



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: July 1, 2024
SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Sports field lighting upgrade

Sports field and arena lighting within City of AJ Parks and Rec facilities are among some of the oldest infrastructure in our parks. Last year, we retrofitted Prospector Park softball fields #1 & #2. This year we have budgeted to complete the softball complex by retrofitting fields #3 & #4.

City staff have selected Musco lighting. They are one of the premier manufacturers for sports field lighting, with a focus on energy-efficient, shielded LED lighting. There are several reasons why this is the best choice for our facilities:

1. This is the same system that is at our Little League fields and Prospector Park fields #1 & #2; and their automated system is already integrated into our facility reservation software and additionally allows light activation by our staff from a mobile device or a computer
2. Musco has experience designing systems that are compliant with Dark Sky Friendly Sports Field Lighting and our application with their design has already been approved by DarkSky International
3. Over time, the city will have substantial savings through lower electrical costs and lower maintenance/replacement costs.

This project was approved in the FY25 budget for fields #3 & #4; however, staff have also identified potential grants to also complete the remaining sports fields at Prospector Park and Superstition Shadows Park, utilizing our budgeted funds as a match. For this reason, staff have included a clause in the contract that allows the city to lock in pricing for the additional projects IF the necessary additional grant funding is received.

The City will utilize Musco's vendor, Veregy, for this replacement project under the 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) Cooperative Contract 22-11PV-08 thus fulfilling procurement and open market procedures.

Staff is recommending a construction contract be awarded to Veregy, in an amount not to exceed: One Million Seven Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$1,784,427.75), which includes a 5% owner-controlled contingency for unforeseen circumstances. If the city does not receive the additional grant funding, then only field #3 & #4 will be completed this year.

This item will be presented and discussed at your July 1st Work Session and brought back two weeks later for consideration and approval.