



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 02/24/2026

**REQUESTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RFP-2526-20 AND CONTRACT K-2526-151: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND PLAYCORE WISCONSIN, INC. D/B/A GAMETIME, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,999.94, MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-52, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-72; AND STATUTORY BOND B-2526-73 FOR THE BLUESTEM PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT, AND RESOLUTION R-2526-109, GRANTING TAX EXEMPT STATUS. (Ward 5)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, Norman voters approved funding for the Norman Forward program of capital projects focused on quality-of-life improvements. One of the program's projects was to renovate our existing neighborhood parks at varying levels of detail (trails, playgrounds, sports courts, tree planting, etc.), as evaluated by staff. Another project was focused on funding the construction of five new neighborhood parks, based on survey responses from the residents around these park sites.

Since the program started, we have completed design and construction of three (3) new neighborhood parks (Songbird, Bentley and Highland Village) and have now designed the new park to be built adjacent to "The Links" apartment community south of Cedar Lane Road, just east of Highway 77-South. The park design was based on feedback from the residents in the area last year, and includes a perimeter walking trail, new trees and native landscape areas, a playground, sand volleyball, half-court basketball and a picnic shelter, along with all of the usual park furnishings.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On November 21 and 28, 2025, RFP Number 2526-20 for the Bluestem Park Playground Project was advertised in the Norman Transcript, Construct Connect, e-Plan, and other plan distribution services; and was advertised on the City's website. We received over a dozen proposals for the project on December 18, 2025. Bidders were instructed to use all available funds in their proposal, and to include synthetic turf safety surfacing and a shade structure over a large portion of the new equipment. No Add-Alternate items were considered in the process. We evaluated

each proposal to ensure it met the criteria in the RFP, and to determine which would best fit the park site and neighborhood being served by the park.

Staff recommends awarding Contract Number K-2526-151 to Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime, in the total amount of \$224,999.94 for the Bluestem Park Playground Project.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:** It is recommended that RFP Number 2526-20 be awarded to Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime, in the amount of \$224,999.94 for the Bluestem Park Playground Project. The funding is available for this project in the Norman Forward New Neighborhood Park Construction Account (account 51798830452-46101; project NFP104--\$500,709).

**RECOMMENDATION NO.2:** It is further recommended that City Council approve Contract K-2526-151, Performance Bond B-2526-72, Statutory Bond B-2526-73, and Maintenance Bond MB-2526-52 for the Bluestem Park Playground Project.

**RECOMMENDATION NO.3:** It is further recommended that Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime, be authorized and appointed as project agent for the Bluestem Park Playground Project by Resolution R-2526-109.