



Bids were then opened on May 27, 2021, with a summary of bids as follows:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternates #1, 3, 4</u>
Dreambuilt Construction, Inc.	Advance, NC	\$353,900	\$166,300

The low bidder, Dreambuilt Construction, Inc., agreed to subcontracting goals other than those established for this project of 15% with minority-owned businesses and 2% with woman-owned businesses. Therefore, pursuant to the City's M/WBE Policy, the Citizen's M/WBE Advisory Committee met to review and consider all documentation of the bidder's good faith efforts which follow this resolution. The committee determined that the bidder did make necessary good faith efforts to achieve the established subcontracting goals. N.C.G.S. 143-128.2(f) requires a contractor to accumulate a minimum of 50 out of 100 points to demonstrate a Good Faith Effort. In addition to the point system, state legislation explicitly lists the efforts required by a contractor. In the review conducted by the M/WBE Citizens Advisory Committee, the contractor must accumulate a minimum of 115 out of 180 points to demonstrate a Good Faith Effort. The City's stringent modification ensures contractors are exhausting all opportunities, per the statute's specifications, to achieve certified minority-and women-owned business participation. Dreambuilt Construction, Inc., will be required to subcontract, as a minimum, 10.0% of this contract with certified minority-owned businesses and 21.0% with certified women-owned businesses as indicated on the Affidavit "D" submitted by the company.

The 2018 G.O. Bond allocated \$480,000 for the construction budget, which includes the splashpad features. After the purchase of the splashpad features, only \$246,623.85 remains in the project budget. Recreation & Parks desires to award Alternates #1, #3, and #4 in the total amount of \$166,300 and to reject Alternate #2; therefore, the total award would be \$353,900 plus \$166,300 for alternates #1, #3, and #4 for a total award amount of \$520,200 leaving a funding shortfall of \$273,576.15. An Amendment to the Project Budget Ordinance is attached which appropriates the necessary funding to complete this project.

It is therefore recommended that a contract for construction of the Sprague Street Splashpad be awarded to Dreambuilt Construction, Inc., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the base bid amount of \$353,900 plus \$166,300 for alternates #1, #3, and #4 for a total award amount of \$520,200. The designer's estimate was \$269,969 (base bid without splashpad features) plus \$68,735 for alternates #1, #3, and #4.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and State websites and with several electronic plan rooms. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a weekly basis. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that were notified the bidding opportunity and the low bidder's Workplace Demographics form. Dreambuilt Construction, Inc. is a woman-owned business enterprise.