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Staff Provides Update on Kids Kastle Community Build; Approves Phase 3 Street Bond Contract

Council received an update on the Kids Kastle community build project. The build was scheduled to begin on March 23 and was put on hold due to the coronavirus. Staff presented three different options to Council with the goal of continuing with the community build and staying within budget. Staff was able to secure alternative build dates of May 18-21 for Phase 1 and May 26-31 for Phase 2. Considering the uncertainties associated with COVID-19, the proposed plan is a modified community build. Staff and Play by Design would work May 26-31 to set posts, add bracing, and pour equipment foundations to secure the site. Phase 2 would continue as a community build project sometime in late summer or fall of 2020, depending on the state of COVID-19. This proposal keeps the project within the current budget and allows the community to take part in the build.

“We had seen so much energy from the volunteers and staff as we were approaching the build dates,” stated parks and recreation director Phil Lozano. “When we are able to safely move forward with the build, the community will once again rally behind this project.”

Council approved the contract for Phase 3 of the street bond project. The contract was awarded to Reynolds Asphalt in the amount of \$522,860.00. Streets included in Phase 3 are Rain Tree Drive, Greensprings Street, DuVall Boulevard, Arbor Court, Creek Place and Park Lane. All streets will require full depth reclamation. The street bond project was approved by voters in 2018 in the amount of \$2.8 million with 22 streets included in the project. The project is scheduled for completion in four phases, with Phase 1 complete and Phase 2 currently under construction.

Staff provided Council an update on the City's response to COVID-19. Emergency operations continues to monitor the situation through daily calls with federal, state and county partners. City offices remain closed to the public with staff continuing to provide service within the CDC guidelines. All activities, playgrounds, tennis courts, public restrooms, and drinking fountains are closed in accordance with the County and State stay at home mandates. Updates can be found at www.highlandvillage.org/coronavirus.