



## AGENDA ACTION FORM

### **Consideration of a Resolution to Award the Bays Mountain Otter Habitat Project to BurWil Construction Company**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-322-2025

Work Session: November 17, 2025

First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: November 18, 2025

Staff Work By: Committee

Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

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### **Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities**

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#### **Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution

#### **Executive Summary:**

If approved the Bays Mountain Otter Habitat Project will be awarded to BurWil Construction Company in the amount of \$2,400,000 with a rock allowance of \$150 per cubic yard.

The Otters have been a major attraction for families at Bays Mountain Park (BMP) since 1987. The park had Otters from 1987 until Otto passed away in 2019. Due to the habitat not meeting modern standards, as outlined by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, BMP has been without Otters as we have worked on plans for a new habitat.

The project is funded through a lead donation of \$500,000 from the Eastman Chemical Company in 2020 as a Centennial gift to the City. Staff worked to leverage Eastman's and other generous sponsors & donors contributions for additional dollars through a \$2.9m Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant which was awarded in August of 2024.

The total cost of the project is \$2,616,000. The estimated time of completion will be determined at the pre-construction meeting.

There will be future budgetary requests, post construction, to fund the operations of the otter habitat. Staff estimate to meet regulatory and AZA requirements and standards of care annual operating costs will be approximately \$105,000 including the addition of an Animal Caretaker. This cost is inclusive of all anticipated expenses (veterinarian care, dietary requirements, labor, electricity, etc.).

Additional information regarding the project is provided in the supplementary information narrative.

Funding is available in GP2305.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Bid Recommendation
3. Bid Tabulation
4. Supplementary Information Narrative
5. Supplementary Information Exhibits

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
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Montgomery	—	—	—