



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 14, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Contract No. 32000114 Amendment: Redwood Engineering Construction for James Kenney Park, Picnic, and Play Area Renovation

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32000114 with Redwood Engineering, by increasing the construction contract amount by \$280,000 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,471,342 for the James Kenney Park, Picnic, and Play Area Renovation.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for the construction contract amendment in the amount of \$280,000 is available in the FY 2020 budget in the Parks Tax Fund account code 138-52-545-000-0000-000-461-663110-PRWPK15002 as follows:

Original contract not-to-exceed (NTE) amount	\$1,191,342
Parks Tax Fund (138-52-545-000-0000-000-461-663110-PRWPK15002)	\$280,000
Total construction cost	\$1,471,342

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The contract with Redwood Engineering Construction was executed in December 2019. During construction, unforeseen existing conditions required that additional work be performed. These unforeseen conditions include, but are not limited to, a multitude of previously undocumented, unknown, or unmarked underground utilities, including storm drainage, electrical, and irrigation conduits that needed to be extended, repaired, or relocated.

Additionally, the City’s parks maintenance staff has identified deferred maintenance repairs or replacements needed at this park. This work was not included in the original contract scope, but is necessary to increase accessibility and safe conditions at the City’s parks. The City held a neighborhood meeting on March 10, 2020 where the community shared their interest and support of various improvements around the park.

Among other things, the community requested additional park pathways to increase pedestrian safety and move pedestrian access off-street in an area of the City where sidewalks are not continuous. The Public Works Department extended a portion of the sidewalk to reduce the “gaps” in sidewalk last year and the PRW Department can

continue this effort on the park site to connect Virginia Street with an accessible pathway through to Delaware Street. The pathway extension also includes a new accessible ramp that will increase accessibility to the site and playgrounds. The proposed funding is from existing Parks capital improvement funding, from previous savings resulting from work done utilizing minor maintenance funding instead.

The City is presently negotiating change orders with Redwood Engineering Construction for which an increase in the NTE authorization is needed. The City does not have the in-house labor or equipment resources to complete this work.

BACKGROUND

This project includes renovation of James Kenney Park Playground and Picnic Area. The play structures were deteriorating, the surfacing needed replacement, and accessibility issues needed to be corrected, among other improvements to the site. The work to be done includes, but is not limited to, the renovation of the existing toddler and school-age play structures and safety surfacing, installation of new site paving, ADA accessibility improvements, landscaping, drainage, and other site amenities. These park improvements are part of the City's ongoing program to repair, renovate, and improve safety and accessibility at non-compliant or aging Parks facilities.

The project was advertised for bids on Monday, July 22, 2019, and bids were opened on August 20, 2019. The City received two bids, from a low base bid of \$983,000 to a high base bid of \$992,785. Redwood Engineering Construction was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. References for Redwood Engineering Construction were provided and checked out satisfactorily.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The construction contract includes requirements to comply with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. The project is a renovation of a developed urban site and therefore will not negatively affect natural habitat.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City and Redwood Engineering Construction are negotiating a price within the City's budget for renovations and safety improvements. This increase to the contract is necessary to perform underground utility relocation, accessibility and pedestrian safety improvements. The City does not have the in-house labor or equipment resources to complete these construction activities.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachment:
1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 32000114 AMENDMENT: REDWOOD ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION FOR JAMES KENNEY PARK, PICNIC, AND PLAY AREA
RENOVATION

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2019, by Resolution No. 69,131-N.S., the City Council authorized Contract No. 32000114 with Redwood Engineering Construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,191,342 for the James Kenney Park, Picnic, And Play Area Renovation project; and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$280,000 to the not-to-exceed contract amount is necessary to perform underground utility relocation, and various site, accessibility and pedestrian safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has neither the labor nor the equipment necessary to undertake this construction work; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the FY 2020 budget in the Parks Tax Fund (Fund 138).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to the contract with Redwood Engineering Construction for the James Kenney Park, Picnic, and Play Area Renovation project, increasing the contract amount by \$280,000, for a total amended amount not to exceed \$1,471,342.