



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – March 22, 2017 Agenda Item 3

Work Session

Single Reading Ordinances Authorizing Contracts Related to Construction and Purchase of Play Equipment for Sligo Mill Overlook Playground

Recommended Council Action

Approve Ordinances

Context with Key Issues

The City began formally working on the development of a playground for the Sligo Mill Overlook Park in 2014. After many community meetings and negotiations with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff, a playground design was finalized in December 2016. The City received a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant of \$250,000 to cover the cost of the playground construction. Sligo Mill Overlook Park is property owned by M-NCPPC and the playground will be managed by M-NCPPC after construction.

M-NCPPC provided the City with three of their authorized playground installation companies for bid solicitation. These vendors are all on-call contractors for M-NCPPC selected by competitive bid. The City received proposals from the three vendors as follows:

- Playground Specialists - \$95,337 (omitted construction of sidewalks and stormwater facility and used alternative equipment)
- SGX Inc. - \$173,279
- CFI Construction Corp - \$206,799

The Department recommends award of the playground construction contract to SGX Inc., as the lowest bidder providing a responsive and responsible bid.

To facilitate keeping costs as low as possible, the Department is requesting authorization to purchase the playground equipment directly from the manufacturers' approved distributors. The City will be able to purchase directly using pricing reductions made available through government buying groups such as US Communities and HGACBuy (Helping Governments Across the Country Buy). These programs meet our competitive procurement requirements.

The playground equipment that requires Council authorization (greater than \$10,000) includes the following:

- Rope play structure from KOMPAN for \$18,632, through US Communities
- Play equipment from Playground Specialists for \$15,403, through HGACBuy
- Two play structures from Sparks@Play for \$33,708, through HGACBuy

Additional equipment with costs under the \$10,000 procurement limit for items requiring Council authorization and so will be purchased directly are lighted "cornstalks" (\$7,000), benches (\$3,226) and a child size picnic table (\$800).

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All, Fiscally Sustainable Government, Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

The playground construction includes installation of a stormwater facility to address all run-off from the playground.

Fiscal Impact of Action

Total costs for installation and all equipment is \$252,048.

Attachments and Links

Draft Ordinance for award of playground installation contract
Draft Ordinances for purchase of specified play equipment

Introduced by:

Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF A
PLAYGROUND AT SLIGO MILL OVERLOOK PARK**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City procurement procedures, the Public Works Department solicited price proposals for construction of the Sligo Mill Overlook Playground using approved, on-call contractors for Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, of the three responses received, SGX Inc. provided the lowest bid that was determined to be responsive and responsible; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY17 Special Revenue Fund for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into a contract with SGX Inc. for construction of the Sligo Mill Overlook Playground in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$173,279).

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of March, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Introduced by:

Single Reading:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
FOR SLIGO MILL OVERLOOK PLAYGROUND**

- WHEREAS, funds were allocated in the FY17 Special Revenue Fund Budget for the construction of the Sligo Mill Overlook Playground; and
- WHEREAS, the City has selected a contractor to complete the installation of the playground and the City Council has authorized the award of a contract for their services; and
- WHEREAS, the development of the playground design was a process in which the community participated and provided direct guidance to the design firm hired to develop the site plan; and
- WHEREAS, the City has determined that purchasing the specified playground equipment directly through the manufacturers' authorized distributors will result in significant savings compared to purchasing through the selected installation contractor; and
- WHEREAS, the manufacturers of the selected equipment offer governments reduced pricing through group purchasing programs authorized by the US Communities program and the HGACBuy (Helping Governments Across the Country Buy) program; and
- WHEREAS, the City is a member of US Communities and HGACBuy and has been approved to use the cooperative purchase rates; and
- WHEREAS, this is a cooperative purchase and competitive bidding by the City is not required; and
- WHEREAS, it has been determined that the pricing provided by KOMPAN through the US Communities program, and Playground Specialists and Sparks@Play through HGACBuy program, is both responsive and responsible; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into three contracts for the purchase of specified playground equipment as follows:

- A. KOMPAN – rope play structure for Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$18,632);

B. Playground Specialists – Lollitops for Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars (\$15,403); and

C. Sparks@Play – two play structures for Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eight Dollars (\$33,708)

SECTION 2. Funds to cover these purchases shall be charged to Special Revenue Fund budget 0010-71820.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of March, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: