



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Trinity Klepzig, CORE Aquatics Supervisor
Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

Date: July 28, 2026

Reference: Consider approval for the purchase and installation of new play structures from Sunbelt Pools for the outdoor leisure pool at The CORE, in the amount of \$510,077 as provided for in the Coppel Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund, with contract pricing through Buy Board Contract No 781-25; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

2040: Enhance the Unique 'Community Oasis' Experience

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of the purchase and installation of a new outdoor play structure and feature from Sunbelt Pools in the amount of \$510,077 as provided for in the CRDC fund. This project includes demolition of the current play structure and a standalone feature, leveling concrete, and plumbing modifications necessary to accommodate the new equipment. The project also includes the purchase and installation of a custom Vortex Elevations play structure and Rain Drop feature. New Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) will be installed on the existing feature pumps to improve operational efficiency, enhance system performance, and extend the lifespan of the equipment.

Background:

With an annual attendance over 250,000, The CORE is heavily used by the residents of Coppel. The outdoor play structure currently installed at The CORE outdoor pool was last replaced in 2012. Due to heavy seasonal use and ongoing exposure to the elements, the structure has experienced significant wear, reduced functionality of several play features, and requires increasing maintenance and repairs each year to maintain a safe, reliable, and enjoyable experience for patrons.

The project is anticipated to take approximately eight weeks to complete, and construction will be scheduled during the winter and spring months to minimize operational impacts. Because the outdoor pool operates only during the summer season, no disruption to seasonal outdoor pool operations is anticipated.

The rising costs of materials and labor impacted the cost of this project from the amount budgeted in the 2025-2026 CRDC Work Plan.

Buy Board is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively bid purchasing contracts. All Buy Board contracts meet the procurement requirements of the State of Texas. Buy Board conducts the required procurement bid/RFP/RFQ process for the services/contracts that are available to its members (members are generally governments, schools, and non-profits and is free). Their process mirrors what the City would do if we were to conduct all the legwork to procure bids for this project- advertising, official opening, evaluation/scoring of submittals, and Board approval by Buy Board. Utilizing a cooperative like Buy Board provides increased efficiency to the procurement process.

Benefit to the Community:

The new play structure elements are interactive, bring fresh color and play to the outdoor pool and enhance the “Community Oasis” of Coppell. They will provide the community high quality, safe, and enjoyable recreational experiences. Additionally, the addition of VFD’s on the feature pumps improves energy usage, allows for better control of water pressure for new features, and reduces wear and tear on the motors, leading to overall longer equipment life.

Legal Review:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this purchase is \$510,077, as provided for in the Coppell Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund.

Recommendation:

The Community Experiences Department recommends approval of this item.