

TO: City Council  
FROM: Don Carney, Capital Projects Manager  
DATE: April 19, 2022  
SUBJECT: Preserve Park Playground Equipment

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1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a public works contract, in substantially similar form, with Cascade Recreation, Inc. for supply and installation of playground equipment at Preserve Park. The public works contract was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at their April 7, 2022, meeting.

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2) Background:

The City purchased property in 2020 utilizing Park Impact fees assessed on new home construction within The Preserve development to construct the Preserve Park. The planned park play area is approximately 0.5 acres and will include site furnishings, a large play structure, a 24 foot by 24 foot picnic shelter, a half-court basketball court, a five foot high triple wide concrete slide and zip line, along with landscaping and irrigation. The adjoining 2.9 acre storm water infiltration pond will be incorporated as additional play area by seeding and irrigating.

Staff is currently negotiating prices for equipment purchase and installation for the Preserve Park with Cascade Recreation, Inc., a sole source provider and installer of the City standard park equipment. Utilizing the same equipment manufacturer in all City Parks improves maintenance, safety, and liability. Much of the equipment has moving parts that wear and need replacing. Utilizing the same equipment, specialty tools, and replacement parts is crucial to safely maintaining park equipment and anticipating repairs. Receiving equipment from one source will aid in obtaining and replacing parts and equipment, and it creates a standard expectation for the public at City owned parks. Utilizing the supplier for installation of the equipment provides warranty coverage.

The site construction for Preserve Park will occur concurrently under separate contract. Staff is preparing contract drawings for advertisement to solicit bids for the site work within two to three months. Since equipment fabrication is a lengthy process, we are advancing contracting with the equipment supplier and installer so that we can coordinate work when the site work begins later this year.

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3) Policy Support:

City of Tumwater Strategic Priorities and Goals 2021-2026 has identified the following goals to prioritize parks enhancement projects:

B. Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity

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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Do not purchase the equipment.
- ☐ Reduce the amount of equipment proposed.
- ☐ Propose alternative equipment.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

The complete park development is included in the 2020-2025 Capital Facility Plan. The park is identified as General Governmental Project GG08, Preserve Park. The project is being funded with park impact fees. The price for the equipment and installation is \$296,604.39.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Public Works Contract
- B. Location Map
- C. Equipment & Landscape