



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with GPD Group to provide engineering services for the Hard Surface Improvements 2021-2022 Project. The contract amount is \$76,469.00, with a contingency of \$10,000.00, for a total of \$86,469.00 being authorized by this ordinance.

Each year, the Recreation and Parks Department allocates a portion of the Capital Improvements Budget to the improvement of existing hard surfaces and new installations of hard surfaces. This particular contract focuses on the removal and replacement of existing asphalt and concrete surfaces that are highly used by the public, including entry drives, parking lots, and walkways. By improving these surfaces, safe and easy access can be ensured to the parks and facilities. Areas for improvement were initially considered through recommendations from internal staff and public involvement. All requests were assessed through a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) form and were given a rating from 0, meaning the worst condition, to 100, meaning the best condition. All requests were prioritized for action based on their respective PCR scores. From there, staff confirmed which projects to move forward with.

This contract provides engineering services to assess existing hard surface conditions, design repairs for the hard surfaces, and create construction documents for bidding in early 2022.

### **Vendor Bid/Proposal Submissions (ODI designation status):**

Proposals were advertised to three pre-qualified engineering firms that were pre-qualified through the bi-annual Request for Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) process through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on March 10, 2021 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on March 24, 2021. Request for proposals were sent to the following companies:

DLZ: (MBE)  
GPD Group: (MBE)  
Prime AE: (MBE)

Of note, professional services contracts are quality based selections and not based on price. Costs were not requested nor where they part of this evaluation.

In accordance with City Code, a selection team evaluated the proposals and recommended GPD Group be selected to perform the work. The firm was chosen based on their referenced projects, experience, qualifications, availability, timeline, and project approach.

### **Principal Parties:**

GPD Group  
1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 210  
Jeff Evans, PE, 614-210-0751  
Contract Compliance Number, Tax ID: 006560, 34-1134715  
Contract Compliance Expiration Date: May 20, 2023

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested so that GPD Group can begin engineering services immediately so that final construction documents are ready for bidding in early 2022.

**Benefits to the Public:** This project aims to provide accessible and usable asphalt, concrete, and sport court improvements throughout our park properties.

**Community Input/Issues:** Needed improvements were identified by both internal staff and from community requests. The community has expressed the desire for well-kept facilities and amenities through public workshops, social media, and direct contact with staff.

**Area(s) Affected:** Citywide (99)

**Master Plan Relation:** This project supports the department's Master Plan by removing access and circulation barriers to city parks. It also helps meet the goal of improving at least five neighborhood parks per year.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$86,469.00 is budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with GPD Group to provide engineering services for the Hard Surface Improvements 2021-2022 Project; to authorize the transfer of \$86,469.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund, to authorize the amendment of the 2020 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the expenditure of \$86,469.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$86,469.00)

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with GPD Group to provide engineering services for the Hard Surface Improvements 2021-2022 Project; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the transfer of \$86,469.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the amendment of the 2020 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 2521-2020 in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this and future projects; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$86,469.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with GPD Group so they can begin engineering services immediately so that final construction documents are ready for bidding in early 2022, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and, **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with GPD Group to provide engineering services for the Hard Surface Improvements 2021-2022 Project.

**SECTION 2.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department

administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

**SECTION 5.** That the transfer of 86,469.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That the 2020 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 2521-2020 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this ordinance and future projects.

**Fund / Project / Project Name / Current / Change / Amended**

Fund 7702; P510017-100001; Park & Playgrounds - Misc. (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$9,583 / \$9,583 (to match cash)  
Fund 7702; P510017-100423; Westmoor Park (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$26,365 / \$26,365 (to match cash)  
Fund 7702; P510018-201701; Concrete Improvements 2017 (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$865 / \$865 (to match cash)  
Fund 7702; P510018-201702; Sports Courts Improvements 2017 (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$4,668 / \$4,668 (to match cash)  
Fund 7702; P510018-201801; Sports Courts Improvements 2018 (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$15,907 / \$15,907 (to match cash)  
Fund 7702; P510018-201802; Asphalt Improvements 2018 (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$10,225 / \$10,225 (to match cash)

Fund 7702; P510017-100001; Park & Playgrounds - Misc. (Voted Carryover) / \$9,583 / \$9,583 / \$0  
Fund 7702; P510017-100423; Westmoor Park (Voted Carryover) / \$26,365 / \$26,365 / \$0  
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Fund 7702; P510018-201702; Sports Courts Improvements 2017 (Voted Carryover) / \$4,668 / \$4,668 / \$0  
Fund 7702; P510018-201801; Sports Courts Improvements 2018 (Voted Carryover) / \$15,907 / \$15,907 / \$0  
Fund 7702; P510018-201802; Asphalt Improvements 2018 (Voted Carryover) / \$10,225 / \$10,225 / \$0  
Fund 7702; P510119-100000; Central Maintenance Zone Headquarters (Voted Carryover) / \$83,186 / (\$18,856) / \$64,328

Fund 7702; P511007-202103; Hard Surface Improvements 2021-2022 (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$86,469 / \$86,469

**SECTION 7.** For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$86,469.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachments to this ordinance.

**SECTION 8.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof,, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.