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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

DATE: December 24, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to, (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2024-439 [staff recommends Sullivan Structures, LLC), for the base bid in the amount of \$497,110]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$49,710] for a total construction cost not to exceed \$546,820. The Project is located at 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks, Nevada, and the scope of work is to design, and construct upgraded safety and maintenance features for the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park. Safety upgrades include the construction of the mechanical system cover/structure, redesign and installation of certain portions of mechanical system (i.e., water pumps, chlorination pumps, acid pumps, surge tank) to meet the latest health code standards and (3) if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary net-zero cross-fund budget appropriation transfers (net-zero impact, no additional funding is being requested). Community Services.

(Commission District 2.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements Project of work is to design, and construct upgraded safety and maintenance features for the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park. Safety upgrades include construction of the mechanical system cover/structure, redesign and installation of certain portions of mechanical system (i.e., water pumps, chlorination pumps, acid pumps and surge tank) to meet the latest health code standards.

Sealed bids for the Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements project were opened on December 12, 2024. The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

| Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements Project | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Bidder | Amount | |
| Sullivan Structures, LLC | | \$497,110.00 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Simerson Construction, LLC | \$626,00000 |
| Engineer's Estimate | \$580,000.00 |

Staff has verified in the system for award management (SAM) that the bidder is not excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred; thus, the bidder is not prohibited by NRS 338.017(2) from being awarded a public works contract.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 21, 2024, the Board adopted the Washoe County Final budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as well as the adopting the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2025-2029.

BACKGROUND

The Melio Gaspari Water Play Park opened to the public in 2004. This was the first water splash park in the county, and in 2004 there were no health codes or safety standards established for such facilities. Twenty years later, the water play park needs significant improvements to the mechanical and chemical systems which are currently enclosed with fencing rather than a four-walled, roofed structure. Over the past 6 years, maintenance needs have increased due to aging infrastructure that has exceeded its useful life. The water and chemical pumps are consistently failing. The chemical system requires staff to hand feed chemicals, causing a safety issue. Safety standards and health codes for water splash parks now exist and a complete overhaul of the mechanical room with improved water and chemical pumps will bring this facility up to current codes. New chemical feed technology would provide a more efficient system and a safer environment for staff and the visiting public. There are over 10,000 visitors during the eight-week season which is an average of 153 visitors per day. It is one of the few aquatic facilities in the Spanish Springs area and local citizens appreciate an inexpensive place to bring their families for an opportunity to cool off during hot, summer days.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Melio Gaspari Water Park Improvement project has multiple funding sources to including the Parks Capital Fund (404) and Capital Improvement Fund (402). The following cross-fund net-zero appropriation transfers will be required.

| Fund/Function | Cost Object | GL Account | Amount |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 404-Culture & Rec | C900280 Parks District 2C | 814092 Transfer to Public Works Construction | 113,150.00 |
| 404-Culture & Rec | C900280 Parks District 2C | 781080 Construction Contracts | (113,150.00) |
| 402-Culture & Rec | PW920863 Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Imp Project | 781080 Construction Contracts | 113,150.00 |
| 402-Culture & Rec | PW920863 Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Imp Project | 624404 Transfer from Parks Capital Projects | 113,150.00 |

If the above table is approved, FY25 will have sufficient budget authority in the Capital Improvement Fund (402), Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements project (PW920863), Construction Contracts (781080).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners, (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2024-439 [staff recommends Sullivan Structures, LLC), for the base bid in the amount of \$497,110]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$49,710] for a total construction cost not to exceed \$546,820. The Project is located at 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks, Nevada, and the scope of work is to design, and construct upgraded safety and maintenance features for the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park. Safety upgrades include the construction of the mechanical system cover/structure, redesign and installation of certain portions of mechanical system (i.e., water pumps, chlorination pumps, acid pumps, surge tank) to meet the latest health code standards and (3) if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary net-zero cross-fund budget appropriation transfers (net-zero impact, no additional funding is being requested).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to, (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements Project, PWP-WA-2024-439 [staff recommends Sullivan Structures, LLC), for the base bid in the amount of \$497,110]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$49,710] for a total construction cost not to exceed \$546,820. The Project is located at 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks, Nevada, and the scope of work is to design, and construct upgraded safety and maintenance features for the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park. Safety upgrades include the construction of the mechanical system cover/structure, redesign and installation of certain portions of mechanical system (i.e., water pumps, chlorination pumps, acid pumps, surge tank) to meet the latest health code standards and (3) if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary net-zero cross-fund budget appropriation transfers (net-zero impact, no additional funding is being requested)."