

ITEM # 21946  
DATE: September 9, 2008

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DOG PARK**

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the August 26, 2008 City Council meeting, staff reported the one bid that was received from Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$175,785 to construct the new Dog Park.

This bid, combined with engineering fees of \$14,600 and a 5% contingency of \$8,800, exceeded the engineer's estimate for the project by \$49,185. The original budget had called for a \$150,000 project with \$100,000 coming from the Park Land Acquisition and Development Fund and \$50,000 from private donations.

The City's consulting engineers indicated that there is little opportunity to redesign the project to reduce costs and that rebidding the project at this time would probably not yield better bids.

At the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council indicated its preference to move ahead with this \$199,185 project with the additional \$49,185 needed to complete this project coming from the balance in the Park Land Acquisition and Development Fund. This financing strategy will leave approximately \$491,000 in the fund balance.

Depending upon the weather, Manatt's, Inc. anticipates construction of the Dog Park to begin in November and to be completed by the spring of 2009. The facility will include a five-foot fence, a drinking fountain, a parking lot for 25 vehicles, site development, and an entry seating area. It is anticipated that user permit fees, estimated to total \$12,000 annually, will cover the ongoing operational expenses for this park.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a contract to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$175,785 and authorize a total expenditure from the Park Land Acquisition and Development Fund in the amount of \$149,185 for the development of the Dog Park.
2. Reject this one bid and direct staff to rebid the project next year.

### **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

In accordance with the direction received at the August 26 Council meeting, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1, thereby awarding a contract to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$175,785 for the development of a Dog Park and authorizing \$149,185 in funding to pay the City's portion of the project from the Park Land Acquisition and Development Fund.