

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Approving and authorizing M.E. O'Brien as sole source vendor for Vortex Splash Pad parts and installation including time and materials. (Submitted by: Rebecca Bombero, Parks Department)

REPORT: 1564-06

ADVICE: Approve

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven has 13 splash pads constructed with Vortex components; splash pads components are unique to their manufacturers. M.E. O'Brien is currently the authorized sale representative and supplier of Vortex products for the state and was the state contract vendor under State Contract 11PSX0116, however, the State no longer includes splash pads and components in their solicitations. Thus, in October of 2019 M.E. O'Brien was declared the "Sole Source" vendor by Michael V. Fumiatti, Sr, Purchasing Agent, for Vortex Splash Pads in the City of New Haven. The company is the sole installer and authorized repair entity in New England. The "Sole Source" designation does not expire. The City is anticipating the installation of new splash pads in several of its parks which will exceed \$100,000. The Parks Commission reviewed the proposed splash pad and funding commitment at its October meeting. A letter of support by Rebecca Bombero, Director of Parks, Recreation and Trees, is included.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The approval and authorization of M.E. O'Brien as sole source vendor for Vortex Splash Pad parts and installation complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan:


New Haven Vision 2025, Section VII-24:

"Continue to enhance the image of all city parks to make them accessible, inviting, exciting, and well maintained"

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: December 18, 2019
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department