



DATE: **March 2, 2016**  
TO: Mayor and City Council  
VIA: City Manager  
FROM: Assistant City Manager  
SUBJECT: Bowl Improvements – Contract Change Order

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**Approve the contract change with Reeves-Young in the amount of \$401,858 and authorize the City Manager to sign the change order.**

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

Due to the additional revenue coming from the SPLOST receipts, staff has determined that there are adequate funds to cover the additional expense of the splash pad. A budget amendment will be presented.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Bowl Improvements project was contemplated in 2014 with the vision of enhancing both the guests' as well as the artists' experience at the venue during the increasingly successful concert series. The initial scope included a number of items that during the contractor selection process included some items that due to property constraints and utility limitations could not be accomplished. Others were added to the project to improve the value to the downtown area by broadening the benefit beyond the concert experience.

Some of the elements of the scope introduced were a turf and hardscape finishes that will allow for year-round enjoyment of a downtown lawn area; a family plaza area; and a splash pad. The latest addition to the scope was presented in the contractor's pricing prior to fully establishing the scale of the facility and consideration of its impact to the greater recreation and economic development outcomes. Once the full potential of the fountain was investigated last fall, the pricing for this element of the scope means that the original budget will have to be amended to accomplish the feature's construction.

The splash pad, while simple in theoretical terms, will consist of a new water tap, new in-ground tanks, control systems, a new sewer connection, revised paver layout, additional drainage system, disinfection systems, lighting and the scalability required to build for the future. These changes have affected the site layout and resulted in the change from a small equipment enclosure to a very complex building.

Given all of the changes required to accommodate the splash pad, \$401,000 will need to be added to the Reeves Young contract price. Staff has been reviewing and comparing these prices against similarly sized and designed facilities at the Level Creek park, Suwanee Town Center, and against other vendor's pricing. After completing this research, we are convinced that the pricing is fair and representative of the true market pricing for facilities of this type.