.5 million for Park Improvements through Bond 2020 Proposition B. The total cost of the playground units and structure is available from the Parks & Recreation Bond 2020 Fund. The total cost of the Playground units is \$595,145.46, but the discount provided through utilization of the grant matching funds program brings the total to \$459,744.20, a difference of \$135,401.26. The remaining ~\$3m would allow for the design, equipment installation and project oversight for all of the playground improvements described in Bond 2020.

#### **Funding Detail:**

Fund:	3296	Parks & Rec Bond 2020
Organization/Activity:	21067-3296-EXP	McNorton Park
	21068-3296-EXP	Brookhill Park
	21069-3296-EXP	Academy Park
	21070-3296-EXP	Cuiper Park
	21071-3296-EXP	Sherwood Park
	21072-3296-EXP	Sam Houston Park
	21073-3296-EXP	Temple Park
	21074-3296-EXP	Windsor Park
	21075-3296-EXP	Retta Park
	21076-3296-EXP	Douden Park
	21077-3296-EXP	Crossgate Park
	21078-3296-EXP	Brighton Park
	21079-3296-EXP	Brandywine Park
	21080-3296-EXP	Capt. Falcon Park
Mission Element:	141	Manage & Maintain Parks & Rec Facilities
Project # (CIP Only):	<b>21067 - 21080</b>	Park System Playgrounds
Account:	550040	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Parks and Recreation as well as Engineering Services recommends completing the purchase of these units to maintain the project completion timeline and avoid cost escalation.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Price Sheet  
Presentation