
TO: Gahanna City Council
Jeremy VanMeter, Clerk of Council

FROM: Stephania Ferrell, Director of Parks & Recreation
Kevin Schultz, Senior Director of Operations
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Priya Tamilarasan, City Attorney
Joann Bury, Director of Finance

DATE: August 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Dept. of Parks & Recreation Report to Council (August 11, 2025 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM # 1: ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRICE ROAD HOUSE FACILITY

The City of Gahanna owns the property located at 94 Price Road, also referred to as the Gahanna Exploration Center. Acquired over a decade ago, the property includes a residential structure situated on approximately three acres and adjacent to more than 50 acres of parkland. This parkland ties into the Central Ohio Greenways network and provides access to the Big Walnut Creek and Trail.

The Department of Parks & Recreation will repurpose the facility into an Exploration Center for recreation programming. This renovated center will address a critical need for indoor programming and meeting space, as outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, while also expanding educational and recreational opportunities for the community.

In 2022, the Administration was awarded \$100,000 in State Capital Grant funding to support the renovation effort. The project was originally bid in 2023, but did not receive any viable responses. Following a review and refinement of the project scope and design, the project was successfully rebid, inclusive of the parking lot construction, in 2025, resulting in five qualified bids.

HGC Construction Co. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting a 10% contingency along with project allowances, to address any unforeseen construction expenses, bringing the total project budget to \$1,807,000.

The Administration respectfully requests an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with HGC Construction Co. for renovation of the Price Road house and for construction of the associated parking lot. Supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$335,547 is requested to fully fund the project, inclusive of project allowances and a 10% contingency. **Waiver** is being requested to avoid further cost increases due to the volatility of the construction industry.



Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: **Waiver**
30-day referendum does not apply per City Charter (Section 4.14)
Vendor Name: HGC Construction Co.
Vendor Address: 2814 Stanton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45206
Already Appropriated(Amounts & Accounts):
\$1,471,453 from 325.06550.5505 Capital Improvements Fund
Supplemental/Transfer: (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles):
\$335,547 from the unappropriated and unencumbered balance of the
Capital Improvement Fund 325.06550.5505

Attachments:

PR-ATT-01-Bid Summary
PR-ATT-02-Notice to Bidders and Requirements
PR-ATT-03- HGC Construction Contract

Contract Approvals

- o This item has been approved by the Mayor
- o This item has been approved by the Director of Finance
- o This item has been approved by the City Attorney