



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting December 3, 2024

**DATE:** December 3, 2024

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**Construction Contract Award**  
Sherrill Park Military Monument

**CAPTION:**

Motion awarding a construction contract to Marshall Company Ltd, Corpus Christi, TX, for the Sherril Park Military Monument project in an amount not to exceed \$715,100.00 for the transportation and installation of a United States Army Bell Huey Helicopter, located in Council District 1 with FY 2025 funding available from the Bond 2024 Parks Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

This motion approves a construction contract for a military monument at Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial. Sherrill Park houses several veteran memorials, and a large pergola dedicated to veteran events. The park honors veterans from all branches of the military. This new memorial, the first included as part of the Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial Master Plan approved in March 2023, will be in the southeast corner of the park.

A United States Army Bell Huey Helicopter will rest on a 15-foot-high steel pedestal. Two 26-foot-long concrete walls will frame the base of the helicopter, featuring the name of the park on each wall, backlit with LED lighting. The area between the two concrete walls beneath the helicopter will have green grass and the area will be lit to highlight the helicopter in the evenings. Visitors will be able to walk around the helicopter on a new 8,200 square foot path on colored concrete pavers. There will be more memorials to follow in future phases, honoring veterans from other branches of the military.

The helicopter pedestal was designed by Turner Ramirez Architects with REM engineering as subconsultant. The structural elements and foundation for the Sherrill Park Military Monument have been designed to withstand calculated wind pressures, in compliance with building codes and standards applicable to Corpus Christi Bay, including hurricane events. All selected materials will safely transfer wind forces from the structure to the ground.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On November 5, 2024, voters approved the City of Corpus Christi's Bond 2024 Program for a total of \$175 million with thirty-eight projects. The propositions passed on election day include projects for streets, parks and recreation, public safety, and cultural facilities. One of the thirty-eight projects included \$3 million for construction of the Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial. The whole project includes construction of helicopter pad and the design for the second phase of park improvements, which will include shading, seating, the design and installation of a U.S. Navy Submarine Sail, and other enhancements.

The Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial was dedicated in March of 1952 and named after former Corpus Christi resident Warren Joseph Sherrill, a United States Navy Petty Officer, Second Class, who lost his life in service while aboard the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor. He was Corpus Christi's first casualty in World War II.

In February 2023, the City of Corpus Christi retained Turner Ramirez Architects to develop a master plan for Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial, and a stakeholder group was established to advise on the design and associated amenities. The stakeholder group consisted of representatives from the following organizations:

- Mayor's Committee on Veterans Affairs
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Veteran's Roundtable
- Corpus Christi Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Veteran's Band
- USSVI Sea Turtle Base Corpus Christi
- South Texas Military Task Force
- Nueces County Veteran's Service Office

The Sherrill Park Master Plan is a high-level, conceptual design that outlines the spacing, arrangement of park features, signage, wayfinding, and public access. It sets the direction for all future development. The plan is divided into several phases, each designed to gradually transform the park into its new layout. Council approved project description amendment in July 2023 to include the design of a pedestal/pad for the United States Army Bell Huey Helicopter monument.

Bell Textron Inc. donated the United States Army Bell Huey Helicopter and transported the helicopter to Corpus Christi. The helicopter is currently stored at the Del Mar College hangar located at Winward Campus, 4101 Old Brownsville Rd., 78405.

The design for the second phase of Sherrill Park Veterans Memorial improvements will begin in spring of 2025. The items included in this phase will be presented to City Council for approval spring of 2026.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:**

2023/2024	2024	2025
November-September	October-December	January – June
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Project schedule reflects award in December 2024 with anticipated completion by June 2025.

**COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS:**

On October 31, 2024, Engineering Services Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the transportation and installation of the United States Army Bell Huey Helicopter using City's Facilities Multiple Award Contract (FMAC) program. The City of Corpus Christi received two proposals from the list of pre-approved contractors under FMAC. The City analyzed the proposals in accordance with the contract documents and determined that Marshall Company, Ltd. is the lowest responsive, and responsible proposer.

A summary of the bids is provided below.

<b>PROPOSAL SUMMARY (RFP #2262)</b>	
<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>BASE Proposal</b>
<b>Marshall Company, Ltd</b>	<b>\$715,100.00</b>
Barcom Construction, Inc.	\$799,584.00
<b><i>Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost</i></b>	<b>\$700,000.00</b>

Marshall Company Ltd. General Construction is a local corporation established over 80 years ago and has since thrived in the construction industry primarily as a general contractor with headquarters in Corpus Christi, Texas. Marshall Company, Ltd. specializes in a diverse range of projects, including government, commercial, industrial, and multi-family buildings.

Recent projects awarded in Corpus Christi include the Museum of Science and History Electrical Panel Upgrades and the O. N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant High Service 3 HVAC Improvements. Marshall Company, Ltd. General Construction has been awarded numerous facility improvements and new construction projects in the surrounding area: Corpus Christi RTA Ayers Transfer Station, Del Mar College Windward Campus Emergency Response Training Facility, Diocese of Corpus Christi Emmanuel Chapel Renovations, and the Corpus Christi Athletic Club Addition and Pickleball Facility.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to award the construction contract to the responsive and responsible bidder, Marshall Company, Ltd. This would delay the installation of the military monument.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2025 is an amount of \$715,100.00 with funds available from the Bond 2024 Parks Fund. City funds will support this project prior to the bond issuance. Once the General Obligation Bonds are issued, the City funds will be reimbursed in accordance with the reimbursement resolution.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: Parks & Rec 2024 GO Bd Prop B (3301)  
Department: Parks & Rec (27)  
Org: Grants and Capital Projects (89)  
Account: Construction contract (550910)  
Activity: 23052-3301-EXP  
Amount: \$715,100.00

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends awarding a construction contract for the Sherrill Park Military Monument of Corpus Christi to Marshall Company, Ltd. in the amount of \$715,100.00, with anticipated completion by June 2025.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Location & Vicinity Maps  
COF  
Proposal  
CIP Page  
PowerPoint