



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**May 2, 2023**

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**TOPIC:** Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Award a Purchase Order to Landscape Structures, Inc. to Provide and Install a Universally Accessible Playground at Thornton Park in the Amount of \$2,042,277 (Specification No. 23-059) (Project No. 23-2602) (General and Non-General Fund)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize a one-time purchase and payment to Landscape Structures, Inc. to furnish and install a universally accessible playground at Thornton Park in the amount of \$2,042,277, plus a contingency of \$306,342, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,348,619, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

**DISCUSSION**

On May 3, 2022, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the Zoo Educational Hub (\$2,000,000) and installation of a universally accessible playground at Thornton Park (\$2,000,000). On September 6, 2022, the City Council approved an appropriation adjustment to recognize the grant funding.

The City's first universally accessible playground installation at the George Upton All Access Park (one acre-site) located within Thornton Park will include equipment specially designed to enable children of all abilities to play alongside each other (Exhibit 1). All children, regardless of physical limitation, should be able to enjoy the fun that comes along with playing on a playground. The universal playground will feature multigenerational play components to support playground usage by those with disabilities as well as their parents and caregivers, adaptive swings, and wheelchair-accessible elements. This playground will replace the 30-year-old playground with aging equipment.

Santa Ana Ordinance No. NS-2312 authorizes the City to purchase against contracts from any public agency utilizing a competitive bid process. Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) is a public agency that serves as a national municipal contracting agency to provide competitive procurement services to participating agencies. Sourcewell awarded a contract to Landscape Structures, Inc. (Sourcewell

contract # 010521-LSI) as a result of an open competitive Request for Proposals solicitation on behalf of its members, which includes government agencies (Exhibit 2). The awarded contract is valid through February 17, 2025 and is in accordance with the City's existing Purchasing Guidelines.

Staff recommends the use of Landscape Structures, Inc. and has included the proposal detailing this specific project scope (Exhibit 3). As part of the purchase, maintenance equipment is included and will be used to maintain Thornton Park.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed cost of the project is \$2,042,277, which includes removal of existing playground, design services, and the purchase and installation of new playground equipment. The total delivery cost including contingency is estimated to be \$2,348,619.

<b>Project Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
Landscape Structures Purchase Order	\$2,042,277
Contingency	\$306,342
<b>Total Project Delivery Cost</b>	<b>\$2,348,619</b>

Funding is available in the FY 22-23 budget and funding for subsequent fiscal years will be included in the proposed budgets for City Council consideration. The following table summarizes the funds budgeted and available for expenditure to deliver construction of this project.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Accounting Unit - Account No. (Project No.)</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Accounting Unit - Account No. Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2022-2023	16113262-66220 (23-2602)	PRCSA Capital Grants	State Resources Agency Grant - Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$2,000,000
2022-2023	01213020-66220 (23-2602)	Cannabis Public Benefit Fund	PRCSA Youth Services - Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$230,250
2022-2023	01117652-62320	General Fund	PWA Park Service Enhancement - Maintenance & Repair Buildings & Ground	\$118,369
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,348,619</b>

**EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Location Map
2. Landscape Structures, Inc. Contract with Sourcewell
3. Landscape Structures, Inc. Proposal

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