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City Manager's Report

July 8, 2025 City Council Meeting

Prepared by: Denis Nishihara, Director of Community Services

Item#: 12.3

Subject: Consider authorizing the Director of Community Services to negotiate and execute a contract with Miracle Playsystems in the amount of \$16,618.39 for the City Park Playground Slide Replacement project (CIP #42609) and approving a \$20,000 budget appropriation from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for the said project.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the Director of Community Services to negotiate and execute a contract with Miracle Playsystems in the amount of \$16,618.39 for the City Park Playground Slide Replacement project (CIP #42609); and
2. Approving a \$20,000 budget appropriation from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for the said project.

Purpose:

The proposed repairs to the City Park playground will address immediate safety items and ensure continued public use, while aligning with fiscal constraints and long-term planning goals.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Maintain/Improve Quality of Life - Provide and maintain vibrant public spaces, events and programs and ensure a well-designed and protected City infrastructure. Strategy – Expand and Improve Public Facilities and Recreation Programs.

Background:

City Park, officially known as Benham Park, located at 3071 Benham Street in Downtown Placerville, is a vital recreational and social hub for residents and visitors of all ages. The park features Scout Hall (a quaint meeting facility), a Tot Lot for young children, diverse playground structures promoting safe and active play, a basketball court, swing sets, slides, shaded picnic areas, expansive turf spaces for casual and organized events, and 2-maintained restrooms enhancing accessibility and visitor experience.

The playground equipment, installed approximately in the early 2000s, has served the community for over 20 years and has experienced very high usage. While a full replacement is recommended for long-term safety and functionality, current budget constraints necessitate targeted repairs to maintain compliant use and ensure immediate safety.

Discussion:

To ensure the safety and accessibility of City Park’s playground, staff propose replacing the deteriorated BUMP and GLIDE SLIDE with a new slide installed to standard, removing the non-operable RED SPIRAL SLIDE due to irreparable structural wear, and installing a factory enclosure—a secure cover provided by Miracle Playsystems—to safely seal the affected area. These targeted repairs, totaling \$18,280.22, offer a cost-effective solution to maintain compliant use while adhering to budget constraints. For long-term improvements, staff recommends incorporating a full playground replacement into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, set for review this fall, with public input gathered through community meetings, surveys, and facilitation by the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Options:

1. Approve staff’s recommendations.
2. Do not approve and provide other directions for staff.

Environmental: This project involves minor repairs to existing facilities with no significant environmental impact.

Cost: The cost of the proposed contract with Miracle Playsystems is \$16,618.39.

Budget Impact:

This project was not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Staff recommends the City Council approve a \$20,000 budget appropriation from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for the City Park Playground Slide Replacement project (CIP #42609) to cover the cost of the proposed \$16,618.39 contract with Miracle Playsystems.



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Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Quote