

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 22, 2019

To: The City Manager

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager

From: William Royston, Recreation & Parks Director
Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of Resolution Awarding Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment at Fourteenth Street Park (East Ward), Greenway Park (North Ward) and Sprague Street Park. (Southeast Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

One goal of the Recreation and Parks Department is to encourage healthy and active lifestyles. Replacing outdated playgrounds with new colorful schemes and modern styles should enhance the visibility and use of these parks by neighborhood families.

Based on historical data for bidding versus purchase-and-install contracts, staff believes the most cost effective means for purchasing playground equipment is through a cooperative purchasing program where the City can buy direct and receive a discount. Participation in playground bids by contractors has been extremely limited since 2011, resulting in one bid or no response at all.

For these playgrounds, the selected playground equipment is available through U.S. Communities (USC), a national formally organized and competitive bidding group purchasing program. Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a Gametime of Fort Payne, Alabama, has been awarded a competitive bid contract through USC and provides their GameTime equipment through a North Carolina certified distributor and installer, Cunningham Associates, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Committee Action:

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Remarks:

The total cost for the purchase of playground equipment and turn-key installation, will be as follows:

	<u>Fourteenth</u>	<u>Greenway</u>	<u>Sprague</u>
Playground Equipment, Tax, Freight	\$135,642.36	\$24,689.79	\$28,974.90
Discount on Equipment	(27,048.73)	(4,799.05)	(5,377.29)
Installation	<u>36,250.00</u>	<u>5,845.00</u>	<u>5,925.00</u>
Total Cost	\$144,843.63	\$25,735.74	\$29,522.61

This does not include the cost for site improvements, such as grading, underground drainage, sidewalks, landscaping, mulch safety surfacing, or removal of existing play equipment, which will be competitively bid by City/County Purchasing.

A local landscape architect was retained to provide design drawings and specifications for these park renovations. The 2018-19 budget for playground renovations is \$350,000. Should the total expenditures exceed the available budget, staff will scale back the equipment or sitework to meet the budget or use 2018 GO Bond funds earmarked for playground renovations.

It is recommended that a contract be awarded to Cunningham Associates, Inc. in the total amount of \$200,101.98 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment per contract specifications for Fourteenth Street, Greenway, and Sprague Parks per specifications.

M/WBE comment: Neither Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. nor Cunningham Associates, Inc. are minority or woman-owned businesses.

Workplace Demographics: See Exhibit A