

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL June 25, 2001

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Jefferson Park Playground Improvements:
Construction Contract Award to Thomsen Landscape for \$120,000 and
Appropriation of \$35,220 in Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of
1996 Funds and \$20,000 in Residential Impact Fees to Said Project

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Accept the bid, dated June 5, 2001, submitted by Thomsen Landscape in response to the specifications for the Jefferson Park Playground Improvements, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required. The amount of the proposed contract is \$120,000.
- (2) Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$35,220 from the Per Parcel Discretionary Grant Program of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and appropriating it to Budget Account 78024 (Jefferson Park - Reconstruct and Fence Tot Lot).
- (3) Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$20,000 in Residential Import Fees (Fee #R0013621) and appropriating it to Budget Account 78024.

COMMISSION REVIEW:

The proposed play and the related construction features were approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission on January 4, 2001, and by the Accessibility and Disability Commission on February 6, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

Plans and specifications for the subject project, which is included in the adopted Capital Improvement Program, were prepared by the Public Works and Transportation Department. In accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids have been requested and received.

The project provides for replacing deteriorated play equipment in the Jefferson Park north and south playgrounds with new play equipment that will comply with current safety and accessibility standards.

The work consists of the removal of existing play structures, footings, sand, paving, and curbs; the installation of temporary chain link fencing during the construction period; furnishing and installing new play equipment and play surfacing; installing subsurface drains; and constructing concrete ramps.

The project was determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Environmental Administrator on May 23, 2001 pursuant to Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines (replacement of existing facilities where the new ones will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities being replaced) and a Notice of Exemption therefor was filed with the Los Angeles Clerk on June 1, 2001.

The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal on May 10, 2001. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in three trade publications and listed on two web sites. Bid packets were obtained by 14 contractors, seven of which submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were opened on June 5, 2001 and were as follows:

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Thomsen Landscape, Woodland Hills	\$112,295.50
2.	Carson Services, Santa Monica	\$113,983.78
3.	Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc., Westlake	\$116,681.91
4.	Ryco Construction, Inc., Gardena	\$127,721.00
5.	*GT Equipment Company, Mission Hills	\$132,445.00
6.	Pima Corporation, Los Angeles	\$138,279.25
7.	A&R Construction Corporation, Northridge	\$162,980.00
	Engineer's Estimate	\$107,960.75

*Indicates Non-Responsive Bid

The bid submitted by Thomsen Landscape is the lowest responsive bid received. It is, therefore, recommended that the firm be awarded a contract for the project.

The proposed contract with Thomsen Landscape complies fully with competitive bidding and Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinances and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as did the contractor selection process. The firm has indicated that there will not be any new hires as a result of this contract.

The proposed contract with Thomsen Landscape will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$112,295.50
Contingency Allowance	<u>7,704.50</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$120,000.00

The cost to complete the project is estimated as follows:

Construction Contract	\$120,000
Engineering/Inspection	<u>12,500</u>
	\$132,500

Construction will be deferred to mid-September 2001 in order to allow uninterrupted use of the playgrounds for school vacation activities. Once began, the work is expected to last six weeks.

Once renovation of the playgrounds has been completed, plans call for the existing ornamental iron fence bordering the south playground to be extended along the north playground to prevent children from darting out onto the adjacent street, Hamilton Avenue. It is anticipated that a separate purchase order contract for this installation will be awarded in early September 2001 so that the work can be coordinated with the present project. The cost for the design, construction, and inspection of the fence extension is estimated at \$22,500.


FISCAL IMPACT:

As the funds presently available in Budget Account 78024 (Jefferson Park – Reconstruct and Fence Tot Lot) are estimated at \$100,000, the two projects face an estimated combined shortfall of approximately \$55,000. This shortfall is attributable to adding replacement of the play equipment in the south playground to the original scope of work, increases in the cost of the manufactured play structures, the cost of additional design features added at the request of the Accessibility and Disability Commission, and the extension of the ornamental iron fence along the north playground.

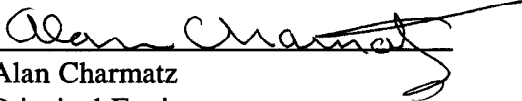
A request has been submitted to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open District for the allocation of \$35,220 in uncommitted Per Parcel Discretionary Grant Program of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 funds to Grant No. 58H1-99-1091: Jefferson Park Playground and Fence. Approval of the recommended journal voucher will allow the present project to be completed in a timely fashion.

Approval of the second recommended journal voucher which will appropriate \$20,000 in Residential Impact Fees to Budget Account 78024 will reduce the funds available for park projects in the Central Park District Impact Area by that amount. This action will allow the extension of the existing ornamental iron fence to be constructed in a timely fashion.

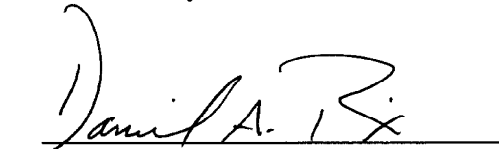
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