

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: July 24, 2025

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Treasure Cove Playground and Jade Street Park Improvements

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Cumming Management Group, Inc. in the amount of \$242,000 for construction management services related to the Treasure Cove Playground, public restroom renovation, and Community Center patio improvements.

Background: On June 26, 2025, the City Council approved construction plans and authorized the Public Works Department to advertise the Treasure Cove Playground, restroom renovation, and Community Center patio improvements for competitive bids. Staff also received authorization to proceed with consultant amendments for construction-phase services. At that time, staff indicated they would return to Council with an additional construction service contract should the CDBG grant be obtained.

On July 14, 2025, staff received notification of a \$3.6 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding award from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This funding award provides \$3.2 million for the project and closes the funding gap between the City's initial funding allocation for the Treasure Cove Playground Project, an inclusive playground to be located at Jade Street Park. In addition, the CDBG award allows the City to implement key upgrades to Jade Street Park's infrastructure, including improved restroom facilities, enhanced connectivity, and better pedestrian access.

In order to support the construction management of the combined project scopes, staff recommends issuing a professional services agreement with Cumming Group. The need for a dedicated construction manager is driven by the overlapping work areas and coordination required with the contractor currently on site as part of the Community Center Renovation Project.

Discussion: Upcoming construction involves three separate bid packages for the playground, restroom, and patio improvements. All work will take place adjacent to the ongoing Community Center Renovation Project, and close coordination will be essential to avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure continuity.

Cumming Management Group, Inc. was originally selected through a competitive request for proposals process in 2024, during which five firms submitted qualifications. After interviews and evaluation by City staff, Cumming was selected based on their relevant experience with similar municipal projects and strong references. Their performance on the Community Center Renovation Project to date has been timely, responsive, and effective.

Under this new agreement, Cumming Management Group, Inc. will provide construction management services including bid-phase assistance, contractor coordination, field inspection, schedule tracking, and closeout support for the remaining scopes of work. The agreement covers services through the anticipated completion of construction in summer 2026.

Fiscal Impact: The \$242,000 contract will be funded through the City's 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award. This expenditure is included in the approved project budget and requires no new appropriation from the General Fund.

Attachments:

1. Professional Services Agreement

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