



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 4/23/2024

REQUESTER: James Briggs, Park Development Manager

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT K-2223-140: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND ACS PLAYGROUND ADVENTURES, INC. FOR THE BENTLEY PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$200,000.00

BACKGROUND:

In October 2015, Norman residents passed the Norman Forward initiative, which will fund various projects through a ½% sales tax increase over fifteen years. The Norman Forward Initiative includes a project to improve the City's neighborhood parks. The funds for this project are "pay-as-you-go," meaning that the City could do a few park projects per year as the funds from the sales tax are collected.

Also included in the Norman Forward initiative is a "pay-go" project to develop several new neighborhood parks throughout the town. The first new park to be developed for this project was identified as the Cedar Lane & Monterey neighborhoods' park site (Songbird Park) in southeast Norman. The second new neighborhood park currently under development is Bentley Park, located in the Bellatona neighborhood. This park will feature a playground, tennis court, pickleball court, picnic pavilion, protected areas of preserved prairie remnants, and a walking trail.

DISCUSSION:

On April 11, 2023, the City Council approved Contract Number K-2223-140 for the Bentley Park Playground project to ACS Playground Adventures, Inc., in the amount of \$200,000.00. The work included installing all play equipment and synthetic turf safety surfacing. No partial payments have been made while ordering and installing the playground equipment.

On April 10, 2024, the City of Norman Parks and Recreation staff inspected the Bentley Park project and found it complete as per the specifications for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Bentley Park Playground project as complete and approve payment in the amount of \$200,000.00 to ACS Playground Adventures, Inc. Funding is available in the Norman Forward New Neighborhood Park Improvements Project, Construction (account 51798830-46101; project NFP104).