



## **Council Communication No. 97-329**

### **SYNOPSIS –**

Accepting the bid for folding picnic tables, which will be used to supplement the current inventory in locations where neighborhood or City-wide events require the need for additional tables. The current bid is one of three which were sent out and the only one returned. There are very few manufacturers of these types of tables, and the returned bid price of \$175 per table was approximately \$250 less per table than the anticipated purchase price. A proto-type has been evaluated by staff, and it appears to be durable enough to meet customer needs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT –**

The total cost of the purchase for 60 tables and replacement parts is \$12,100.

### **RECOMMENDATION –**

**Accept the bid submitted by Fry and Associates, 1501 Burlington, #201, Kansas City, MO.**

### **BACKGROUND –**

The current inventory of picnic tables in area parks is adequate for normal park use. At times when neighborhood events create the need for additional tables, usually on a weekend, the current practice of borrowing tables from other parks creates a shortage throughout the system. Moving these tables is also very time consuming since each table weighs nearly 200 pounds and is of the size that only six can be moved at a time by a pickup and trailer. Moving 25 tables can tie up four staff up to four hours each to move the tables to the site, and four hours each to return them often leaving the assigned park without any tables for neighborhood use for the duration of the event.

The plan is to purchase folding tables, permanently store them on a trailer which could be easily transported to the site and set up by two staff in half the time of the current process. However, these tables are not readily available on the market, and only three sources were found. Two of those three did not return the bid. Staff research indicated the best possible price we could have expected to pay was \$439 per table. The quality of the \$175 tables is acceptable. Accepting the bid will allow the City to improve services at a lower cost.

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