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April 17, 2024

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## SUBJECT

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT WASHINGTON PARK, JESMOND DENE PARK, AND WESTSIDE PARK**

## DEPARTMENT

Public Works

## RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-39, authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Escondido ("City"), a cooperative Purchase Agreement through Sourcewell with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, in the amount of \$520,928.97 for the purchase of playground equipment for children 2-5 years, 5-12 years, and integrated shade structures for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Playground Equipment Replacement Project at Washington Park, Jesmond Dene Park, and Westside Park.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Public Works: Joseph Goulart, Director of Public Works)

Presenter: Wayne Thames, Parks Superintendent

**ESSENTIAL SERVICE** – Yes, Maintenance of Parks Facilities/Open Spaces

**COUNCIL PRIORITY** – Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

Adequate funding for this purchase is programmed in the CDBG Fund, Project No. 346670, Playground Equipment Replacement.

## PREVIOUS ACTION

As required for CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), the City must prepare a Citizen Participation Plan, a Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and an Annual Plan. In May 2020, the City held a public hearing and approved the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This plan established priorities for the use of these federal funds over the five-year period, ending June 30, 2025.



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CDBG-funded projects that were closed in 2019 and 2020 were completed under budget. The excess funds, approximately \$695,000, were returned to the CDBG Unallocated account and became available for reprogramming.

On November 18, 2020, Council approved the proposed reprogramming and reallocation of funds from the CDBG Unallocated account and the formal Action Plan Amendment required by HUD when substantial changes are made to the existing plan. The approved Amendment allocated \$775,000 to the CDBG Playground Equipment Replacement Project.

### **BACKGROUND**

HUD administers the annual federal allocation of CDBG funds for eligible municipalities. The CDBG Program is designed to provide assistance to units of general local government in improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate-income. The City receives an annual federal allocation from HUD which in turn funds City-wide CDBG eligible projects

City staff identified three community park projects that align with CDBG eligibility and would greatly benefit from playground equipment replacement. These locations include Washington Park, Jesmond Dene Park, and Westside Park.

In late December 2023 through early February 2024, the City actively encouraged public participation in the decision-making process by soliciting feedback on two potential playground equipment structure designs from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company. The survey for Westside Park collected 69 responses, Washington Park received 65 responses and Jesmond Dene Park garnered 603 responses.

The community consensus for Washington Park overwhelmingly favors design option "B" (refer to Resolution No. 2024-39 Exhibit "A"), favored by 75 percent for the 2-5-year-old playground equipment structure and 58 percent for the 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure. The survey for Jesmond Dene Park also depicts option "B" as the favored design for the 2-5-year-old playground equipment structure, by 65 percent, and the 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure, by 73 percent. Westside Park community input for the 2-5-year-old playground equipment structure and 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure favored design option "A" (refer to Resolution No. 2024-39 Exhibit "A") by 68 percent and 63 percent respectively.

Escondido Municipal Code Chapter 10, Article 5, Section 10-91, authorizes the purchase of goods or services with cooperative purchasing programs conducted by the State, County, or any other cooperative agency when such agency has processed cooperative purchases competitively. It is in the City's best financial interest to utilize the cooperative purchase option through Sourcwell Contract No. 010521-LTS for Washington Park, Jesmond Dene Park, and Westside Park. This purchase is inclusive of equipment only. The City will solicit a Request for Proposal for the installation of procured equipment. The City seeks



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council approval for the cooperative purchase through Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for the following:

- Washington Park
  - 2–5-year-old playground equipment structure
  - 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure
  - Integrated shade
  - **Total Purchase Price - \$184,402.28**
  
- Jesmond Dene Park
  - 2–5-year-old playground equipment structure
  - 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure
  - Integrated shade
  - **Total Purchase Price - \$185,146.56**
  
- Westside Park
  - 2–5-year-old playground equipment structure
  - 5-12-year-old playground equipment structure
  - Integrated shade
  - **Total Purchase Price - \$151,380.13**

## RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-39
- b. Resolution No. 2024-39 Exhibit "A" – Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Quotation & Design