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Staff Report

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Danny Roberts, City Manager

From: Jeff Smith, Assistant City Manager

Date: April 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Toddler Park upgrade project.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council approve staff to negotiate with the lowest responsive bidder, Lagniappe, to complete upgrades to Toddler Park for an amount not to exceed \$625,000.00 (including contingency in total amount) and to authorize staff to proceed.

FISCAL IMPLICATION: \$625,000.00 Funding to come from 2019 & 2025 Walton SPLOST (recreation) – Fund 321 & 323 – Grant from Walton Count Health Foundation (\$40,000), 2023 Gwinnett County SPLOST (recreation) – Fund 324 – and General Fund – Fund 100 – from reserves.

BACKGROUND:

This project came to council after receiving several competitive bids. The lowest responsive bidder was over the amount projected for the project, and council gave staff direction to work with the engineers and the bidder to attempt to lower costs.

Staff has worked with the consultant engineers to find cost savings to include city installation of different benches and lower cost options for some of the equipment. We have proposed changes to the bidder and await their response before awarding a contract.

Staff anticipates a total cost of the project as proposed to not exceed \$625,000 – including a contingency. The project will be funded from a grant from Walton County Health Foundation, Walton SPLOST, and Gwinnett SPLOST, with the remaining amount of approximately \$110,690 coming from General Fund.