



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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TITLE: REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES AT
NATIVIDAD AND STEINBECK NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Miracle Playsystems Inc. and Ross Recreation Inc. for the purchase of playground equipment and labor to replace playground structures at Natividad and Steinbeck Neighborhood Parks.

DISCUSSION:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided the City of Salinas with \$51,567,313 in relief funds. In September 2021, the City Council allocated ARPA funds for several government service projects, including \$2 million dollars for playground structures, park benches and BBQ grills, the majority of which was to be spent in the 93905 and 93906 zip codes which were hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the allocation, the Council Resolution called for staff to check in with the Finance Committee on these and the Public Works sidewalk/street repair allocations.

The City of Salinas has 35 playgrounds located in parks/facilities across the City. An assessment of the playgrounds was conducted as part of the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Planning effort in 2017. The majority of the playgrounds were found to be in fair and/or good condition. The playground at Williams Ranch Neighborhood Park was found to be in poor condition and in need of replacement.

In September 2022 the Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Miracle Playsystems and Ross Recreation for the purchase of playground equipment and labor to repair playground structures at designated locations throughout the park system, with a focus on ARPA funding direction provided by Council. In addition to the repairs approved in 2022, staff also recommended the full replacement of two (2) additional playground structures, one at Natividad Neighborhood Park and one Steinbeck Neighborhood Park. These two playground locations fall within the 93906 zip code and are in poor condition.

Across the system, we have playground apparatus from four different playground manufacturing companies including Ross Recreation, Miracle Playsystems, Playcraft (Park Planet) and Play World (David Bang Associates, Inc.). The City has Miracle Playsystem playgrounds in twelve (12) parks and Ross Recreation playgrounds in twelve (12) other parks making them the two major manufacturers in our system. For consistency purposes and to maintain standardization of the equipment systemwide, staff recommends utilizing Miracle Playsystems and Ross Recreation for the new playgrounds at Natividad Neighborhood and Steinbeck Neighborhood Parks. Park Maintenance Staff is most familiar with equipment from these two manufacturers, can make minor repairs inhouse and it allows us to purchase larger orders for items that regularly need repair, i.e., swing clevises. Consistent with Purchasing Policies and ordinance (2576) the purchase of equipment in the amount of more than \$30,000 with one vendor requires City Council authorization. The replacement of these two playgrounds will total \$339,706.98.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The playground repairs are consistent with the City Council Goals of:

- Youth and Seniors
- Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability
- Public Safety

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funds are appropriated and available in account 3911.55.8171.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Agreement with Miracle Playsystems

Agreement with Ross Recreation (Landscape Structures)