


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>24-066</b>	Meeting:	<b>February 19, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>51</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-0289</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Union Park Rocket Slide Repair: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Cushman Excavation, LLC, Chad Cushman, Manager, \$581,657.62.

## SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Union Park Rocket Slide Repair and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the removal and replacement of the current playground surface, rehabilitation of the current playground equipment, sidewalk, and associated improvements in Union Park to provide enhanced play opportunities and to better serve the community with improvements to the historic playground.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

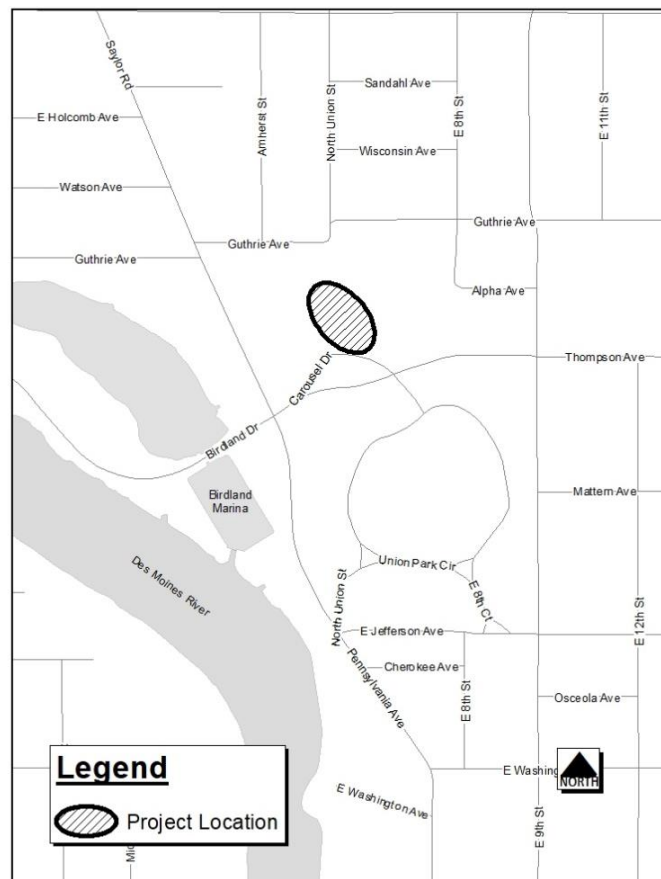
Amount: \$581,657.62 Construction Contract (\$610,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 88, Park Playground Improvements, PK185, Being: General Fund made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 8, 2024, under Roll Call No. 24-0022, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Union Park Rocket Slide Repair. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Union Park Rocket Slide Repair, Activity ID 11-2023-007. The improvement includes the removal of existing playground surface, construction of new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) base with rubber playground tile surface, sidewalks, playground equipment rehabilitation, replacing the primary slide, a new painting and coating system, restoration, and associated improvements, all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 661-043/090 located in Union Park, 725 Thompson Avenue.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

- Cushman Excavation, LLC, Knoxville, IA - Low Bid
  - Neumann Brothers, Inc., Des Moines, IA
  - Ram Development LLC, Des Moines, IA
  - Minturn, Inc., Brooklyn, IA
  - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA at 11:00 a.m. on February 6, 2024.
  - The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Cushman Excavation, LLC (Chad Cushman, Manager, 1249 108th Place, Knoxville, IA 50138) in the amount of \$581,657.62, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
  - Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in fall 2024.
  - The Des Moines Astor City Playground, or Rocket Slide, opened to the public on July 23, 1971. This successful destination was quick to become a Des Moines landmark and is beloved by the community to this day. The playground is so popular that Rocket Slide themed shirts and posters of the local icon are widely available. The Rocket Slide is such an integral part of the community's culture and identity that the City has refurbished the playground several times during its more than 50-year history.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 8, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0022](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (D) [Union](#) Park Rocket Slide Repair: Receiving of bids, (2-6-24) and Setting date of hearing, (2-19-24), Engineer's estimate, \$610,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-012](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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