



# Agenda Report

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATSONVILLE SLOUGH CONNECTOR TRAIL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,240,320.00 (RECOMMENDED BY PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB)

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## **STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

This is the award of the construction contract for civil improvements for the Urban Greening Grant project at Ramsay Park, to install pedestrian and bicycle improvements, storm water enhancements, trees and landscaping, and other park infrastructure improvements.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution:

1. Awarding a contract to Granite Construction Company, a corporation for the construction of the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park (No. PK-21-01) in the amount of \$2,240,320.00, and
2. Appropriating \$200,000 for this project from the City's Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

## **DISCUSSION:**

In 2019, the Watsonville Parks & Community Services Department was awarded an Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Watsonville Slough Connector Trail Project at Ramsay Park to build and improve pedestrian facilities, non-vehicular commuter routes, and trees and landscaping within the park. The design of the project was developed through 2020-2021 and Construction Plans and Specs recently completed.

The project is designed to maximize community use through active transportation and recreational trails in the park that connect to Main Street, Harkins Slough Road, park amenities, the Watsonville Slough Trail System, the Target Overlook Shopping Center, and surrounding destinations. The project will also improve the environmental character of the park through the installation of green infrastructure such as permeable trails, stormwater capture gardens, trees, and landscaping while also providing essential environmental

benefits to the region as a whole through carbon sequestration, air pollution reduction, stormwater retention, and habitat enhancement.

This project is consistent with past planning efforts such as the Ramsay Park Master Plan (2019), Parks & Community Services Strategic Plan (2020), Complete Streets Plan-Safe Routes to Schools (2020), Climate Action Plan Update (2018), and Urban Greening Plan (2012) that recommend improved park accessibility, trail connectivity, urban forest resources, green infrastructure, biodiversity, reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions, safe routes to schools, and major recreational amenity updates to Ramsay Park.

This project implements aspects of the Ramsay Park Master Plan by providing pedestrian infrastructure to support park amenity upgrades (both recently completed and planned) and will significantly expand ADA access, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and address deferred maintenance of aging infrastructure and amenities.

During its meeting on May 11, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution No. 134-21 (CM) approving plans and specifications and calling for bids for the project. Bids were opened on June 17, 2021 at 11:00am with the following results:

Contractor	Base Bid	Add Alt 1	Add Alt 2	Total Bid
Granite Construction Company (Watsonville, CA)	\$1,958,320	\$92,000	\$190,000	\$2,240,320
Granite Rock Company (Watsonville, CA)	\$2,047,373	\$111,320	\$125,860	\$2,284,553
Galeb Paving (Saratoga, CA)	\$2,086,595	\$85,000	\$125,700	\$2,297,295

The Engineer's Estimate for this project, including the two add alternates, was \$2.4 million. Construction of all improvements is planned to occur from late Summer 2021 to early Spring 2022. The total project cost is estimated at \$3,139,828, which includes City match.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This recommendation is consistent with a number of Council Strategic Goals such as 02-Fiscal Health, for leveraging state and local grant funds for the project; 03-Infrastructure & Environment, for replacing aging park infrastructure and improving the environment; 05-Community Engagement & Well-Being, for enhancing recreational and exercise opportunities; and 06-Public Safety for improving bicycle and pedestrian safety.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Engineer's Estimate for this project, including the two add alternates was \$2.4 million. The lowest bid was received from Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$2,240,320. The breakdown of funding sources is as follows:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
905-7820-10052	Grants Fund	Urban Greening Grant	\$751,190
291-902-7820-14768	General Fund	Ramsay Park Resurface Basketball Court	\$40,000
291-902-7820-14765	General Fund	Ramsay Park Accessibility Improvements	\$55,000
150-901-7820-14766	General Fund	Ramsay Park Parking Lot Resurface	\$88,000
901-7855-14918	General Fund	Ramsay Park - Infrastructure	\$150,000
901-7820-14922	General Fund	Urban Greening Construction	\$956,130
TBD	CDBG	Ramsay Park Accessibility & Parking Lot Improvements	\$200,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,240,320</b>

Funding for this project, in the amount of \$200,000 for the “Ramsay Park Accessibility & Parking Lot Improvements,” was included in the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan that the Council approved on May 11, 2021. Staff recommends that the Council appropriate 2021-2022 CDBG funds for this approved project.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

The City Council may choose not to award this contract. Construction would be delayed and the project may not meet the grant deadlines.

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

None.