City Council Item

August 25, 2025

Item	Approve Civic Campus Playground Purchase with Flagship Recreation	
File No.		**Item No:** D.8
Agenda Section	**CONSENT AGENDA**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION "The Chanhassen City Council approves the recommended quotes to Flagship Recreation for playground equipment, pour-in-place surface, playground installation, and related site work for the new Civic Campus playground."	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Asset Management

SUMMARY

The Civic Campus Playground is part of the City of Chanhassen's major Civic Campus redevelopment, designed to create a vibrant, family-friendly, and accessible community space in downtown Chanhassen. The playground is located on the Civic Campus, which is at the northeast intersection of West 78th Street and Kerber Boulevard, bounded by Market Boulevard to the east and City Center Park to the north. The site is adjacent to key civic facilities, including the new City Hall, Senior Center, Chanhassen Library, and Fire Station, making it a central and easily accessible destination for residents and visitors alike.

This new equipment for the civic space is not only open and playful, but also sculptural and artistic in its design. The pieces used allow for unscripted play, allowing children and adults to play for long periods of time, coming up with new routes and ways to explore the playground. The tall Alpha Tower allows individuals to reach new heights to 2 different height slides, while the large net Crab Trap and balance circuit allow to improve on gross motor skills while playing side by side with friends and

family. There are two areas separate from the main playground that allow for individuals to spread out and relax or hang out in the Fox Den area or having another area to slide down on the hill slide.

This new playground will be a great addition to the community that will keep families coming back time and time again.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

The Civic Campus Playground play area has unique features (such as the Forma Series equipment and splash fountain) not found in other city parks. It is designed to complement, not duplicate, the amenities at Lake Ann Park, City Center Park, and other neighborhood parks.

Playground Features

- Playground Equipment: The playground will feature equipment from the Landscape Structures "Forma Series," including the Alpha Tower and Crab Trap features. This equipment is designed to encourage adult-child interaction and includes an adjacent hangout area for teens and adults, making it suitable for a wide range of ages
- ADA Compliance: The playground is fully ADA compliant, ensuring accessibility for children and adults of all abilities
- Safety Surface: The play area will use a "pour in place" (PIP) rubberized surface, which is durable, shock-absorbent, low-maintenance, and meets ADA standards for safety
- Color Scheme: After reviewing several color options, the City Council selected a palette featuring lagoon, acorn, leaf, and dune colors, with a grey/black (50/50 mix) PIP surface and a maple leaf accent
- Installation Timeline: The playground and splash fountain are scheduled for installation in spring 2026, as part of Phase II of the Civic Campus project

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

The Chanhassen City Council approves the recommended quotes to Flagship Recreation for playground equipment, pour in place surface, playground installation and related site work for the new Civic Campus playground.

ATTACHMENTS

Chanhassen Civic Playground-Playground Contract 08052025
Flagship Recreation Playground Equipment Installation Contract