



# Agenda Item Report

**Legislative Board:** City Council  
**Date:** March 5, 2024  
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**ITEM TITLE:** Deliberation and possible action to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an engineering services agreement with GarzaEMC, LLC for agreement #FY24-133 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 to update the TCEQ permit for the Buda Sportsplex (Tony Host Parks Director and AJ Goodson Purchasing Manager) [PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The TCEQ permit is vital for ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and standards governing the construction and operation of the Sportsplex facility. It is required because the Sportsplex facility is located within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Any improvements or additions trigger a permit amendment. This amendment of the permit will include the full build-out of the Sportsplex. This update will allow us to implement future upgrades and expansions without the need to undergo the extensive and time-consuming process of obtaining a new permit each time.

The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) recognizes the critical role of the Sportsplex in promoting economic growth, community development, and quality of life enhancements. As such, the EDC is providing the necessary financial support to facilitate the permitting process. This investment aligns with the EDC's mission to foster economic vitality and enhance the local business environment by investing in infrastructure projects that stimulate economic activity and attract visitors to the area. By partnering with the EDC, we can leverage their financial resources and expertise to expedite the permitting process and realize our vision for an upgraded Sportsplex facility.

Scope of Services is described in Exhibit A, for a fee described in Exhibit C, to be completed by September 30, 2024, with a not to exceed contract maximum of \$150,000.

## 2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On April 21, 2020, City Council approved a list of prequalified consultants for general engineering consultant support for various capital improvement projects. GarzaEMC, LLC was one of the firms on the approved list.

A scope of work and fee schedule was negotiated with GarzaEMC, LLC and a contract was signed by them accepting the City's terms and conditions. The vendor signed contract is attached. The City is using its standard form of engineering services contract that has been approved by the City Attorney.

## 3. ANALYSIS

Our Sportsplex facility has been a cornerstone of our community, serving as a hub for athletic events, recreational activities, and community gatherings. However, to meet evolving needs and

standards, there is a pressing requirement for upgrades and expansions. The TCEQ requires a permit amendment for any improvements or additions to the Sportsplex, as it is within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The permit will include the full proposed build-out of the facility, so the City will not need to through the same rigorous and time-consuming permitting process as the Sportsplex is further developed.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The EDC has committed to providing \$150,000 to support the TCEQ permitting process. The total value of the proposed contract is \$150,000. A future planned budget amendment will include the revenue to be received from the Buda EDC and an expense in the Parks Capital Fund for this work.

#### **5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS**

SAFE, FUN EXPERIENCES FOR ALL - OUTDOOR CAPITOL OF TEXAS

#### **6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES**

Exapnd sports field for recreation and tournament.

#### **7. PROS AND CONS**

Pros:

Streamlined Process: Updating the TCEQ permit for the full build-out of the Sportsplex facility will streamline the permitting process for future upgrades and expansions. This will save time and resources by eliminating the need to obtain new permits for each modification.

Cost Efficiency: Avoiding the need to secure a new permit for each modification will result in significant cost savings. This includes reduced spending on permitting fees, consultant services, and administrative expenses.

Flexibility and Adaptability: An updated permit provides flexibility to adapt the Sportsplex facility to changing needs, emerging trends, and technological advancements without being hindered by regulatory delays. This allows for quicker response to community demands and preferences.

Enhanced Community Services: Rapid implementation of upgrades and expansions ensures that the Sportsplex remains a premier destination for athletic and recreational activities, thereby enhancing the quality of life for community members. This can lead to increased participation and community engagement.

#### **8. ALTERNATIVES**

Deny approval of agreement, which would result in not moving forward with the Sportsplex facility improvements.

#### **9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval.

#### **Attachments:**

[24-133 Contract - Vendor Signed.pdf](#)