



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 27, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Contract For Construction Of New Playground And Patio At The Municipal Tennis Courts

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Increase revenues and appropriations by \$53,000 in the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Outlay Fund to cover a portion of the costs of a new playground and equipment, funded from a grant from the Wood-Claeysens Foundation; and
- B. Award a contract to Civic Construction Associates, Inc., in their low bid amount of \$253,700 for construction of the New Playground and Patio at the Municipal Tennis Courts; and authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute the contract and approve expenditures up to \$25,370 to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for unanticipated work.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### Project Description and Background

A new playground is proposed at the Municipal Tennis Courts to serve primarily low to moderate income families in the adjacent lower Eastside neighborhood. The project responds to a community need for a safe place for children to play. Currently, children use the existing parking lot and landscaping areas to play. The new playground will feature a play structure suitable for 5-12 year olds, a swing for 3-5 year old children, new permeable rubber surfacing, benches, a pathway and fencing, and new landscaping and safety lighting.

Located adjacent to the tennis courts, a new patio with benches and a drinking fountain is also proposed to be constructed during the playground installation. The patio will support daily use and tennis functions, such as tournaments and day camps. The parking lot and pathways will also be improved to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2015, an on-site community meeting with neighbors and tennis patrons provided staff with feedback on the specific design and siting of the proposed playground. The project was reviewed and supported by the Historic Landmarks Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Neighborhood Advisory Council. The Planning Commission also reviewed the project and approved a Coastal Development Permit in October 2016.

In preparation for the new playground, the Public Works Department installed a new pedestrian crossing on Old Coast Highway just east of Park Place. The pedestrian safety project was partially-funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and construction was completed in 2017.

Staff submitted another CDBG application last year and was successfully awarded \$145,000. The Wood-Claeyssens Foundation also awarded the project \$53,000 in grant funding for the purchase of the playground equipment. In Fiscal Year 2018, Council approved \$190,000 in General Fund Capital for the project. With project funding secured, the new playground and patio improvements were publically bid for construction.

#### Construction Bids

A total of four construction bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

	<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b> (*corrected total)
1.	Civic Construction Associates, Inc. Camarillo, CA	\$253,700
2.	Quincon, Inc. Grover Beach, CA	\$399,767
3.	C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc. Pomona, CA	\$446,125*
4.	TLS Choice LLC Mission Viejo, CA	\$507,375*

The low bid of \$253,700, submitted by Civic Construction Associates, Inc. is an acceptable bid that is responsive to and meets the requirements of the bid specifications. The change order funding recommendation of \$25,370, or 10 percent of the base contract amount, is typical for this type of work and project size.

Other Project Construction Costs

Additional costs associated with construction include \$3,848 for permit fees and inspections, \$42,883 for the playground equipment, and \$2,500 for concrete strength and soil compaction testing. City staff will perform construction management and inspections at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Project construction is fully funded by the Parks and Recreation Department Capital Fund and two grants. Project funding includes:

Municipal Tennis Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Fund	\$ 190,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 145,000
Wood-Claeyssens Foundation Grant via PARC Foundation	\$ 53,000
<b>FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 388,000</b>

The estimated total Project design costs, construction contracts, and other Project costs are:

**ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST**

Design and Project Management (by City Staff)	\$31,180
<b>Design Total</b>	<b>\$31,180</b>
Construction Contract (Civic Construction Associates, Inc.)	\$ 253,700
Construction Change Order Allowance (10% of contract)	\$ 25,370
<b>Construction Contract Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 279,070</b>
Permit Fees and Inspections	\$ 3,848
Playground Equipment	\$ 42,883
Concrete and Soil Compaction Testing	\$ 2,500
Construction Management/Inspection (by City Staff)	\$ 20,000
<b>Other Construction Costs Subtotal</b>	<b>\$69,231</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$348,301</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$379,481</b>

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

The new playground surfacing will be constructed with permeable materials to allow rain water to soak into the ground and reduce site runoff to the City's storm drain system. Over 5,000 square feet of asphalt will be removed, recycled, and replaced with the permeable playground rubber surfacing or converted to landscaping. The tennis patio is also proposed to use permeable pavers.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office