Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 14. 2021

Subject: Playground Mulch Contract Renewal

Staff Resource(s): Peggy Rowe, Interim Director, Parks & Recreation
Pete Wall, Focus Area Manager, Parks & Recreation
Kim Turner, Asset Program Coordinator, Parks & Recreation

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a one year extension of a contract with Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC in the amount of $132,930.00 for the Playground Mulch contract.

Background:

- This extension will be the first one year extension to the original contract and brings the total value of the contract to $265,860.
- The contract is for the installation of playground mulch to City-owned playgrounds throughout the City.
- The extension will take effect at the end of the current contract (August 31, 2021) and expire August 31, 2022
- The bids for the original contract were opened in June 2020 and the following bids were received:

Synergy Sports	Charlotte, NC	$132,930.00 per year
Tumble Safe	Etowah, NC	$138,596.50 per year
Power Mulch	Smithfield, NC	$143,073.00 per year
Mulch Solutions	Indian Trail, NC	$151,200.00 per year

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- Outreach was not performed due to this being an extension to an existing contract.

Council Goal(s):

- Well-Planned Livable Community.

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Will help continue to meet safety. standards for city-owned playgrounds.

Con(s):

- Work will temporarily close playgrounds during installation.

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract exists within. the currently approved Parks & Recreation department operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- City staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a one year extension of a contract with Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC in the amount of $132,930.00 for Playground Mulch with option to renew for up to one (1) additional year for an additional $132,930.00.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIRST EXTENSION OF THE PLAYGROUND MULCH CONTRACT WITH SYNERGY SPORTS CHARLOTTE LLC.

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the installation of playground safety mulch in June of 2019**;** and

WHEREAS, Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC, was selected based on the qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability; and

WHEREAS, the contract was for one-year plus up to two (2) one-year extensions;

WHEREAS, the first year of the contract will expire on August 31st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the extension is $132,930;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the first one-year extension of the Playground Mulch contract in the amount of $132,930 with Synergy Sports Charlotte LLC, with option to renew for up to one (1) additional year for an additional $132,930.00.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 14th day of September 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney