



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Public Works

Item: Bid Award with Prospect Construction, Inc. for Caras Park

Date: August 19, 2021

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Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☐ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:

Approve and authorize the Bid Award to Prospect Construction for Caras Park Outfall Water Infiltration project

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Award both Schedules A and B in the bid for construction services for the Caras Outfall Storm Water Infiltration & Caras Park Phase 1 Improvements Project to Prospect Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,162,591.65 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	August 23, 2021
Committee discussion:	August 25, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	August 30, 2021
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

This project proposes to combine two separate City projects at Caras Park to minimize the disruption to Caras Park due to construction and realize substantial savings. One portion of the project is the second phase of the Caras Outfall Storm Water Infiltration project which will install an infiltration gallery in the current location of the large hill in Caras Park. The first flush of stormwater, which is known to carry the most pollutants, will be diverted to the infiltration gallery instead of flowing to the Clark Fork River as it currently does. In late 2020 the North Riverside Parks & Trails Master Plan was adopted by City Council which includes substantial improvements to Caras Park. These improvements include areas impacted by the Caras Storm Water Infiltration project. These improvements include widening Ron's River Trail from 10' to 18' to create a riverfront promenade and leveling the existing grass hill to provide more flexible multi-use space for events and everyday activities. The existing aging amphitheater will be replaced with a new amphitheater set into a grass lawn to create more flexible seating space and increase capacity for events. Other improvements include updated trail and park lighting, additional bicycle racks, permeable paving around the bandshell, and much needed vendor electrical hook ups. Overall the new caras park will be more multi-use, have an increased capacity for events, better meet

ADA standards, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design guidelines (CPTED), and implement much needed updates to an aging landscape.

City staff evaluated the option of installing the infiltration gallery without the Caras Parks improvements but replacing the existing hill with a lower and flatter slope that would be closer to what is desired in the North Riverside Parks & Trails Master Plan. They also looked at delaying the infiltration gallery and moving forward with the surface improvements but this was ruled out because it would require removing and replacing these improvements when the infiltration gallery project moved forward. By combining the infiltration gallery with a first phase of the Caras Park Improvements the City of Missoula realizes a cost savings of \$90,822.50 which makes the award of both projects the most desirable alternative. See the attached BID Recommendation memo from the consultants regarding cost savings. The Missoula Downtown Partnership has pledged to contribute \$650,000 towards the project. This significant private fundraising campaign is the result of months of work from our private partners, and comes from a variety of private donations from individuals, and organizations throughout the downtown area.

A bid opening for this project was conducted on June 10, 2021, by the City's consultant engineer Morrison-Maierle, Inc. One bid was received, which was considered responsive by the City Clerk. Following the bid opening, Morison-Maierle, Inc. recommended that the City award both Schedule A and B of the bid to Prospect Construction, Inc.

Financial Implications:

Caras Outfall Storm Water Infiltration (Schedule A):

\$653,239 from the Storm Water Enterprise Fund

\$24,229 from a Renewable Resources Grant from the Montana Department of Natural Resources

Caras Park Phase 1 Improvements (Schedule B):

\$700,000 from Park District

\$650,000 In Private funds from the Missoula Downtown Partnership

Links to external websites: