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# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL                      DATE: JUNE 16, 2026**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY                      WARD: 7**  
**SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: AWARD BID NO. 8246 TO R. E. SCHULTZ CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RUBBER SURFACING FOR THE RIVERWALK PARK PLAYGROUND, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$139,417**

**ISSUE:**

Award Bid No. 8246 to R. E. Schultz Construction, Inc. of Orange, California, for the installation of playground equipment and the purchase and installation of rubber surfacing for the Riverwalk Park Playground, for a total amount of \$139,417.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Reject the bid submitted by Ortco of Orange, California as non-responsive;
2. Award Bid No. 8246 to R. E. Schultz Construction, Inc. of Orange, California, for the installation of playground equipment and the purchase and installation of rubber surfacing for the Riverwalk Park playground, for a total amount of \$139,417; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute purchase orders, agreements, and other documents, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 18, 2025, the City issued Purchase Order 262641, in the amount of \$99,760.39, to purchase replacement playground equipment for the Riverwalk Park playground. The equipment was purchased using the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program to reduce costs. The equipment has been received by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) and is ready to be installed.

**DISCUSSION:**

Riverwalk Park is a heavily used facility that provides valuable recreational opportunities and enhances the quality of life for children in Riverside. The existing playground exceeds its 20-year service life, making maintenance increasingly difficult because replacement components are no longer readily available. To save costs, the City previously procured replacement playground equipment for the Riverwalk Park playground through a cooperative purchasing agreement. The requested contract award is for services to install the City-procured playground equipment, and to provide and install replacement resilient playground safety surfacing.

The PRCS D is committed to maintaining playgrounds at park sites to promote safe recreational opportunities for children. Playgrounds are highly valued in the City of Riverside and often serve as the heart of a public neighborhood park.

Purchasing Overview

On March 19, 2026, the City’s Purchasing Division (Purchasing) issued Request for Bids (RFB) No. 8246 on PlanetBids seeking prospective bidders to install play equipment and provide and install resilient surfacing at Riverwalk Park.

The solicitation notification is summarized in the table below:

Action	Number of Vendors
External Vendors Notified	500
City of Riverside Vendors Notified	100
Vendors who downloaded the RFB	66
Submissions received	9

A total of 8 questions were received from prospective bidders, and 1 addendum was posted. RFB No. 8246 closed on April 16, 2026, with a total of 9 responses. Four bids were found to be responsive and responsible, with 5 bids not meeting the required 3 years of experience under the same legal name and/or not including Appendix H with their bid documentation.

The bid results are listed in the table below:

Vendor	Location	Bid Total	Rank
Ortco*	Orange, CA	\$134,890.00	N/A
<b>R. E. Schultz Construction, Inc.</b>	<b>Orange, CA</b>	<b>\$139,417.00</b>	<b>1</b>
Western State Builders, Inc.	San Marcos, CA	\$152,132.00	2
Jaynes Brothers Construction	Newbury Park, CA	\$158,551.38	3
Estate Design and Construction*	Culver, CA	\$168,000.00	N/A
JMJ Construction	Winchester, CA	\$180,000.00	4
Hands Construction Corporation*	Hesperia, CA	\$213,344.28	N/A
RG General Engineering Inc*	Norco, CA	\$244,381.00	N/A
NoLimit Construction*	Hesperia, CA	\$727,000.00	N/A

\*Non-responsive vendor

R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

This action is pursuant to Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 508 which states, “Contracts procured through Formal Procurement shall be awarded by the Awarding Entity to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder.”

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended action is compliant with Purchasing Resolution 24101.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, therefore, recommends that a construction contract in the amount of \$139,417 be awarded to R. E. Schultz Construction Inc. for the Project including:

- Base Bid Item I-A: Playground Installation (\$64,250)
- Base Bid Item I-B: Resilient Surfacing Installation (\$75,212)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$153,358.70, which includes the contract award of \$139,417, along with 10% change order capacity in the amount of \$13,941.70 pursuant to Purchasing Resolution 24101. Sufficient funds for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the total amount of \$153,358.70 are included in the budget that will be presented to Council for adoption in June 2026 in the Riverwalk LMD Fund, Maintenance & Repair account 9760375-424200.

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Approved by: Kris Martinez, Assistant City Manager  
Approved as to form: Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

- Attachments:
1. Presentation
  2. Bid Award Recommendation