

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** September 26, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Approve award of RFP No. 22-018 to Whirlix Design, Inc. for the replacement of playground equipment at Cross Timbers Park in the amount of \$189,480.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated construction agreement.  
**PRESENTER:** Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager

### **SUMMARY:**

This item serves to award a construction contract to Whirlix Design, Inc. for RFP No. 22-018 for Cross Timbers Park Playground Replacement.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The FY21/22 Capital Improvement Program includes a project construction budget of \$230,000.00 for the replacement of existing playground equipment at Cross Timbers Park. This project aligns with the goals of the 2007 Park System Master Plan by renovating facilities to ensure their superior condition. The existing playground was constructed in 2001, and replacement parts are no longer available.

Competitive sealed proposals were received on July 21, 2022 from the following contractors. Each contractor was permitted to submit up to two (2) different playground proposals for this RFP.

- Gulf Coast Recreation (proposal # 1)
- Gulf Coast Recreation (proposal # 2)
- LJ Design & Construction, LLC
- The Playwell Group, Inc.
- WeBuildFun, Inc.
- Whirlix Design, Inc. (proposal # 1)
- Whirlix Design, Inc. (proposal # 2)

Selection criteria included quality and uniqueness of design, play value and aesthetics, durability of equipment, ease of maintenance, parts availability, quality and performance of previous work, warranty, key project personnel, and price. Based on an evaluation of the selection criteria, the five-member committee recommends awarding the bid to Whirlix Design, Inc. Their proposal offered the greatest levels of play value, product durability, and shade quality within the project budget, representing the best value to the City.



Previous to this project, Whirlix Design, Inc. has supplied playgrounds at Northfield Park, Norich Park, and Adventure World Playground. Staff is confident in their ability to provide a quality product in a timely manner.

In consideration of the budget, staff has negotiated a final contract amount of \$189,480.00 which provides for demolition and disposal of the existing playground, delivery and installation of new playground equipment, playground drainage, and engineered wood fiber fall surface material. Manufacture, delivery, and installation of the playground will be completed within 210 calendar days from the execution of the contract.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve award of RFP No. 22-018 to Whirlix Design, Inc. for the replacement of playground equipment at Cross Timbers Park in the amount of \$189,480.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated construction agreement.