Council Meeting
February 27, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services – Appropriation of funds and authorization to purchase park benches, tables and replacement parts at Wilson Park.

Expenditure: $15,213.09

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Director recommends that City Council:

1. Appropriate $5,213.09 from the Parks and Recreational Open Space Fund into FEAP 552 and;

2. Authorize a sole-source purchase order with Dave Bang and Associates Inc. of Tustin, CA for an amount not to exceed $15,213.09 for the acquisition and installation of picnic tables and benches and replacement parts.

FUNDING

Funding is available in FEAP 552 ($10,000) and from the Parks and Recreation Open Space fund ($5,213.09).

BACKGROUND

In the past, a significant amount of time and resources were spent painting and repairing wooden picnic tables and park benches. More recently, Park Services has begun installing vinyl tables and benches which last approximately 10 years longer than wooden products. In 2006, FEAP 552 was established to offset the recurring costs of picnic table and park bench replacement parts through an annual allocation of $5,000 from Parks and Recreation Funds and $5,000 from City General Funds.

ANALYSIS

Since this is the first year that the funding under the FEAP has been utilized, Park Services found that the need for parts at Wilson Park exceeds the amount planned under the FEAP by $5,213. At their December 2006 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the additional funding be appropriated from the Parks

and Recreation Open Space fund to pay for this project at Wilson Park. Repairs at Wilson Park will begin around the pond and in the concession area between the ball diamonds. Future locations will be Hickory, Walteria, Alta Loma, Descanso, Guenser, La Carretera, La Paloma, Pequeno, Osage, La Romeria, Los Arboles, Paradise, Sur La Brea and Victor Parks.

It is the opinion of staff that the purchase of this equipment falls within the Sole-Source Purchase Exception of TMC § 22.3.17 (b) that states:

"For purposes of this Section, "sole-source purchases" means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City. No sole-source purchases may be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public."

The City's purchasing staff determined that Dave Bang and Associates, Inc. is the only distributor/dealer for the subject products in Southern California. The City's only alternative would be to buy direct from Wabash Valley in Silver Lake, Indiana, but the City would not get the same, good discount that we can get from Dave Bang. It should be noted that Dave Bang and Associates, Inc. was awarded Bid B2003-39 on February 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____
Andrew Orpe, Sr. Administrative Analyst

Concur:

for: _____
GENE BARNETT
Community Services Director

Noted:

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LeROY J. JACKSON
City Manager

Attachment: A) Council Item from February 24, 2004.
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ATTACHMENT A

Council Meeting
February 24, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members
Of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: **Recommendation for authorization of a Purchase Order to furnish and deliver picnic tables.**

REF: Bid B2003-39

Expenditure: $59,020.07

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order with Dave Bang Associates from Tustin, California, for an amount not to exceed $59,020.07, to furnish picnic tables at Wilson Park.

Funding

Funding is available in FEAP-408.

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2003 Your Honorable Body appropriated $85,000 of Parks and Recreation Open Space funding for the purchase of new picnic tables and barbecues needed to renovate the large group picnic area at Wilson Park. Wilson Park receives hundreds of reservations each year and the existing picnic tables and barbecues, constructed in 1980, are in a state of disrepair. The new barbecues have been purchased for $2,224.87 leaving an available balance of $82,775.13. Staff will install both the barbecues and picnic tables simultaneously, once the tables are received.

ANALYSIS

Staff from the Finance Department's Purchasing Division opened formal bids for the acquisition of picnic tables on November 20, 2003. A total of eleven bids were received. Three "no bids" and one non-responsive proposal were also received.

The lowest bidder, KenCoat, did not meet specifications on frame thickness and table leg finish.

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The next lowest bidder, Kim & Lee Construction, indicated they would fabricate the tables to the City's specifications, but they did not provide the specifications per bid requirements.

The following itemizes the bid results:

Vendor	**Total Bid** (includes sales tax)
KenCoat Leitchfield, KY	$48,759.34
Kim & Lee Construction Los Angeles, CA	$55,533.63
Dave Bang Associates * **Tustin, CA**	**$59,020.07**
Leisure Craft, Inc Hendersonville, NC	$62,996.09
Highland Sports Boca Raton, FL	$63,454.84
Seating Components Manuf. Anaheim, CA	$69,877.24
Sportmaster Pittsburgh, PA	$71,264.22
ATD American Co. Wyncote, PA	$71,404.51
Creative Pipe, Inc. Ranch Mirage, CA	$71,752.17
Moore Recreation and Park Simi Valley, CA	$74,462.85
Miracle Playground Sales Placentia, CA	$74,576.20

***Lowest Responsible Bidder**

Therefore, staff from the Purchasing Division declared Dave Bang Associates the lowest responsible bidder. The cost of the Purchase Order is well within the balance of funding. All remaining project funds will be returned to the Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Barnett, Parks and Recreation Director

By Mike Wilson

Mike Wilson, Park Services Administrator

CONCUR:

Gene Barnett

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Parks and Recreation Director

Mary Giordani

LeRoy J. Jackson
for City Manager

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