

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**     **AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER PLAY STRUCTURE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The project includes dismantling, inspecting for defects, repairing pieces as necessary, and restoring to a like new condition the play structure and stand-alone slide in the splash pool at the Furman Aquatics Center. There was one alternate which includes replacing all stainless-steel hardware larger than one half of one inch if it is determined that the original hardware is unable to be refurbished. The project is to be completed by April 22, 2022, in time for the 2022 swimming season.

Staff sent bid specifications to multiple contractors but only received one bid, which is shown below.

**Furman Aquatic Center Play Structure Refurbishment Project**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alt #1</b>
Fischer Brothers, LLC., Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin	\$59,300	\$2,300

Total project cost will be \$59,300 as staff is not recommending awarding Alternate #1 because Fischer Brothers has included this work as part of their base bid. Specifications were done in-house so there are no design fees for this project. Funding of \$75,000 is included in the FY 2021-22 CIP to complete the project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a contract to Fischer Brothers, LLC., Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin for the Furman Aquatic Center Play Structure Refurbishment Project in the amount of \$59,300 (Base Bid only).
2. Award a contract to Fischer Brothers, LLC., Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin for the Furman Aquatic Center Play Structure Refurbishment Project in the amount of \$61,600 (Base Bid and Alternate #1).
3. Do not award a contract thus delaying the project.
4. Reject the bid.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The play structure and stand-alone slide have been in place since 2009 and are showing wear due to exposure to UV rays and chlorinated water. For individuals to continue to enjoy the facility, it is important these two pieces are functioning properly and display the excellence for which Furman Aquatic Center is known. The City hired Fischer Brothers, LLC., in 2017 to restore the exterior of the drop, tube, and family slides at the facility and staff was pleased with the quality of the work completed. Even though there is only one bid submitted, staff feels the bid amount is a fair price and rebidding would not garner any additional bids or a better price. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 as stated above.**