

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: David Ellison, Park Operations Manager
Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

Date: July 28, 2026

Reference: Consider approval of the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Riverchase Park from The PlayWell Group, Inc., in the amount of \$131,356.60, as budgeted in the Coppell Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund, with contract pricing through BuyBoard Contract No. 781-25; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from City Council for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Riverchase Park Playground from The PlayWell Group, Inc. in the amount of \$131,356.60, as budgeted in the Coppell Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund.

Background:

The current Riverchase Park playground dates back to the park's original construction in 1999. Over the years, Park Operations staff have replaced various features on the structure to maintain safety and operational functionality. City staff who are Certified Playground Safety Inspectors (CPSI) identified the need for a full playground replacement during routine monthly inspections. Due to the playground's age, the main support structures, landings, and railings have reached the end of their service life. Replacing the playground is necessary to ensure compliance with safety standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), specifically ASTM F1487-11, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use.

The size of Riverchase Park limits the replacement playground equipment to the existing footprint. However, the project will expand the swing system by six feet to add a half-bay with one (1) bucket seat and two (2) belt seats, making the site compliant with CPSI standards. The project also includes the removal of the existing FIBAR mulch and the installation of new material. City staff will coordinate with the vendor to haul off the old FIBAR material and will reuse it at other City playgrounds. This action will result in savings of \$6,144.40.

The Playwell Group, Inc is listed as a current vendor in good-standing on the BuyBoard website. BuyBoard is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively bid purchasing contracts. All BuyBoard contracts meet the necessary procurement requirements of the State of Texas. BuyBoard 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 BuyBoard. Utilizing a cooperative like BuyBoard provides increased efficiency to the procurement process.

Benefit to the Community:

Replacing the aging playground equipment and surface material will provide the community with a safe play environment that meets national playground safety standards.

Legal Review:

This item has been reviewed by the Procurement Division and the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$131,356.60 and is budgeted in the Coppell Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund.

Recommendation:

The Community Experiences Department recommends approval of this item.