

# Agenda Report



**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB  
SR UTILITIES ENGINEER BERRY

**SUBJECT:** APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$587,708.10 WITH ROBERT A BOTHMAN CONSTRUCTION  
FOR THE RAMSAY PARK RENAISSANCE PROJECT, NO. PK-22-  
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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving Contract Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$587,708.10 with Robert A. Bothman Construction for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project to cover costs of work not included in the original scope and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On March 26, 2024, City Council approved resolution number 45-24 to award a construction contract to Robert A Bothman Inc. Construction for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project, No. PK-22-01, in the amount of \$24,530,000. A Notice to Proceed was issued on June 3, 2024, and the contractor began mobilization for the project.

Change Order Number 1 was approved by Director of Parks & Community Services Department on August 23, 2024, for upgrades to EV charger models resulting in additional costs and increasing the contract amount by an amount not to exceed \$48,819.06, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$24,578,819.06.

Change Order Number 2 was approved by Director of Parks & Community Services Department on December 10, 2024, for an additional scope of work and increased the contract by an amount not to exceed \$82,086.22, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$24,660,905.28. This scope of work covered the demolition of additional trees and existing facilities and addressed additional work due to PG&E's requirements for potholing critical gas transmission lines.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The first phase of construction for the Ramsay Renaissance Project included demolition of existing facilities and site work, tree removal, and clear and grubbing. The second phase was the grading operations at Sotomayer Soccer Field, the playground / dog park

site, and the old softball field / new multi-use field site. Work at the multi-use site soon determined that the existing soil was unsuitable for construction of the new synthetic turf field. The material has a large percentage of expansive clay which would not provide the proper subgrade for the field detail. The consultants agreed that 12” of material needed to be removed and replaced with engineered fill. This work was not in the contract.

As the consultant reviewed the details of the soil replacement, they also finalized and revised the drainage and infrastructure details to provide a waterproof layer between the final field design and the subgrade. These details included the addition of two layers of engineered fabric; one layer was added for its impermeability value, and the other for its protective and strengthening capabilities. The new details for multi-purpose field subgrade stabilization provide an upgrade to achieve a durable section over the expansive soil in order give the City of Watsonville a finished product that provides longevity and minimizes the risk of subgrade failure in the future.

The contractor submitted extra costs for the labor and material to remove and replace subgrade material, and to add in the two addition layers of engineered fabric. The scope of this work was substantial and resulted in the Request for Change total of \$587,708.10. Scope of work and cost totals have been reviewed by staff and their team, and amid many discussions, it is determined that this added work, while costly, will provide the City with a top-rated multipurpose field.

Staff have reviewed the change order and are requesting that it be approved and added to the contract total and action is needed to fully execute these documents. This Contract Change Order No. 3 will add to the scope of work and increase the contract by an amount not to exceed \$587,708.10 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$25,248,613.38.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This recommendation is consistent with the following Council Strategic Goals:  
Priority 2- Infrastructure & Environment  
Priority 6 - Community Engagement & Well-Being

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds for Change Order No. 3 will be utilized from the Ramsay CIP expense account number 150-901-7820-15020.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

The Council may choose not to accept this change order. This will result in the need to pursue a less reliable solution which would compromise the final product.

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

Attachment 1: Request for Change from Robert A. Bothman Dated October 30, 2024.