

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: May 11, 2026

FROM: Josh Russell, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Review of Bids and Award of Construction Contract for Johnson Park Boardwalk Renovations

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve a construction services contract with Nabholz Construction to replace the original section of the Johnson Park boardwalk.

BACKGROUND:

In FY24, \$454,000 was allocated in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to replace the original section of the Johnson Park Boardwalk, constructed in 2000. This segment extends approximately 1,000 linear feet from the trailhead at the Nature Center to the overlook gazebo.

An additional section of boardwalk, constructed in 2007, ties into this segment and extends north to the Wolf River. This section is currently in acceptable condition and will continue to be monitored moving forward.

DISCUSSION:

Public Works staff completed the design of this project in the summer of 2025, and the Procurement Division advertised it for bid. Due to a high number of questions and the timing of the bid (winter months with limited work time in a wetland area), staff decided to cancel the initial bid, make some design adjustments, and re-bid the project in the spring. This allowed for a late spring/early summer bid opening and better timing for construction during the drier summer months.

In the spring of 2026, the Procurement Division notified thirty-six (36) vendors of the bid opportunity. Twelve (12) vendors requested bid documents, and five (5) bids were received. A summary of the bids is provided below, with Nabholz Construction submitting the lowest responsive and responsible bid at \$429,512.46.

Contractor	Bid (Lump Sum)
Alliant Construction, a Division of Ergon Construction Group, Inc.	\$481,500.00
Barnes & Brower Inc.	\$599,522.48
Fifer and Associates Inc.	\$686,712.00
Nabholz Construction Inc.	\$429,512.46
Wagner General Contractors, Inc.	\$524,298.00

The project includes removal of the existing boardwalk (excluding the steel pedestrian bridge) and construction of a new boardwalk with updated posts, framing, and decking. Improvements also include a new gazebo, an ADA-accessible concrete sidewalk at the entrance, and upgraded structural support systems. The boardwalk will be supported on wood posts, while the gazebo will be founded on helical piers due to wet site conditions.

A copy of all contract documents has been attached to this report for reference.

**BUDGET IMPACT:
FY 2026**

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense	Balance	Budget Impact
312	44400	937-202401	Johnson Park Boardwalk	\$462,678.00	\$33,165.00	\$429,512.46	\$0.54	\$8,678.00 from CIP Contingency

ATTACHMENTS:

- [Johnson Park Boardwalk Plans.pdf](#)
- [Johnson Park Contract Documents.pdf](#)
- [Johnson Park Boardwalk Bid Evaluation.pdf](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To award a construction services contract to Nabholz Construction for the replacement of the original section of the Johnson Park boardwalk in the amount of \$429,512.46.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						