



# Agenda Report

August 25, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR BRENNER PARK PLAYGROUND**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action herein to be statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, Section 15270, Projects Which are Disapproved, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5), projects that a public agency rejects or disapproves; and
2. Reject all bids received on July 14, 2025 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Brenner Park Playground.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Brenner Park is located at 235 Barthe Drive, and spans approximately two acres. The park features a variety of recreational amenities including a baseball field, tennis court, basketball court, and a playground.

The current playground, installed in 2009 at the park's lower west section adjacent to Chapman Avenue, features climbing-themed equipment that has since become outdated and is now seldom used by the community. Following four public outreach events held to discuss goals for the new playground, there was overwhelming community support to construct the replacement playground adjacent to the basketball court and picnic area along Barthe Drive.

The Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation, Community Services, prepared project plans and specifications for the subject project. On June 20, 2025, a Notice Inviting Bids for Brenner Park Playground was published on the online platforms of 22 trade journals, as well as posted on OpenGov Procurement. The posting generated notices to all vendors who have previously registered with the City for this particular commodity class. A total of 76 vendors downloaded the specifications, of which one was local. Bids were received in accordance with Section 4.08.060 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. A total of six bids

were received by the bid opening date, none local. One bid was deemed non-responsive. The results of the bid are as follows:

Bidder	Amount (\$)
1. NoHo Constructors, Studio City	Non-Responsive
2. KASA Construction, Inc., Chino	\$ 1,073,900
3. Axiom Group, Los Angeles	\$ 1,102,286
4. R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc., Orange	\$ 1,136,900
5. RAMSA Construction, Inc., Sherman Oaks	\$ 1,244,000
6. Zuma Construction Group, Inc., Thousand Oaks	\$ 1,565,000
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$ 966,000</b>

Upon detailed review of the responsive bid proposals, it was determined that the bid prices significantly exceeded the engineer's estimate, prompting further investigation into whether the scope of work could be modified to meet the available project budget. Following rejection of the bids, Public Works intends to issue a new bid solicitation for the project.

#### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Rejecting all bids supports the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

This action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, Section 15270, Projects Which are Disapproved, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5), projects that a public agency rejects or disapproves.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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