



Legislation Text

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Selection of Shade Structures, Inc. for the design, permitting, fabrication and installation of shade structures (B)

This item requests approval of the installation of shade structures at eight (8) Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs sites.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs issued a Request for Proposals for the design, permitting, fabrication and installation of shade structures at several City facilities. Those facilities are Roper Park, Fred Cone Park, Cedar Grove Park, Porters Community Center, Rosa B. Williams Center, MLK Center, Cofrin Nature Park and the Ironwood Golf Course driving range. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) engaged the community and key stakeholders and developed the PRCA Vision 2020 Master Plan that addressed the current state of all City parks and facilities identifying serious needs for renovations and improvements. This Master Plan was adopted by the City Commission in November 2012. In 2016 the Citizens of Alachua County passed an eight-year half cent sales tax which resulted in generating funds to pay for a large portion of the projects and improvements identified in the PRCA Master Plan. In April 2017 the City Commission approved the expenditure of a portion of those funds for projects, including the shade structures for City parks and facilities.

There is a need for shade structures in our parks to protect citizens from the harmful effects of sun exposure, allowing them to play and enjoy City parks and facilities longer. The bright Florida sun damages the park equipment; fades color, softens the plastic, breaks down protective coating, and makes equipment very hot to the touch, which can burn small children. The scope of service requires that a minimum of 70% of the playground area must be covered by the structure. The anticipated completion date at all eight (8) locations is October 31, 2017.

Purchasing received only two bids for the project. The most responsible bidder was deemed to be Shade Structures, Inc. This is the first major project to be implemented using funds from the Wild Spaces and Public Places half cent sales tax.

The contract amount is \$376,076. The funding for this project is included in the Wild Spaces and Public Places funds.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute all contract documents with Shade Structures, Inc. to design, permit, fabricate and install shade structures in city parks and facilities, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.