



City of Winston-Salem City Council Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Helen Nichols Park Walking Trail (Northeast Ward)
City Council Committee	Finance Committee
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Darren Redfield, City-County Purchasing Director
Department Head	William Royston, Recreation and Parks Director
City Manager/ACM	Ben Rowe, ACM

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Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options	Move to Approve Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Helen Nichols Park Walking Trail
Strategic Focus Area	Livable Community
Strategic Plan Objective	LC3: Ensuring the City is a Community of Choice for Quality of Life
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

This project will provide a longer walking trail and a new fitness equipment location at Helen Nichols Park for residents. The walking trail will maximize use of the property by creating a large loop adjacent to Carl H. Russell Community Center, all the way to the rear of the park. The walking trail will be a combination of crushed stone with the park and HDPE boardwalk on the east side, with several new steel benches throughout. The project also will include a six-piece fitness circuit on poured-in-place rubber surfacing under a shade structure.

Following a failed attempt to award a contract in early 2024, City/County Purchasing advertised a formal construction bid on June 17, 2025. No bids were received on July 8, so the project was re-advertised as allowed by N.C.G.S. 143-132 for July 15, 2025, with one bid received from Hodgin Construction Company in the total amount of \$1,069,550.

Since the bid exceeded the construction budget of \$992,000, staff engaged with Hodgin Construction Company to discuss cost reduction options since negotiations with the low bidder are permitted by N.C.G.S. 143-129(b). The original project scope included a concrete path on the west side of the park that would remove eighteen feet of the parking lot serving the tennis courts and extend the walking path with a heavily

landscaped berm. This element has been removed to keep the project cost within budget. The Recreation and Parks Department requests to award a construction contract for the not-to-exceed total amount of \$992,000.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact

This project is funded from Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBS) that the City Council approved as part of the FY 2022-2023 budget. The budget, including design and construction, totals \$1 million.

Attachments

- Resolution
- Revised Schematic Design

Committee Action	Approval 10/14/2025
For: Unanimous (3 votes)	Against:
Remarks: MPT Adams - absent	