

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR
RESOLUTION NO. 576**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR,
WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE PURCHASE OF A PLAY TOY
EQUIPMENT STRUCTURE FOR A CITY PARK TO BE LIMITED TO A SOLE
SOURCE, AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR
PURCHASE OF THE PLAY TOY EQUIPMENT STRUCTURE EQUIPMENT.**

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2000, the City Council included in the 2001 Parks Department budget, an allocation for the purchase of a play toy equipment structure to be placed in City Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether there were manufacturers of a play toy equipment structure suitable for the City's purposes, the Assistant Public Works Director visited other jurisdictions' parks and playgrounds in the surrounding Puget Sound area, and determined that the play toy manufactured by Playground Environments International best met the City's needs in construction quality, play events and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2001, the Public Works Department competitively bid the proposed purchase of a play toy equipment structure; and bid specs specifically identified Playground Environments International; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2001, the Public Works Department received bids from two suppliers for the play toy equipment structure; one of which bid was received from Cascade Recreation, Inc. for a play toy equipment structure manufactured by Playground Environments International and most nearly resembled the play toy equipment structure described in the City's call for bids and met the City's specifications. The other bid was received from Playscapes NW, Inc. for a play toy equipment structure manufactured by Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems, but the Playscapes play toy did not resemble the play toy equipment advertised in the City's bid and did not meet the City's specifications because it was not manufactured by Playground Environmental Inc., and it did not meet the City's specifications on the following items: 5-ft. on center platforms, "archasaurus ladder," and the roof structure; and

WHEREAS, the difference in the price of the play toy equipment structure was \$9,907.55 more for the Playscapes play toy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council declares that purchase of the play toy equipment structure for the City Park is clearly and legitimately limited to a single source or supply within the near vicinity, because only the play toy manufactured by Playground Environments International is the most aesthetically acceptable. Therefore, the City Council waives all competitive bidding requirements for this sole source purchase.

equipment as described as forth in the bid documents, and whose bid proposal as submitted Cascade Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$36,043.70, for placement in the City Park.

Resolved by the City Council this 22nd day of October, 2001.

APPROVED:

Gretchen Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Molly Towslee
City Clerk

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