

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2022

TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager

FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Public Works Supervisor
R. Corey Almas, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Bid Award – Civic Center Playscape Grant

The 2022-23 Budget includes funding for the replacement of the aged play structure at Civic Center Park. This structure was installed in FY 2000/2001 and has reached the end of its useful life. DPS Staff is already planning its removal within the next month due to its degraded condition and lack of availability of parts. Despite aggressive ongoing maintenance and repairs, the structure has reached the point where it is becoming unsafe, and warrants removal from service.

Around this time last year, the City was awarded the 2021 GameTime Matching Funds grant for the Rosie's Park playscape, which resulted in a savings of \$64,842. This grant is a direct match on the price of the playscape itself, not including installation or other ancillaries. Upon the success of this grant, and the quality installation provided by Sinclair Recreation, the regional GameTime vendor, Adam Owczarzak and I applied for the 2022 Matching Funds grant for the Civic Center Park playscape. It is our pleasure to report that we were awarded this grant, providing a total savings of \$70,793 for the proposed Civic Center Park playscape. This is a dynamic and exciting custom ramped structure which meets ADA and UA standards, providing fun for children of all abilities.

The proposal for this GameTime structure through Sinclair Recreation is based on cooperative pricing through the Omnia Partners purchasing consortium. Staff therefore recommends that Council consider two motions.

- To accept the 2022 GameTime Matching Funds Grant in the amount of \$70,792.68.
- To award the purchase of the Civic Center Park Playscape to Sinclair Recreation, of Holland, Michigan, in the total amount of \$174,789.92 Funds are budgeted and available.

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