



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 8/11/25

PREPARED BY: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services

AGENDA ITEM CONTENT: Director of Public Services - Bid Award: Playground Mulch Installation

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Consent Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$50,000

FUNDS REQUESTED: NTE \$20,000

FUND: 101-752-987-0000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The FY 2025-26 budget includes funding for replacing the playscape soft-fall surfaces at several parks. These softfall areas have grown significantly larger as the City installs more sophisticated playground areas, and requires the assistance of a contractor and specialized equipment to properly maintain them. The city previously issued an invitation to bid, with Superior Groundcover being the lowest qualified bidder, at \$34.95 per cubic yard. As actual cubic yardage may vary, Staff is requesting approval of an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council award the bid for the Phase 2 Playground Mulch Installation to the lowest qualified bidder, Superior Groundcover Inc., of Grand Rapids, for a unit cost of \$34.95 per cubic yard, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to cover any quantity overages necessary in the field. Funding is budgeted and available.