



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 5/13/2025

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-2425-75: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS, L.L.C., FOR THE WILLIAM MORGAN PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$227,004.

BACKGROUND:

On December 10, 2024, the City Council approved RFP Number 2425-22 for the William Morgan Park Playground Project. This project was funded as part of the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvements Program. The project scope included a proposal to provide and install a boulder-themed playground that utilized the existing park swing set and the old play boulder that used to be in Andrews Park, which was being stored by the city for re-use someday.

All bidders were asked to maximize the stated budget, provide some shade over the new equipment, and install a synthetic turf impact-attenuating surface, as is done on all of our new neighborhood playgrounds. Other work in the park to upgrade park furnishings, walkways, and landscaping would be done by others. After a review of proposals submitted by five different vendors who complied with the requirements of the RFP, it was decided to award the project to Happy Playgrounds in the amount of \$227,004.

DISCUSSION:

City Council approved Contract Number K-2425-75 for the William Morgan Playground Project to Happy Playgrounds, L.L.C., for \$227,004; and work began on-site, once the new equipment was shipped in January 2025. Work proceeded throughout the winter and spring, as weather allowed. No partial pay requests were submitted during this period. One lump sum payment request will cover all costs once it is complete.

On April 16, 2025, the City of Norman Parks staff inspected the William Morgan Playground Project and found it complete per specifications. Other contractors are doing concrete work, site grading, park furniture improvements, and final landscaping work at the park site.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the William Morgan Playground Project as complete and authorize final payment in the amount of \$227,004 to Happy Playgrounds, L.L.C. Funding is available for this project in the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvements Project (Account 51798830-46101; Project NFP101).