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CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

Through: James R. Elensky, City Manager

From: Omar DeJesus, CPA, Finance Director

Date: September 27, 2022

Subject: RFP 22-04 – 7-Acre Softball Field Project Bid Rejection

Introduction

The intent of this agenda item is to obtain Commission denial of the proposed bids regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) #22-04 for the 7-Acre Softball Field Project due to cost and alternative soccer field project proposal.

Background

The City advertised and issued a formal solicitation for the construction of two (2) softball fields with adequate parking and a concession stand on the 7-acre property across from Larry Parrish Baseball Complex. The City budgeted amount for this project was \$1,800,000 in the FY22 budget with pre-construction estimates earmarked at \$2,200,000 with built-in contingencies.

The City received two (2) proposals both in excess of \$4.2 million. With the lack of budget funding and continued City growth, staff is proposing to decline the project as it stands. The intent going forward will be to incorporate the desired softball fields within the 32-acre project that is included in the FY23 budget and issue another solicitation for the 7-acre property to facilitate a soccer field with parking.

Organizational Goal(s)

Quality of Life: Provide responsive public services that protect the health, welfare and safety of the community.

Budget Impact

There is no budget impact if Commission agrees with Staff Recommendation. The alternative would be an incurred City expense of \$4,265,000 with a budget of \$1,800,000 which would require a budget amendment.

Recommendation

Staff recommends denial of the current bid proposals for the softball field project and approval to move forward with utilization of the 7-acre property for soccer field per conceptual drawing provided.