

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER WATER SLIDE RESTORATION PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is to perform necessary maintenance and repair to all surfaces of the four waterslides at the Furman Aquatic Center. The slides were constructed in 2009 and the facility opened in 2010. The four slides include a youth slide, two tube slides and one drop slide. Through visual inspections of the waterslides, there is maintenance that needs to be completed beyond the expertise of City staff. The project includes repainting of exterior slide surfaces, chip and crack repair of slide interior, buffing and sealing of slide interior to regain the original luster and speed, and all slide seams will be resealed to eliminate leaks. In addition, the proposal includes slide support and tower maintenance.

Staff requested formal proposals from qualified contractors to evaluate, recommend, and perform maintenance and repair to all surfaces of the four waterslides. One proposal was received from Fischer Bros. Enterprises, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The proposed cost of the recommended work is \$97,000. Fischer Bros. Enterprises has completed waterslide restoration projects at multiple facilities throughout central Iowa including Boone, West Des Moines, Pella, Des Moines, and Indianola. Staff contacted representatives from the aforementioned communities and all gave very positive feedback regarding the quality of work Fischer Bros. Enterprises had completed.

Originally \$25,000 was budgeted in the FY 2015/16 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). In the fall of 2015, staff had discussion with two different waterslide maintenance contractors regarding necessary maintenance. Preliminary cost estimates were obtained after the 2015 season and it was determined that the costs were going to be significantly higher than the original \$25,000 appropriated in the CIP. Staff delayed the project to FY 2016/17 and used savings from other projects to increase the available funding for this project to \$97,500.

The project is expected to be completed this spring prior to the facility being open for the 2017 season as the contractors have been asked to complete the project by May 1.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award the contract for the Furman Aquatic Center Waterslide Restoration Project to Fischer Bros. Enterprises, Eau Claire, Wisconsin in the amount of \$97,000.
2. Reject the proposal for the Furman Aquatic Center Waterslide Restoration Project from Fischer Bros. Enterprises, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
3. Refer back to staff.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Furman Aquatic Center has averaged approximately 96,000 visitors since opening in 2010 and the proposed project will address needed maintenance and repairs to all four waterslides to aid in providing an excellent facility for patrons to enjoy during summer months. Since there is only one proposal for this project, staff contacted other entities who had contracted with Fischer Bros. Enterprises and received positive feedback regarding the quality of work performed by this company. The proposed fee is comparable to what others have paid for similar work.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby awarding the contract for the Furman Aquatic Center Waterslide Restoration Project to Fischer Bros. Enterprises, Eau Claire, Wisconsin in the amount of \$97,000.