



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

TITLE:

Consider and act on Ordinance No. 2024-43, amending the FY 25 Operating Budget to fund the replacement of the Bob Bryant Park Playscape, Shade Structure Cloth, New Playground Surfacing and Swings Feature in the amount of \$100,000 from the General Fund Operating Fund Balance.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Edi McIlwain, Finance Director & Terry Moore, Parks & Recreation Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The current playground in Bob Bryant Park was installed when the park was built in 2002. The cost of the project was \$71,900 and included the playscape, swings, sidewalks, curbing around the play areas, drainage, benches and gravel surfacing.

The shade structure over the playscape area was added back in 2018.

Over the years the playscape has been repaired for various issues. In April of 2024 the large slide developed a break in one of the curves. Numerous efforts were made to prevent children from playing on the slide for safety purposes but each time the barriers were removed by the public. The playscape itself is obsolete so a replacement slide has been hard to find and is very expensive to replace.

Staff discovered an updated playscape available at a very discounted price. With the cost savings on the playscape, the city can replace the canvas shade on the shade structure and replace the swings feature with an updated structure and shade.

Proposed Playscape: Price \$43,902 Original Price \$73,170

Proposed Swing Shade: Price \$7,265

Replacement Shade Cost: Price \$8,288

Sign, Surfacing and Drain: Price \$20,000 approx.

Demo/Freight/Installation: Price: \$20,000 approx.

During FY2025 Budget discussions, the Parks & Recreation Board asked and recommended approval for funding of \$100,000 for the renovations of the playground area in the park.

The city manager raised the issue at the budget adoption, however, because of the lack of plans or a project outline, the funds remained in fund balance. Council was informed the over all request from the Parks Board was \$300,000; with the other projects including the resurfacing and/or rehabilitation of the splashpad located in Fisherman’s Park, and erosion control located in along the riverwalk.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$100,000 from fund balance for total project. There will be a budget amendment as follows:

		Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Adjusted Budget
101-23-00-6203	Special Projects	100,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00
	Fund Balance		(100,000.00)	
Overall Budget				
	Total General Fund Expenditures	16,847,515.00	100,000.00	16,947,515.00

The estimated fund balance is \$6,674,017 or 37.8% of operating expenditures. This \$100,000 withdrawal will reduce the fund balance to \$6,574,017, or 37.2%, which is 12.2% higher than the 25% required by the Financial Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 2024-43, amending the FY25 Operating Budget to fund the replacement of the Bob Bryant Park Playscape, Shade Structure Cloth, New Playground Surfacing and Swings Feature with \$100,000 from FY25 fund balance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Playscape Design