



Agenda Item No: 1.d

PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 18, 2025

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From: Public Works

Subject:

APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT JAYCEE PARKETTE AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT WITH PLAY CORE D.B.A. GAMETIME, CIP PROJECT NO. 7313

Financial Impact:

Fiscal Impact:

Expense:

<u>\$504,764.54</u>	<u>Total Construction Costs</u>
\$458,876.85	Total Construction Contract Amount
\$ 45,887.69	Total Construction Contract Contingency Amount

Available Budget:

\$511,055.00	Fiscal Year 2025-26 CIP Budget- (California Proposition 68 Parks and Water Bond of 2018)
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Summary:

The Jaycee Parkette Renovation project, is funded by a state grant from California State Parks, Office of Grants and Local Services through the California Proposition 68 Parks and Water Bond of 2018. The park design concept was developed through a collaborative process involving both community members and city council input to ensure it met local needs and priorities. Following the design phase, the project was publicly advertised for bidding to encourage competitive pricing, and bids were received on August 21, 2025. However, all initial bids received exceeded the available budget, leading to their rejection on October 7, 2025. In response, the project team reassessed and refined the scope of work to align with the available budget while preserving core community priorities. With the revised plan in place, PlayCore d.b.a. GameTime (GameTime) provided a cost proposal for the improvements that falls within the allocated project budget. Staff recommends the award of a Public Works Agreement to GameTime for the Jaycee Parkette Renovation Improvements in the amount of \$458,876.85 with a 10% construction contract contingency in the amount of \$45,887.69.

Recommendation:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the plans and specifications prepared by Hirsch & Associates, Inc. (HAI) for the Jaycee Parkette Renovation Project; and
2. Approve the purchase of the Jaycee Parkette playground equipment utilizing the

- budgeted CIP funding in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for project; and
3. Award a Public Works Agreement to PlayCore d.b.a. GameTime for the Jaycee Parkette Renovation project in the amount of \$458,876.85; and
 4. Authorize the City Administrator to approve contract change orders up to a total of \$45,887.69 or a not-to-exceed total contract amount of \$504,764.54; and
 5. Authorize the City Administrator and/or her designee to execute all necessary documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Strategic Plan Statement:

This item is consistent with the City Council approved 5-Year Strategic Goal 5: Implement Public Infrastructure to Meet Community Needs, under Objective 5.2, which is working to complete the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan.

Discussion:

In 2021, the California State Parks, Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) announced the 2019 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP). Funds for this program are provided through Proposition 68 (Prop 68). California voters passed Prop 68 in June 2018 to safeguard natural resources, such as parks, and safe drinking water. This competitive grant program provides funds to create new parks, expand existing parks, and/or renovate existing parks in critically underserved communities. After careful consideration of the grant criteria, Staff recommended to the City Council that the proposed grant applications be submitted for renovations of existing parks, including Jaycee Parkette. The Council approved the submission of the grant applications at the November 17, 2020, City Council meeting.

The City was notified in January 2022, that the renovation project for Jaycee Parkette was chosen by OGALS to receive a grant award of \$610,000. Located in the La Jolla neighborhood, Jaycee Parkette serves the hundreds of students who attend Melrose Elementary School and Valadez Academy. The Jaycee Parkette Renovation Project will include the removal and replacement of the existing playground and rubberized surfacing, the addition of water-efficient irrigation, landscaping, and new park lighting.

In addition, on November 21, 2023, the City Council approved a professional services agreement for on-call landscape architectural design firms. The City selected Hirsch & Associates, Inc. (HAI) based on experience and expertise in designing park projects throughout Southern California. A professional services agreement was prepared with HAI to design Jaycee Parkette playground.

In following the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan, a comprehensive plan aimed at improving aging park and facility infrastructure, HAI was tasked with providing the City with creative design concepts for the renovations of Jaycee Parkette. The design concepts were reviewed by Staff and was presented at a community meeting on August 29, 2024 held at the Whitten Community Center. The City received several comments and feedback from the community meeting, including the following comments:

- Request to include some type of water play element
- Concern about the hydration station and associated hardware being tamper resistant, as the existing water fountain has been broken into
- Concern about vandalism of the benches
- Discussion about the drainage channel chain link fencing being cut away for access to

the channel. Suggestion to replace the chain link with a type of fencing that does not promote climbing and is more resistant to cutting. (County has since completed this work)

- Concern with some of the enclosed play equipment providing spaces for hiding
- Request to preserve and re-install the Jaycee Park Plaque
- Question regarding the sound levels of the Flower Chimes, given their proximity to homes. City Staff noted that the Flower Chimes are installed in another City park near homes and there have been no complaints
- Request to install a security camera at the park and motion sensor lighting feature
- Concern about the Nature Discover Playhouse providing a space for hiding/sleeping. Suggestion to explore replacing with a different play feature such as a climbing feature or bug/animal
- Comment to add trees within Caltrans Right-of-Way and/or adding a mural to the sound wall.
- Noted that residents use the park walkway to connect to the neighborhood/school. Suggestion to include detour/closure signs while park is under construction

Overall, the community was very excited to have their community park renovated. These comments were incorporated into the design concept, and the revised design concept was presented to the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) at the September 10, 2024, meeting for their review and feedback. The commission recommended adding a mist feature and looking into incorporating a larger slide feature for the park improvements.

The project design team worked to incorporate the community comments and PARC recommendations into the parks final design. The proposed playground renovations were thoughtfully selected and designed to promote safety, visibility, and accessibility for all users. Project items such as a tamper proof hydration station to avoid future break ins, new solar lighting to prevent future park vandalism and proposed playground layout that avoids enclosed play equipment that could be used for hiding were incorporated into the final park design. Additionally, staff was able to work with the County on replacing existing fencing with new security fencing along the drainage channel as part of a County led maintenance project. Overall, community interests were incorporated in the final project design that was completed in July 2025.

Bids for the project were publicly solicited to encourage competitive bidding and on August 21, 2025, twenty-three (23) bids were reviewed. Due to recent cost escalations in construction materials, the estimated project expenditures surpassed the originally allocated funding. On October 7, the City Council rejected all bids and staff began a reassessment of project scope and a new procurement process.

During the evaluation of project bids and reassessment of the project scope, staff determined the proposed rubber play surfacing and water mister were large cost drivers that led to higher bids exceeding originally allocated project funding. While we understand the value of including a water mist feature, especially given the community's interest and the popularity of similar amenities at nearby parks, due to the unforeseen cost escalations and overall budget constraints, the water mister has been removed from the current project scope. Additionally, the proposed playground surface was changed from rubber surfacing to engineered wood fiber to reduce overall park project costs and maintain project expenditures within allocated funding. However, the overall park features requested by the community, including enhancements such as a larger slide feature and safety features will be incorporated into the

park renovations. Our goal remains to deliver a revitalized park that reflects the community's priorities and provides a welcoming, engaging space for all.

After reassessment of the project scope, staff sought alternative procurement options for the park improvements. A total of one (1) Gametime cost proposal for this project was received. Gametime in partnership with OMNIA partners a national public sector cooperative purchasing organization facilitating the procurement process for public agencies through cooperative purchasing agreements with suppliers. Omnia aggregates buying power across many entities and contracts are competitively solicited by a lead public agency.

Staff recommends the City Council to Award a construction Contract to GameTime in the amount of \$458,876.85, and an additional \$45,887.69 in contingency funds for change orders related to unforeseen conditions encountered during construction.

Fiscal Impact Summary:

The total construction cost for the Jaycee Parkette Renovation Project amounts to \$504,764.54. This cost consists of the proposal amount submitted by Play Core D.B.A. Gametime in the amount of \$458,876.85 and a construction contingency in the amount of \$45,887.69.

Funding for this project is supported as outlined below:

Funding Source	Amount
California Proposition 68 Parks and Water Fund	\$511,055.00

Attachments

[Jaycee_Parkette_Renovation_Project_Plan_Set.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 - City of Placentia_Jaycee Parkette_Contract_GT signed.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2A - Proposal 113038-01-Opt 8A_compressed.pdf](#)