

STAFF REPORT

Date: May 21, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to purchase playground equipment for Wilkinson Park from BCI Burke using Equalis Purchasing Contract #2020.05.4A in the amount of \$255,039.65. (CDBG funds) [Ward 3]

From: Karina Mercier, Project Manager

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

The playground at Wilkinson Park, located at 1201 E. Taylor Street, is on the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan and identified in poor condition with an immediate need for replacement. Staff recommends purchasing a playground under the joinder provision of the Equalis Purchasing Contract #2020.05.4A in the amount of \$255,039.65.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.03%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

Staff is planning various improvements to Wilkinson Park including the installation of a new dog park and the replacement of the playground with the conversion from fibar to pour-in-place safety surface. The playground will replace the existing unit located on the west side of the park, adjacent to the restroom building along Belgrave Avenue. The playground was installed in the 1999 and is well past its useful life.

Figure 1. Existing playground structure at Wilkinson Park



Staff solicited community input via an online bilingual survey that was posted on site at the playground and on the City's website. The survey collected 206 responses indicating the top desired playground features were swings, slides and climbers. This feedback informed the playground selection and the selected equipment incorporates all these features. The proposed playground equipment includes:

- Play structure for ages 2-5
- Play structure for ages 5-12
- Freestanding swing set

Figure 2. Rendering of proposed playground equipment at Wilkinson Park



The installation of the playground will be included in a bid that staff is planning to solicit in June and bring forward for Council approval at the August 13, 2025 Council Meeting. Staff estimates the project will be completed by fall 2025.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications to the General Fund. The Wilkinson Playground Replacement project was awarded \$660,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, of which \$255,039.65 will be utilized for this phase of the project.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the playground equipment purchase from BCI Burke in the amount of \$255,039.65 and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Wilkinson Playground Quote and Proposal

