

AGENDA



Thursday, January 14, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE with KRAFTSMAN PLAYGROUND & PARK EQUIPMENT, Spring, TX, for the purchase and installation of splash pads in West Austin and Mary Francis Baylor Clarksville Parks in the amount of \$773,585.29 plus a \$38,679 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$812,264.29.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Although this contract is exempt under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation, 3.31% MBE and 5.06% WBE subcontractor participation has been met.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of new splash pads to replace the wading pools at West Austin and Mary Francis Baylor Parks. This contract will include design, permitting, demolition, installation of new splash pad equipment, mechanical room, electrical connection, and site re-vegetation. Kraftsman Playground & Park Equipment is under contract with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative to supply these materials and services statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative contract provides for the earliest delivery of equipment, in order for installation to be complete before the summer swim season.

The Parks and Recreation and Small Minority and Business Resources staff worked closely with Kraftsman Playground & Park Equipment staff to encourage good faith efforts for MBE/WBE participation. Kraftsman Playground & Park Equipment was able to obtain 3.31% MBE and 5.06% WBE subcontractor participation for this solicitation.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The construction project has an estimated completion of June 1, 2010.