



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-R-35 A Resolution of the City Council Awarding the Bid for Construction of the JR Martin Park Improvements to Nesbitt Construction, Inc.

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Issue Statement

A Resolution awarding the bid for the J.R. Martin Park project.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Project Overview

The J.R. Martin Project will transform J.R. Martin Park into a premier community destination by adding a farmers' market and event space that complements The Amp, the outdoor amphitheater constructed in 2014. This project is designed to serve residents, visitors, and local businesses while strengthening the park as a central gathering place for the City of Republic.

Planned Improvements

- Construction of a large market pavilion
- Development of plaza space with seating
- Designated food truck space
- Expanded parking capacity
- Trail connections linking to the new amenities
- A concession and storage building

Bid Process

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued in August 2025, with a pre-bid meeting held on August 26 facilitated by Sapp Design. The meeting allowed interested contractors to review the project details and ask questions. Bids were due on September 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

After careful review of all submittals (bid tabulation attached), staff recommends Nesbitt Construction as the general contractor for the project. Following the inclusion of selected alternates, Nesbitt Construction submitted the lowest responsible bid.

**Funding**

- \$1.3 million – Remaining balance from the 2023 series bond
- \$1 million – \$500,000 from the Capital Improvement Sales Tax (CIST) and \$500,000 loan from the General Fund at 3.25%
 - The above funding would take place of the \$1 Million approved five-year term facility with Arvest Bank
- \$400,000 – Fiscal Year 2025's Capital Budget Surplus (Parks Capital Improvement Sales Tax less debt service)
- Total Funding Amount = \$2.7 Million

Recommended Action

Staff recommend that City Council approve Nesbitt Construction as the general contractor for the J.R. Martin Project and authorize the use of the identified funding sources in the amount of \$2.7 Million.