

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DEBORAH LAUCHNER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SEAN MCGLYNN, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER AND PAYMENTS TO
PLAYCORE WISCONSIN FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND
INSTALLATION AND WAIVER OF ANY DEFECTS IN
PURCHASING PROCESS USED

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department and City Manager that the Council, by resolution, ratify the Purchase Order and associated payments made to PlayCore Wisconsin dba Gametime Inc. for playground equipment and installation at 2375 West College Avenue, and waive any defects in the purchasing process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2015, a Purchase Order was issued to PlayCore Wisconsin dba Gametime Inc. for playground equipment and installation at 2375 West College Avenue. The work was completed to the satisfaction of the City in March 2016 and the contractor received payment from the City for that work in March 2016.

Under applicable City policies, the purchase and installation of playground equipment should not have been processed through a purchase order. Rather, an approved cooperative purchase, a public works contract or a design build contract, with appropriate approvals, competitive process, insurance, guarantee and bonding, should have been used.

The Finance Department and City Manager recommend that the Council ratify the Purchase Order, approve all associated payments, and waive any defects in the purchasing process utilized for this project. This action is being requested to retroactively approve the payments the City previously made to the contractor for the work the Contractor completed on this project.

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BACKGROUND

Not applicable

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable

ANALYSIS

In December 2015, staff issued Purchase Order No. 149435, in the amount of \$73,693.40, to PlayCore Wisconsin DBA Gametime Inc. for playground equipment and installation at 2375 West College Avenue. This amount reflects the vendor's quote for \$92,578.00 less \$30,618.00 discount (\$61,960.00); plus tax of \$3,046.84; and freight of \$8,686.56. The amount the City actually paid the contractor was \$79,270.30 which reflects payments of \$43,121.01 for the equipment; \$9,010.29 for freight; and \$27,139.00 for installation. Taxes were included.

Under applicable City policies, the purchase and installation of a building should not have been processed through a purchase order. Rather, an approved cooperative purchase, public works contract (pursuant to City Code Chapter 3-44) or a design build contract (pursuant to City Code Chapter 3-60), with an appropriate competitive process, insurance, guarantee and bonding, should have been used.

Further, the Purchase Order issued in this case exceeded staff's approval authority under the applicable City Code sections.

Moreover, the use of a Purchase Order was not appropriately reviewed and approved by the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Council, City Attorney or Risk Manager.

At this juncture, the playground equipment has been installed and the contractor paid. Although the appropriate City contracting process was not followed, the payments made by the City to the contractor were for completion of the playground project, the project itself had been appropriately vetted and approved, and the project resulted in a benefit to the City of Santa Rosa. The Contractor completed the project as required and does not appear to have been aware of any errors made by staff in processing. To avoid any potential challenge to the payments previously made, staff recommends that Council ratify the Purchase Order, approve all associated payments, and waive any defects in the purchasing process utilized for this project.

The City Manager is working to ensure that the types of contracting and purchasing errors that occurred in connection with this project do not occur in the future. The City has retained Management Partners to help create clearer and improved contracting

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and purchasing processes, and key City personnel involved in those processes will receive training regarding these processes.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City previously paid the contractor for its work on this project. The City will not incur any additional expense by retroactively approving the Purchase Order for the work and associated payments to the contractor, or by waiving the defects in the purchasing processes used for this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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