

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: April 7, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Community Services Department
Presentation by: Brad McIntire, Community Services Director

Summary

Subject: Purchase of Playground Equipment for Sam Brannan Park

Recommendation:

- A. Approve the capital acquisition of Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Custom 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures for Sam Brannan Park.
- B. Adopt a Resolution awarding the purchase of Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Custom 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures to PlayPower, Inc., dba LT Farmington, Inc. of Huntersville, NC by piggybacking on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 030117-LTS that was negotiated in April of 2017 and extends to April of 2021, the total cost for equipment and installation is \$159,667.09, with the finding that it is in the best interest of the City, authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the same subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney, and approval of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA.
- C. Funding for this playground replacement is from the Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG).
- D. Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$90,769.46 to 901222-65501 from the unallocated General Fund balance.

Fiscal Impact: \$159,667.09 – CIP Account No. 961222 (Annual Playground Replacement)
 \$119,667.09 (Equipment)
 \$40,000 (Estimated Installation that will go out to bid)

Purpose:

To maintain and enhance the City's quality of life through safe parks and promote healthy opportunities for residents of all ages.

Background:

As part of the comprehensive operation and maintenance of the City's recreation facilities, staff routinely inspects and evaluates the safety and functionality of the equipment at each of the City's 16 parks that have play structures. Recommendation for equipment replacement is based on age, condition, industry standards, and regulatory compliance. The playground equipment at Sam Brannan has been identified for replacement based on these areas of evaluation.

The existing playground equipment at Sam Brannan Park was installed in 1998 and has exceeded its useful life. Due to the equipment's age, the manufacturer no longer produces the essential replacement parts for the heavily used playground facility, making it difficult for staff to make repairs when needed.

On February 19, 2020, The Youth Commission reviewed and selected plans, equipment, and colors for the playground.

Analysis:

Sourcewell Cooperative (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance), which negotiates cooperative purchasing for local governments nationwide, issued an RFQ for Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment and awarded Contract No. 030117-LTS to PlayPower, LT Farmington, Inc. of Huntersville, NC for the sale of playground equipment at a competitively bid price to government agencies. The Contract was negotiated April of 2017 and extends through April of 2021. Staff's recommendation is to piggyback on the Sourcewell Cooperative negotiated price, as is allowed under the City's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc is a national supplier for Little Tikes Play Structures, which is one of the oldest and largest play structure manufacturers in the United States.

Installation of the playground equipment shall be by a contractor specializing in playground equipment construction. The installation cost is approximately \$40,000.

Fiscal Impact:

Total project cost for the equipment and installation is \$159,667.09, with \$119,667.09 for the equipment per the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract and an estimated \$40,000.00 for the installation. Funding for this playground replacement is from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG).

In August 2019, City Council adopted a Resolution for new Happy Park playground equipment to be funded through the FY 2018-19 General Fund CIP carryover balances. Around the same time, Finance staff was evaluating which projects are to be unfunded based on budget submissions from the departments. The result is that the Happy Park playground equipment funding was moved to unallocated General Fund CIP and the August 20, 2019 staff report and resolution needed to have a supplemental appropriation. Additionally, this playground project was mistakenly coded to the CDBG playground equipment project, which must be reimbursed. Community Services staff is bringing the request forward in this staff report directing the Finance Director to appropriate \$90,769.46 to 901222-65501 from the unallocated General Fund balance.

Environmental:

Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and has determined that it falls within the Class 1 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as the improvements merely replace the playground and surfacing in an existing recreational facility, and there will be negligible or no expansion of that facility, which will continue to be used for recreational purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply to this project.

Alternatives:

1. Direct staff to conduct a formal bid for the equipment. As the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract was already competitively bid, cost savings from a City formal bid are unlikely.

2. Deny the purchase. Failure to replace the worn-out equipment may result in safety and regulatory compliance issues as well as the loss of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG).

Recommendations:

- A. Approve the capital acquisition of Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Custom 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures for Sam Brannan Park.
- B. Adopt a resolution awarding the purchase of Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Custom 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures to PlayPower, Inc., dba LT Farmington, Inc. of Huntersville, NC by piggybacking on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 030117-LTS that was negotiated in April of 2017 and extends to April of 2021, the total cost for equipment and installation is \$159,667.09, with the finding that it is in the best interest of the City, authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the same subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney, and approval of a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA.
- C. Funding for this playground replacement is from the Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG).
- D. Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$90,769.46 to 901222-65501 from the unallocated General Fund balance.

Attachments:

1. Resolution & Quote
2. Proposed Playground Layout

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City Manager

Reviewed by:

Finance

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City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AWARDING THE PURCHASE OF LITTLE TIKES COMMERCIAL PLAY EQUIPMENT
CUSTOM 2-5 AND 5-12 PLAY STRUCTURES TO PLAYPOWER, INC., DBA LT
FARMINGTON, INC. OF HUNTERSVILLE, NC BY PIGGYBACKING ON THE SOURCEWELL
COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NO. 030117-LTS THAT WAS NEGOTIATED IN APRIL OF 2017
AND EXTENDS TO APRIL OF 2021, THE TOTAL COST FOR EQUIPMENT AND
INSTALLATION IS \$159,667.09, WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST
OF THE CITY, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR
THE SAME SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO LEGAL FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEY,
AND APPROVAL OF A CLASS 1 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA**

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City desires to piggyback on Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 030117-LTS to purchase playground structures for Sam Brannan Park in order to acquire playground equipment at a competitively bid, negotiated price; and,

WHEREAS, Sourcewell Cooperative awarded Contract No. 030117-LTS to PlayPower, Inc. of Huntersville, NC following a nationwide competitive Request for Quotation process; and,

WHEREAS, the City Youth Commission met with a representative from PlayPower, Inc., the awarded company, and selected the desired playground structures; and,

WHEREAS, City Community Services Department staff has reviewed the playground equipment specifications and Sourcewell Cooperative pricing and determined them to be fair, reasonable, and appropriate for the Sam Brannan Park facility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to award the purchase of Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Custom 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures to PlayPower, Inc. DBA PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. of Huntersville, NC by piggybacking on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 030117-LTS negotiated price of \$119,667.09.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Yuba City as follows:

1. The City Council finds and determines that a Class 1 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as the improvements merely replace the playground and surfacing in an existing recreational facility, and there will be negligible or no expansion of that facility, which will continue to be used for recreational purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply to this project.

2. The City Council of Yuba City awards the purchase of Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Custom 2-5 and 5-12 Play Structures to PlayPower, Inc. DBA PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. of Huntersville, NC by piggybacking on the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 030117-LTS negotiated price of \$119,667.09, with the finding that it is in the best interest of the City.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of April 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Shon Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY:

Shannon Chaffin, City Attorney
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP

Attachment(s):

Quote from All About Play on Behalf of PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc.

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ATTACHMENT 2







