

AGENDA MEMORANDUM Action Item for the City Council Meeting July 22, 2025

DATE: July 22, 2025

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Garcia Softball Fields Fence Replacement

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a three-month service agreement with April L. Trejo, dba Alice Lawn Care, of Orange Grove in the amount of \$129,474.50 for replacement of fencing at the Garcia Softball Complex, adjacent to Salinas Park located in City Council District 3, for the Parks & Recreation Department, with FY 2025 funding from CDBG Funds.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a Service Agreement to replace perimeter fencing around four softball fields at the Garcia Softball Complex (Council District 3). The replacement budget is \$129,474.50. Construction to replace fences at the park is scheduled to be completed by July 2026.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This project aims to support continued community use, increase functionality, and ensure the fields remain a well-maintained space for future recreational programming. The softball fields at Garcia Park are heavily utilized by youth leagues and community members throughout the city, and Salinas Park and the Greenwood Sports Complex that are located in the same vicinity further contribute to the areas recreational offering. These fields are among the most frequently used recreational facilities and serve as a vital hub for sports and community activities for the west side area of the City.

Fencing repairs at the Softball Complex were executed by the Parks & Recreation Department in 2010. The fences have significantly deteriorated over time and are now in disrepair due to consistent exposure to high-speed winds common to our region. Fence replacement will improve

safety for players/spectators and will enhance the overall appearance of the park. Additionally, continued neglect may negatively impact organized league participation, increase long-term repair costs and reduce the park's overall value.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

Finance & Procurement conducted a Request for Bid (RFB) Process to obtain bids. The city received nine responsive, responsible bids and one non-responsive. The apparent low bidder, S&J Fence Co, was sent an agreement. Upon review, they found their bid did not include the interior fencing along the foul ball lines. They stated they would be unable to do the work for the bid price, and therefore withdrew their bid. Staff is recommending the award to the next lowest, responsive, responsible bidder April L. Trejo, dba Alice Lawn Care of Orange Grove.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Mayor and City Council may choose to disapprove the Service Agreement to replace fencing. However, the condition of the softball fields will continue to decline, leading to safety risks/liability concerns and further damage park infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for Parks and Recreation in FY 2025 is an amount of \$129,474.50 which will be paid through CDBG funds.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1059
Organization/Activity:	852512F
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	550030

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing a three-month service agreement with April L. Trejo, dba Alice Lawn Care, for fence replacement at the Garcia Softball Complex.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Service Agreement Bid Tabulation Presentation