Magical Bridge on City Council Agenda Friday, June 23, 2023 1:11:46 AM

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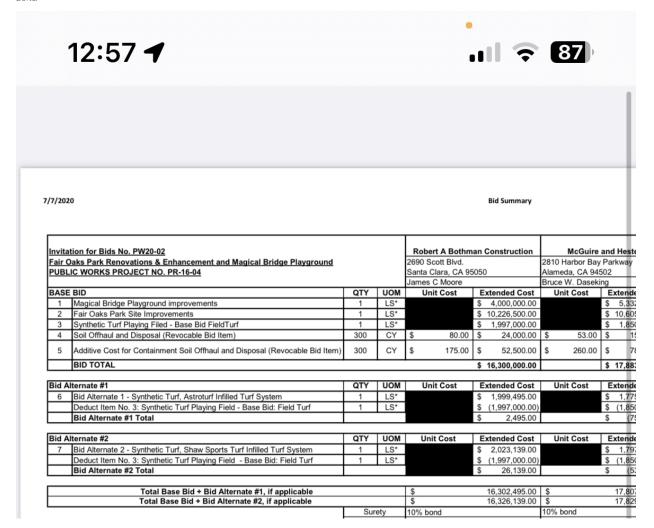
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Redwood City Council Awards Magical Bridge Dlayground

Construction Contract

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he Redwood City Council on Monday unanimously approved a construction contract for the Magical Bridge Playground at Red Morton Park to Robert A. Bothman Construction of Santa Clara.

Bothman's bid to build the playground, at \$5.6 million, was one of three that the city received.

The Magical Bridge Playground will replace the aging playground at Red Morton Park and will be the city's largest play space, with a variety of slides, swings, spin and sway equipment for people of all ages and abilities.

The City has appropriated Park Impact Fees of \$2 million, and \$554,000 in Capital Improvement Funds to support the project.

The Magical Bridge Foundation has now raised \$3 million for the project after an additional gift of \$1 million from the Jay Paul Company – which enabled to project to reach the required funding level to begin

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As a followup and reference point, Bothman bid \$7.5 million to build a very similar park in Santa Clara...just 6 months ago.







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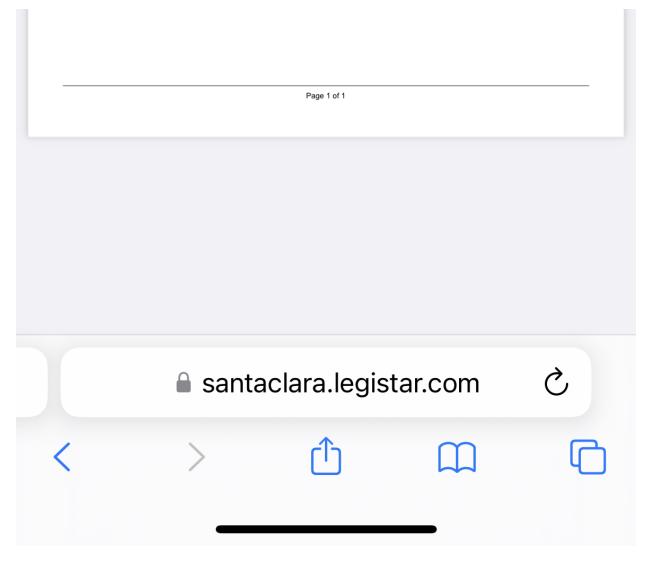
Attachment No. 1 **Bid Summary**

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Action on Award of Contract for the Central Park Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground Project to Robert A Bothman Construction, Related Budget Amendments, and Adopting a Class 1 CEQA Categorical Exemption

BID SUMMARY	Bid Opening Date: January 19, 2023	
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE:	\$ 5,980,000	
Contractor	Total Bid (\$)	Percentage above/below Engineer's Estimate
S&H Construction	\$5,647,315.00	-6%
Robert A Bothman Construction	\$7,595,000.00	27%
Suarez and Munoz Construction	\$7,724,852.00	29%



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