

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: WORK SESSION, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 AGENDA CATEGORY: GENERAL CITY BUSINESS

Item: Lawrenceville Lawn Playground Upgrade and Expansion

Department: Community and Economic Development

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Fiscal Impact: \$293,650.41

Presented By: Jasmine Billings, Community & Economic Development Director

Action Requested: Approve the contract with Playworld Preferred, in the amount not to

exceed \$293,650.41, for the upgrade and expansion of the playground,

and authorize the City Manager or Mayor to approve any needed

documents.

Summary: The Lawrenceville Lawn, a community space for people of all ages, hosts over 40 events annually, organized by the city's Community and Economic Development Department and third-party rentals. As the lawn celebrates its 10th year since opening in October 2014, the city seeks approval to upgrade and expand the Lawrenceville Lawn Playground. This effort, led in collaboration with Playworld Preferred under the Sourcewell cooperative contract 010521-LTS, involves potential new equipment and a dedicated toddler area for children aged 2–5.

The community's voice is central to this project. The city created a survey to gather feedback on desired features and upgrades. Intentional signage was placed directly at the playground to reach those who frequent the space, allowing visitors to share insights on what they would love to see in the updated playground. Multiple departments collaborated closely with Playworld Preferred to assess existing equipment, discuss potential additions, and explore ideas for expanding offerings to better serve young children and families who frequent the lawn.

The discussions with Playworld Preferred around the Lawrenceville Lawn Playground upgrade also emphasized the importance of inclusivity. Plans include adding sensory panels and equipment designed to be accessible and enjoyable for children of all abilities and age-appropriate features

that cater to different developmental stages. This intentional approach ensures the playground serves a broader range of community needs.

The quote includes all the equipment in the renderings (including the custom food truck in the toddler playground) and artificial turf for the area mapped out in the designs.

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Fiscal Impact

\$293,650.41 – Funding will come from the 2017 SPLOST Project Number SP-037 – GL Code 324.1565.541000

Attachments/Exhibits:

Lawrenceville Lawn Existing and Toddler Playground Presentation Lawrenceville Lawn Existing Quote Lawrenceville Lawn Toddler Park Quote