



## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**From: Grant Yates, City Manager**

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**Date: May 26, 2020**

**Subject: Award of Contract to Sof Surfaces, Inc. for the Rubber Tile Playground Surfacing - Canyon Hills Parks Upgrades CIP # Z40024**

### **Recommendation**

Approve and Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Sof Surfaces Inc. in the amount of \$246,569 for the pre-designed, purchase and installation of playground rubberized tile surfacing, for Canyon Hills Park, plus a 10% contingency adjustment for unanticipated costs, in the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

### **Background**

The existing playground at Canyon Hills Park currently has wood chips surfacing. There is an annual cost that goes along with wood chips which needs to be added to each year to ensure the correct thickness for the fall height rating.

### **Discussion**

In an effort to update and enhance Canyon Hills Park, staff is recommending the upgrading of the current wood chips to a playground flooring such as rubber tile surfacing which is growing in popularity. Rubber tile is an easy way to keep kids safe while playing from the ground up. The tile is non-slip and mold and mildew resistant. They come in different thickness, so you can choose the best thickness for your project according to the fall height.

The quotes that yielded the most favorable pricing was from Sof Surfaces Inc., through National Joint Purchase Alliance (NJPA) now called Sourcewell, which offer a wide variety of commodity products and services at prices, which have been assessed to be fair, reasonable and competitive. Sof Surfaces Inc., Sourcewell Contract Number 0370127-SFS. These contracts are nationally solicited, competitively bid and awarded on behalf of National Joint Powers Authorities (NJPA) current and potential government and education member agencies. The State statute authorizes "public agencies" to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements

like those established by NJPA. Therefore, all City's and Governmental agencies may take advantage of this pricing when it is determined to be cost effective.

### **Sourcewell/National Joint Powers Alliance**

Sourcewell/NJPA ("NJPA") is a public corporation serving as a municipal contracting agency for government and education agencies. While the NJPA does not complete a true public bidding process, similar to the City's policy or the State of California bidding process, to determine the lowest single purchasing option for its members, it leverages the aggregation of volume purchasing opportunities to achieve the lowest possible purchasing price for its members.

NJPA creates national cooperative contract purchasing solutions on behalf of its member agencies to provide both time and money savings by consolidating the efforts of numerous individually prepared solicitations to one national, cooperatively shared process. The NJPA provides members with procurement of choice equipment, products and services that have been competitively awarded under contracts featuring the highest quality solutions from industry-leading and nationally recognized vendors. NJPA issues an annual Request for Proposal (RFP) from manufacturers of equipment utilized by the membership. All NJPA contracts have been competitively solicited nationally, reviewed, evaluated by the NJPA. Each RFP requests that bids are provided by a manufacturer or vendor whom can sell and service participating member agencies in all 50 states with the full understanding that these contracts will be under consideration for use by government, education and non-profit member agencies throughout the United States.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Funds are available in the CIP Canyon Hill Park Upgrades Projects #Z40024.

### **Exhibits**

A – Sof Surfaces, Inc. – Agreement

B – Sof Surfaces, Inc. - Proposals