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City Manager's Report

September 23, 2025 City Council Meeting

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Item#: 12.3

Subject: Consider approving a construction contract with Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$59,516 for repairs to the slope above the southeast corner of the Pickleball Court at Lions Park (CIP #42611), authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the same, and approving a \$62,000 budget appropriation from the Park Development Fund for the said project.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving a construction contract with Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$59,516 for repairs to the slope above the southeast corner of the Pickleball Court at Lions Park (CIP #42611) and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the same; and
2. Approving a \$62,000 budget appropriation from the Park Development Fund for the said project.

Purpose:

The proposed repair to the slope at Lion's Park addresses concerns identified during a site walk upon completion of the Pickleball courts, in where the new courts impacted the existing trail access. The completion of the project will enhance stability in the area adjacent to the Pickleball Courts, support resolving certain aspects of the areas drainage and provide safer accessibility to the hillside and trail. This ensures continued safe public use while aligning with fiscal constraints and long-term maintenance planning.

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:

Lion's Park serves as a region-wide amenity to City residents and many visitors from the county. The park features playground structures designed for safe and active play, picnic areas, sports courts including pickleball, and open spaces for recreational activities, contributing to the City's commitment to vibrant public park system. Upon completion of Prop 68 funded

Pickleball Court construction project the slope above the southeast corner of the Pickleball Court has since been exposed to significant erosion and instability due to multiple environmental factors. While a full redesign may be considered in future planning, current budget constraints necessitate targeted repairs to maintain safe use, improve trail access, mitigation of significant erosion and address potential safety risks. Final cost estimates for specific repairs are \$59,516.00, and staff are awaiting a detailed timeline for the project based on weather and site access. It is important to note the original planning for the Proposition 68 project inadvertently overlooked this essential element, highlighting an opportunity for improved foresight in future initiatives, which has led to the need for these additional repairs.

Discussion:

The proposed repair targets the loose topsoil on the slope above the southeast corner of the Pickleball Court at Lions Park, which poses a potential hazard for users and surrounding infrastructure. The repair, to be performed by a certified vendor, involves laying back the slope at a 2:1 ratio starting at the hard pan line, cleaning the hard pan of excavation marks, sparing trees where possible, placing spoils on the walking path to raise elevation, spreading additional spoils in the nearby disc golf course, digging a brow ditch along the uphill side of the walking path, removing the existing 12" steel culvert and replacing it with a new 18" DI at the low point and 8" SDR culvert across the walking path hooking into the existing 8" pipe, finish grading and compacting decomposed granite (DG) along the new portion of the walking path, and seeding graded areas for erosion control.

This project complies with all applicable standards and requirements. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22032(a), projects valued at \$75,000 or less may be performed by public agency employees through force account, negotiated contract, or purchase order. The estimated cost is based on a proposal from Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. Additional park maintenance needs will be addressed through the City's long-term deferred maintenance plan, which will be incorporated into the 2017 Parks and Recreation Master Plan revision in the near future. The 10-year revision will involve public input gathered through community meetings, surveys, and facilitation by staff and the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Options:

1. Approve staff's recommendations.
2. Do not approve and provide other directions to staff.

Environmental: Tonight's action is not applicable.

Cost: The total cost of the proposed construction contract with Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Inc. is \$59,516.00.

Budget Impact:

This project was not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Staff recommends a \$62,000 budget appropriation for the Lions Park Slope Repair project (CIP #42611).

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Quote



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