



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Doug Story, Interim Community Services Director
DATE: May 17, 2022
SUBJECT: **Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Cooper Turf Solutions, Inc. for Turfplaning and Seeding of the Sports Park in the Amount Not to Exceed \$142,555**

Background and Analysis:

The Beaumont Sports Park is a highly utilized facility, home to a variety of athletic leagues, tournaments, and special events. The volume of use on the fields has resulted in turf deficiencies which require extensive repair.

In accordance with purchasing policies in Beaumont Municipal Code 3.01.020, the Community Services Department requested quotes from multiple contractors who specialize in landscaping and sports turf rehabilitation. Ultimately, Cooper Turf Solutions, Inc. and Brightview submitted proposals, while several other contractors were nonresponsive or indicated they did not have the specialized equipment required to perform the desired tasks. All submitted quotes were reviewed by City staff. The lowest bidder was Cooper Turf Solutions, Inc., as summarized below:

- Cooper Turf Solutions \$142,555
- Brightview \$379,224.56

City staff has contacted Cooper Turf Solutions, Inc., a leader in sports turf management, to address the concerns and issues at the Sports Park. The specialized equipment used by Cooper Turf Solutions, Inc. allows for a recommended turfplaning, a process which creates a more level field surface for sports activities by removing the high spots and exposing the low spots and allowing the field to be leveled. The process involves removing the top layer of the turf, the roots remain in place and allows the grass to grow back quicker compared to the process where the complete turf is removed. Additional recommendations include sand to further level the play surface and over-seeding of the fields to further enhance the quality of the turf.

The quote includes treatment and reseeding for three baseball fields, snack bar grass area, upper football fields and all four lower soccer fields.

Subsequent to the bidding and selection process, the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) Board has discussed the implementation of water-use restrictions to meet a State executive order of developing mitigation plans for a severe drought. A Certified Turf Management Specialist and City staff have inspected the Sports Park and have unanimously determined that the soil condition of the park would require significant watering after grass seeding to ensure proper germination. The recommended watering schedule would be at least twice a day for 6 to 7 weeks, then a reduction to once a day to maintain the growth of the new grass. The recommended action of the BCVWD Board at its April 28, 2022 meeting, was to implement watering restrictions between 8:00pm – 8:00am three days per week for residential lawns, parks, sports parks, school and ornamental turf on medians. While the condition of the Sports Park and further deterioration would be a disservice to the community, it is also equally important to adhere to any applicable water-use restrictions. City staff wants to ensure that the turfplaning and seeding of the Sports Park is done in an efficient and responsible manner and therefore recommend deferring the start date until a water responsible solution can be met.

Fiscal Impact:

The total costs for turfplaning, topsoil, and seeding is \$142,555 and will be funded from account 100-6050-7070-5400.

Recommended Action:

Approve a Maintenance Agreement for turfplaning and seeding of the Sports Park in the amount not to exceed \$142,555 with Cooper Turf Solutions, Inc., but defer the start date until a water responsible solution can be met to properly water the grass seed.

Attachments:

- A. Maintenance Agreement
- B. Cooper Turf Quote