



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/11/2026

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-2526-151: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND GAMETIME, FOR THE BLUESTEM PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$224,999.94.

BACKGROUND:

On February 24, 2026, the City Council approved RFP Number 2526-20 for the Bluestem Park Playground Project. This project was funded as part of the NORMAN FORWARD New Neighborhood Park Construction Program. The project scope included a proposal to provide and install a new playground as part of the creation of this new park south of The Links apartment community in south Norman.

All bidders were asked to maximize the stated budget, provide shade over a majority of the new equipment, and install a synthetic turf impact-attenuating surface, as is done for all of our new neighborhood playgrounds. Other work at the new park site includes construction of a perimeter walking trail, new park furnishings, a large picnic pavilion, a half-court basketball court, soccer goals, a sand volleyball area and shade trees; and will be done by other contractors. After a review of proposals submitted by a dozen different playground vendors who complied with the requirements of the RFP, it was decided to award the project to Gametime.

DISCUSSION:

On March 10, 2026, City Council awarded Contract Number K-2526-151 for the Bluestem Park Playground Project to Gametime, for \$224,999.94; and work began on-site, once the new equipment was shipped in May 2026. Work proceeded throughout the 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 July 24, 2026, the City of Norman Parks staff inspected the Bluestem Park Playground Project and found it complete per specifications.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Bluestem Park Playground Project as complete and authorize final payment in the amount of \$224,999.94 to Gametime. Funding is available for this project in the NORMAN FORWARD New Neighborhood Park Construction Project (Account 51798830-46101; Project NFP104).