


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>24-483</b>	Meeting:	<b>December 9, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>50B</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-1677</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Sayers Park Sprayground: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as The Henley Group, LLC, Tyler Henley, President, \$1,146,375.60.

## SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Sayers Park Sprayground and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project provides for the construction of a new sprayground, multi-purpose sport court, sidewalks, playground equipment, site furnishings and associated improvements in Sayers Park to provide improved play opportunities and to better serve the neighborhood.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,146,375.60 Construction Contract (\$1,200,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

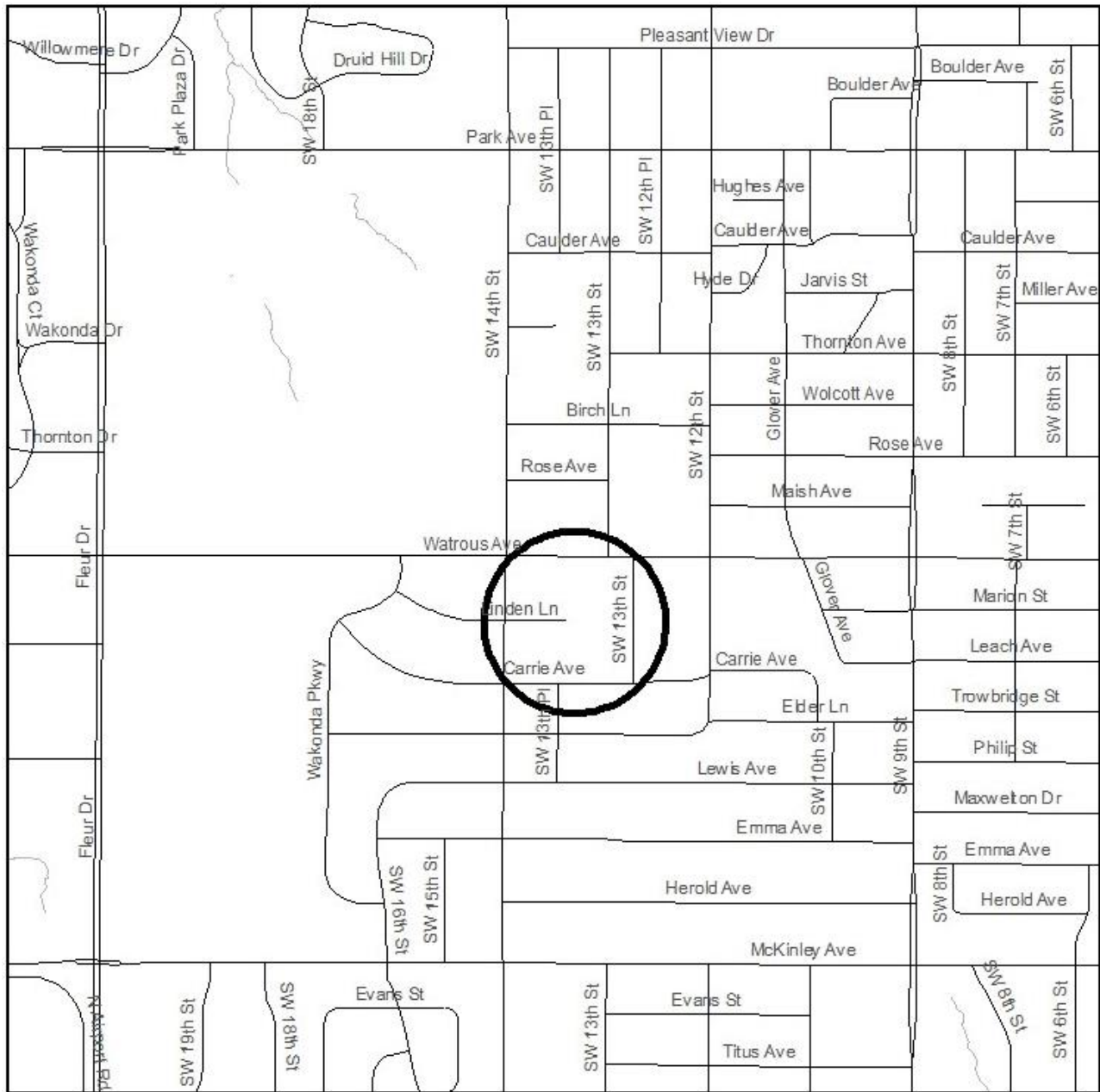
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 61, Sprayground Improvements, PK034, Being: \$1,085,075.60 General Fund transfer made possible with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST), and G.O. Bonds; and the remaining \$61,300 in Storm Water Funds transferred from SM057

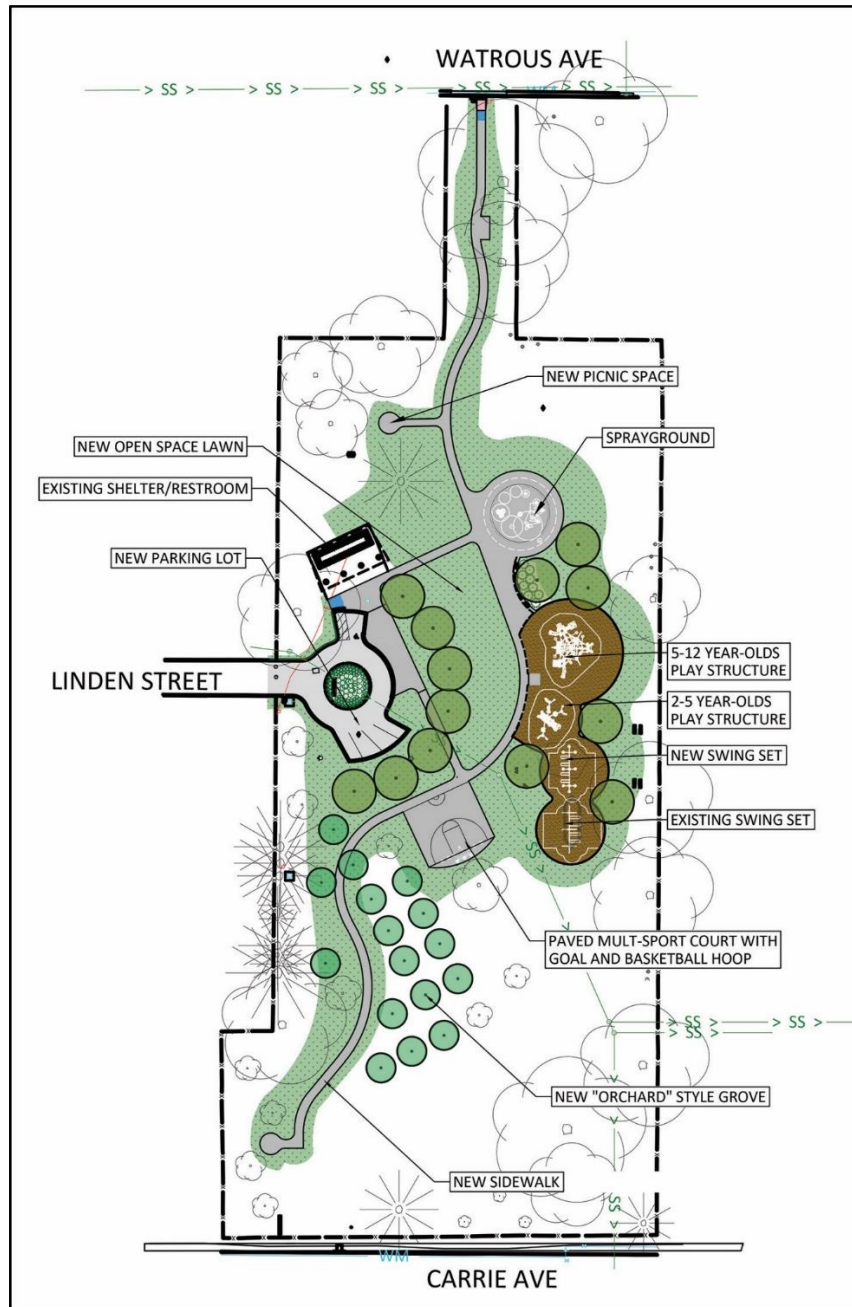
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On October 7, 2024, under Roll Call No. 24-1330, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Sayers Park Sprayground. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Sayers Park Sprayground, Activity ID 11-2019-011. The improvement includes the construction of new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sprayground, PCC sport court, PCC sidewalks, PCC paving, acrylic finishing, playground equipment, site furnishings, water service line, water spray features, electrical work, drainage piping, storm sewer, earthwork, and restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 665-085/118, located in Sayers Park, 1300 Linden Lane.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
  - The Henley Group, LLC, Muscatine, IA - Low Bid
  - Concrete Connection, LLC, West Des Moines, IA
  - Caliber Concrete, LLC, Adair, IA
  - Brothers Cleaning Corporation d/b/a Brothers Concrete, Des Moines, IA
  - Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA
  - Cushman Excavation, LLC, Knoxville, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA at 11:00 a.m. on November 5, 2024.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by The Henley Group, LLC (Tyler Henley, President, 1618 Meadow Lane, Muscatine, IA 52761) in the amount of \$1,146,375.60, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Sayers Park is a four (4)-acre park located in the Watrous South neighborhood, where 2,390 residents live within a 10-minute walk of the park. The park contributes to the LiveDSM goal of supporting all people having access to high-quality parks and trails near their home.
- This project will remove the existing, outdated wading pool at Sayers Park and construct new park facilities including a sprayground, sidewalks, playground, multi-purpose sport court, parking area, picnic areas, utilities, and landscaping.
- Replacing the outdated wading pool, which is at the end of its lifecycle, with a new modern sprayground will extend the hours and number of days of operation and alleviate the need for on-site wading pool staff, thus providing a higher level of service including increased accessibility and inclusivity.
- Public input was received through numerous stand-alone public meetings and online questionnaires, as well as meetings with the Watrous South Neighborhood Association. These efforts helped to communicate conceptual planning options and resulted in consensus regarding the final configuration for park improvements.
  - Sayers Park Online Survey: August 1 – August 31, 2023. Online survey offering the opportunity for input, feedback and prioritization of proposed improvements.
  - Watrous South Neighborhood Association Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at Christ King Pastoral Center, 820 Porter Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315.
  - Sayer Park Improvements Open House: Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Walker Shelter in MacRae Park.

- Sayers Park Improvements Project Website: Website providing information, progress, and Parks and Recreation contact information for park improvements.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in the fall 2025.





**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1330](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (F) [Sayers](#) Park Sprayground: Receiving of bids, (11-5-24) and Setting date of hearing, (12-9-24), Engineer's estimate, \$1,200,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-403](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: September 18, 2024

Resolution Number: 24-12 Sayers Park Sprayground

Due to lack of quorum, a consensus of the members present recommended this project as presented.

Action: Motion to Approve by Ty Reiman, Seconded by Nate Stieler

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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