



# City of Apache Junction

*Home of the Superstition Mountains*

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DATE: September 16, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director  
David Butler, Parks Superintendent

SUBJECT: Rodeo Grounds Design Contract – J2 Engineering & Design

Since purchasing the rodeo grounds in June 2023, the Parks and Recreation department has worked to update the master plan for the property. J2 Engineering & Design (“J2”) was contracted by the city to solicit public feedback, conduct stakeholder meetings, and draft an update to the original plan. This plan was shared at several public meetings and adopted by city council on May, 21, 2024.

The estimated probable cost is approximately \$23,000,000 and broken down into three recommended phases. These phases were identified to 1) allow for incremental growth in events and activities as funds become available, 2) allow for construction to take place without interrupting other future phases and 3) avoid impacting major events such as Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo & Carnival.

Within the city's FY24/25 budget, \$1,100,000 was set aside to begin design of the first phases of the project, and construction of some of the initial amenities.

J2 has been selected as the architect for this project due to their familiarity with the project, and experience throughout the state on rodeo facility projects. Staff are recommending award of contract to J2 for Phase 1 & 2 Design and Phase 1 post-design in an amount not to exceed \$693,859.84 which includes a 5% contingency for unforeseen design needs.

This will be discussed at a council work session and brought back two weeks later for final consideration.