


Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
December 14, 2004

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Subject: Grant Application: Waste Tire Playground Cover Grant Program of the California  
Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Waste Tire Playground Cover Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; to accept the grant; to execute resultant revenue agreements and amendments; and authorize the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for City's project to replace the Chromated Copper Arsenic (CCA)-treated wood play structures at four City parks totals \$1.014 million and comes from a variety of sources, including General Fund capital improvement funds specifically allocated for hazardous play area renovations, General Fund ADA funds for parks access improvements, Proposition 12 Roberti Z'berg-Harris grant funds, and Parks Tax CIP funds. A grant of \$25,000 would reduce the amount of Parks Tax funds needed for this project. The grant requires a 50% cash match in the amount of \$12,500, which will come from the \$35,000 currently allocated to the project in the Parks Tax CIP fund (450-5850-450-6530-03PA02). Grant funds would be deposited and expended from Fund 181 (California Integrated Waste Management Board). If the grant is awarded, an increase in expenditure authority will be required through an amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance. CMS#: SYFEX.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The California Integrated Wasted Management Board (CIWMB) has announced that \$800,000 total funding available for its Waste Tire Playground Cover Grant Program Fiscal Year 2004-2005. This competitive grant program is intended to promote the markets for recycled-content products derived from California waste tires. Up to \$25,000 may be granted to successful

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applicants and recipients must supply matching funds of 50% of the grant amount. The City received \$50,000 of CIWMB funds in 2001 to surface the playground at the Virginia McGee Totlot. The outcome of the grant application process is expected by April 2005.

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2000, the Council authorized a contract with Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman (M.I.G.), Inc. for the design of playground safety and accessibility upgrades and the removal of Chromated Copper Arsenic (CCA)-treated wood play structures at Cedar Rose Park Tot Lot, King School Park Play Areas, Live Oak Park School Age Play Area, and Shorebird Park. Rubberized surfacing is included as part of the plans and was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The City and the community prefer the use of rubberized safety surfacing (playground surfacing) for the purposes of meeting both the safety criteria for fall-attenuation and disabled-accessibility standards, as well as being the material which requires the least day-to-day maintenance. This grant is particularly appropriate for Berkeley because the use of these materials reduces the number of used tires entering the waste stream and ending up in landfills. Bids are expected to be advertised beginning December 2004.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Playground surfacing is costly and the Parks Tax and General Fund Accessibility carryover funds earmarked for this project may not be sufficient to fund all of the proposed playground equipment and surfacing improvements.

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Approved by:



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Marc Seleznow, Director of Parks Recreation & Waterfront

RESOLUTION NO.      -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR THE WASTE TIRE PLAYGROUND COVER FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS; TO ACCEPT THE GRANT; TO EXECUTE RESULTANT REVENUE AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR RELATED EXPENSES, SUBJECT TO SECURING THE GRANT

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 876 (Escutia, Statutes of 2000, Chapter 838) authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to establish a grant program to provide opportunities to divert waste tires from landfill disposal, prevent illegal tire dumping, and to promote markets for recycled content waste tire products; and

WHEREAS, the CIWMB is responsible for administering the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by California cities, counties, city and county, special districts or political subdivisions thereof, and Federally recognized California Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, rubberized playground surfacing is preferred for playground safety and accessibility renovations and various Berkeley parks require safety and accessibility upgrades, including Cedar Rose Park, King School Park, Live Oak Park and Shorebird Parks, for which preliminary design plans have been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and for which construction is expected to occur in 2005; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to continue to address hazardous and non-accessible playgrounds in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the CIWMB require the City of Berkeley to certify by resolution approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if awarded a grant, the City of Berkeley will enter into an agreement with the State of California for development of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the Waste Tire Playground Cover Fiscal Year 2004/2005 funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for parks and recreation improvements; to accept the grant; to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; and authorize the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.