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## AGENDA

### CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING

**Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room  
234 SW Kendall Court**

Troutdale, OR 97060-2078

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 7:00PM**

Mayor

Casey Ryan

City Council

David Ripma

Randy Lauer

Larry Morgan

Glenn White

Rich Allen

Zach Hudson

City Manager

Ray Young

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

2. **DISCUSSION:** Parks Advisory Committee recommendation for the selection and contract award for Imagination Station.

Tim Seery, Parks & Facilities Superintendent

3. ADJOURNMENT

  
Casey Ryan, Mayor

Dated: 5/31/2017

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.**

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ryan, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Lauer, Councilor Morgan, Councilor White, Councilor Allen and Councilor Hudson.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Ray Young, City Manager; Tim Seery, Parks & Facilities Superintendent; Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director and Sarah Skroch, City Recorder.

**GUESTS:** See attached list.

Mayor Ryan asks, do we have any agenda updates?

Ray Young, City Manager, responds no, we're still going to talk about Imagination Station.

**2. DISCUSSION: Parks Advisory Committee recommendation for the selection and contract award for Imagination Station.**

Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director, states this has been going on for almost 1 ½ years now due to some unfortunate circumstances. There's been a lot of public interest and comments. The Parks Advisory Committee has done a lot of work on this. They've had 2 meetings and looked through all of the proposals. Ryan McNaughton, Parks Advisory Committee Chair, will fill you in on that when I'm finished. The City received 11 proposals from 9 different vendors. These companies have all been in business for many years and they all make equipment that kids like to play on. When we go through all this it comes down to 3 big questions. The first question the Council needs to grapple with is, do we want another destination playground? The next question is, how much money do you want to invest in this playground? Then, which proposal best meets the first and second questions? If you answer that question I'm hoping you give staff direction based on that input to negotiate a favorable contract with that supplier.

Ryan McNaughton, Parks Advisory Committee Chair, states it's very difficult to have a consensus. We have 7 to 8 members on the Parks Advisory Committee. We've narrowed the RFPs down to 3 and they are Buell, Play by Design and Game Time. In this process over the year we've had 2 Town Hall meetings, almost a dozen meetings through a sub-

committee in the Parks Advisory Committee and they've all been open to the public. Most meetings weren't very well attended. Most of the input came via social media and this is probably the biggest turnout we've had in any of those meetings. There was a number of reasons that we went with the 3 companies that we submitted to you. They all share that they have warranties, all had ADA accessibility, all are inclusive, but the cost varied. I think we need to look at what we want to provide to the community. Some of these options are very different from what was there. One of the options represents almost exactly what was there. They are all very different systems. There are some variables that aren't included in there like ones that are manufactured and the other one is built on site. So there's an option there that you could donate materials and that would bring the cost down. With the manufactured playgrounds there isn't that option. There are variables that aren't on the papers in front of you.

Councilor White states there are other options too. Game Time is actually a bigger design than what we currently have. We could use some Parks SDCs because it would be considered capacity enhancement.

Ryan McNaughton states I contacted Erich Mueller about that and he said only a portion would be considered for that and it would be kind of a difficult process to get it eligible for SDCs.

Mayor Ryan states one thing that Ray and I talked about earlier is the volunteer labor and the concern about liability.

Ryan McNaughton states that would be a question for the company that's chosen. I'm sure they do them all the time in communities every day. They have a great track record in safety. It is a concern but I'm sure that every one of these companies has some kind of liability in place.

Councilor Allen states it looked to me like some are bolt together where possibly a volunteer group could easily bolt it together and have somebody go over it afterwards to make sure it's all right and done correctly. Did you get a feel for which ones are better?

Ryan McNaughton responds I certainly think that a manufactured playground that bolts together is going to be a little bit easier to install. It will have a plan and an installer that's used to doing it. A playground that is built from raw materials where you have to cut every piece is going to take a lot more labor, skilled labor and be more labor intensive.

Steve Gaschler states the existing playground needs to be removed and that would be a great volunteer project. Once construction starts I think most contractors view volunteer labor as actually being a hindrance and a liability. I think volunteering is important and it's important to get the community involved.

Doug Buell, Buell Recreation, states I would somewhat agree with Steve. It can be a hindrance in some situations if it's not planned out accordingly. There are situations where a crew of installers can go in and probably get it done a lot faster than having 24 other people there.



Ryan McNaughton states my opinion is that if you do not include the community in this build then you're going to hear about it. The community wants to be involved. Do you want the community to be involved in a community build or do you just want it to be built?

Mayor Ryan states I think Steve is onto something. A combination would be good. As far as liability, what if someone gets hurt?

Ray Young states you could make them sign a release but if the City or the company does something to cause the injury we wouldn't be protected.

Mayor Ryan states there's several organizations like the Rotary, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts etc. that would love to come and do this.

Ryan McNaughton states every one of the recommendations that we made has a community build involvement.

Councilor White states I think we should save what we can out of it and put it into other parks that don't have as much equipment. Maybe we could organize some volunteer work in that regard.

Councilor Allen states if it's acceptable, when it came time for Council to look at this my wife handed me a stack of books and told me to read but I have some questions I would like to ask her if I could bring her forward. I know from personal knowledge that you have worked with people with special needs. I saw the liberty swing in one of these proposals and it's a swing that you can put a wheelchair on it and swing. It seems like that would be something enjoyable for somebody in a wheelchair.

Carol Allen, Troutdale resident, states the liberty swing is basically for special needs students who are in wheelchairs that can swing also next to a friend of theirs who is not in a wheelchair. It gives them the freedom of being with their friends at the same and experiencing the same thing.

Councilor Allen states I see that it's fenced off and that's probably for safety.

Ryan McNaughton states it is a federal law for that particular piece of equipment to have a fence around it for safety.

Councilor Allen asks, can you have 2 of them in a fenced area?

Lee Archin, Play by Design, responds yes you can have 2 of them. It's considered therapeutic. Unfortunately a lot of people feel that by having it fenced off you're excluding that child but that child also has never swung before. People from all over come to use this swing. It's pretty amazing to watch a child who has never swung before.

Carol Allen states my only concern is if I have a child who is in a wheelchair and I bring them there it shows that you have to have a key. There's not going to be someone there

at the park 12 hours a day for me to get a key to let my child swing. If it's locked how do I get in? Also, I bring my child who is in a wheelchair who has a buddy with him and they're not together. How inclusive is that? I would want it to be as inclusive as possible. The liberty swing should be by the other swings.

Lee Archin states typically the parents of children that are wheelchair bound get a key. People that use the park on a consistent basis would receive a key and a lot of groups use a lock box with a combination.

Councilor Allen states it's a rare opportunity and if I were wheelchair bound I would enjoy the swing.

Ryan McNaughton states we did some research and there is not another swing like this in Oregon.

Councilor Allen states I would like to read a comment on another proposal. It says "Autism, fencing prevents running out/away". I'm thinking about that fencing comment and I'm wondering in our current setup we have a number of slats that have people's names on them when they worked on the installation. I'm wondering if we can use them for a fence.

Doug Daoust, Troutdale resident, states it's certainly one way that you could fundraise to cover the extra \$37,000.000 to include the liberty swing by selling those name boards.

Ray Young states the Buell design has a freedom swing. It's also designed for those with special needs.

Councilor Allen states I believe you have to lift them up into that swing.

Mayor Ryan asks, the Parks Advisory Committee as a whole would be okay with any of the 3 options?

Ryan McNaughton responds yes.

Karen Houston, FACT Oregon, states I wanted to clarify what you said about the liberty swing as far as none of them being in the State of Oregon. Is that in reference to county or city parks?

Ryan McNaughton responds that was personal research that we did at home and could not find one at any parks.

Karen Houston states there's a special needs camp down at Foster Lake called Camp Attitude and they actually do have a couple of these swings. The camp runs throughout the entire summer and there are these swings down there and they're not fenced in.

Carol Allen states I was referring to having a liberty swing with a regular swing. There are some children with severe disabilities who run and fencing may be good.

Councilor White states the first go around you did make a recommendation.

Ryan McNaughton states the first time around I found it to be very arbitrary as I moved forward with the RFP process. We did think that Game Time was the best. I can't speak for the committee but it is bigger now and the price almost tripled from where it was last time. Play by Design's price stayed the same throughout the entire process.

Mayor Ryan states is the blue surface included?

Ryan McNaughton responds yes in all proposals.

Councilor White asks, did we find out why that price moved?

Ryan McNaughton responds there was a grant that was available at that time that's not available now and the size of the scope that they proposed increased.

Martha Rainey, Game Time, states the proposal that I did that Ryan's referring to is not the current proposal. This was last summer. The structure is not the same and the surfacing is not the same. Please don't compare it to what we were talking about last year because this new structure is much bigger and it includes more.

Ryan McNaughton states as far as the original recommendation that we made I think what came from that was the fact that we wanted to tear down the entire structure and start over but as far as any other recommendation this is where we are now with these brand new recommendations.

Doug Daoust states there are some things I'd like to cover that I think is critical that the Council should know about. We have a balancing act decision here. Balancing on one hand the battle cry to get it done soon and on the other hand what the public really wants to replace. I'm here to represent the public comment as a citizen and hopefully help the Council to make a decision. We're building this for the children. We're not building it for the City Council or the Parks Department. We're building it for the community and the kids. The community has clearly spoken up in favor of keeping the appearance and the wood like feel of the original Imagination Station. I reviewed all 11 proposals and the 4 here tonight in depth. I have some comments on each one. First of all, none of the proposals are contractor built. They all depend on volunteers to a different level. All 4 proposals meet the ADA requirements, inclusive design, multi-age design and cognitive learning design. I reviewed all the warranties because I know that's come up in the past and found them very difficult to compare side by side. The warranties vary from 1 year to a lifetime and every time frame in between depending on the material being discussed. Warranties do not cover vandalism, misuse, installation errors and normal wear and tear. Something I noticed about all 3 companies is that they had different square footage costs for the pour in place rubber flooring. Play by Design had 14,800 sq. feet, MRC Game Time charged for 20,000 sq. feet and Buell had 12,500 sq. feet. MRC Game Time, option 1, is a good design. It's the highest cost of any proposal at \$625,000.00. It's \$160,000.00 more than the other 3 proposals. A lot of their cost is in the pour in place rubber surfacing.



A second high cost is the construction supervision of \$98,000.00 compared to \$18,000.00 for Play by Design and \$58,000.00 for Buell. This higher cost of MRC Game Time is meant to pay for 1 manager and 4 to 6 installers. They'll say that it's higher because it includes the gravel and the boundary but even if you added in the cost of gravel to Play by Design's cost you still wouldn't get anywhere close to \$98,000.00. Buell Recreation's costs were similar to Play by Design but it's a metal and plastic structure. It's a different type of structure than Play by Design. They said they only needed 30 to 40 volunteers for 3 days to build it. The Buell play structure is a smaller playground than Play by Design. In my opinion, Play by Design is the only destination playground. The reason I say that is not to downplay the other metal and plastic play structures but looking at the history of what the public says, the makeup and the feel and the magic that people get is part of why they go to Imagination Station. That's the destination piece. No wood is used in the Play by Design structure. It's all plastic wood. Their construction supervision is the least expensive. They are the only one to propose a zip line based on the initial meetings and the requests from the school children at Sweetbriar Elementary and Troutdale Elementary schools. They're the only design to incorporate and honor local Troutdale historic elements. It's the only design to have a historic barn and a historic train. MRC Game Time Big Toys, option 2, is made out of treated pine wood that's processed and laminated. It's an attempt to look like Play by Design but sorely lacking in my opinion. This is the smallest play structure footprint. So you'll pay the same for a smaller playground as compared to Play by Design. I looked at both of their drawings for their option 1 and option 2 and option 2 is definitely smaller. It's clearly not one of my top contenders. I do have some skin in this game. Imagination Station was my project and the soccer field right next to it has my name on it. All I know is what I see. Driving around to the play structures in Troutdale you'll see little to no children playing on them. They're the metal and plastic kind. You go to Imagination Station on the same day and it's crowded even still with 1/3 of it burnt down. The public wants to keep the magic. My preference is that Play by Design is the only one that captures this magic. I will always lean to the side of what the majority of the community wants. If I was forced to pick a number 2, I would go with Game Time option 1. Number 3 would be Buell and option 4 would be MRC option 2. We're going to need a community to coordinate whichever company we go with. Play by Design has recommended a 7 person committee. It's nice to have team leaders that can lead teams of people. In my opinion we're already 5 weeks behind schedule and I doubt we'll make the September deadline. When we built Imagination Station 23 years ago the boulders in the ground were a major problem with drilling holes and locating the support posts.

Councilor Allen asks, do you remember what the donation was for the slats?

Doug Daoust responds I think we charged \$50.00 per board to have their name engraved in it.

Karen Houston states I work with a non-profit called FACT Oregon and we are a non-profit that supports families who have a loved one with disabilities. I want to say thank you to the Parks Advisory Committee for inviting me to the last 2 meetings. I felt very welcome and looked at the designs and offered comments. I was at the last meeting when they made their recommendations for the 4 that you're looking at tonight. I enjoyed reading them. They all have a lot of very nice features to them. Rather than specifically

talk about any particular piece of equipment or get in a debate over that I would just like to speak to the difference between accessibility and inclusiveness. Accessibility is something that is usually thought of as ADA compliant. Any play structure that's built or revamped needs to meet the letter of the law. I'm here representing families that use FACT as the spirit of the law. The spirit of the law is inclusive and accessibility and inclusiveness are 2 very different things. When you think of inclusiveness we think of as parents, if I was a parent that used a mobility device like a wheelchair, am I able to take my child who does not experience disability to the new Imagination Station and feel safe navigating around that structure and keeping my child safe while they're playing with their friends. A lot of times we only think of the children with disabilities but those kids grown up and many of them become parents. They have to be universal in their surfacing so that everyone's strollers and mobility devices and wheelchairs can access. Speaking specifically for children, I have a daughter who is 9 years old who does not experience a disability and I have a son who is 7 years old and he does experience a disability. It's very important for me that we find play structures that they can both go to and play together. An inclusive design will ensure that all the children can play together. If you were the parent of a child who experiences disability or even if you could go further and imagine yourself being that child, what feels inclusive to you? What pieces of these designs truly feels inclusive to you? I think if you ask yourself that question and you ask yourself, is this just accessible or is it accessible and inclusive, you're going to make the right decision and your park is going to be a destination park. East County is thirsty for an inclusive playground. We drive all the way to Harpers Playground every summer 3 to 4 times. It's a haul for us to get there but we love it because our friends who experience cerebral palsy or have other mobility issues can spend the whole day there. There's nothing like that in East County. This truly would be a destination.

Councilor Morgan asks, can you speak to the liberty swing?

Karen Houston responds Camp Attitude does have that swing. It's not a public park. If you look at this swing and find there's a large need in your community of heavier, older children or adults that are really wanting that then you should get it. It sounds great, don't get me wrong. It sounds like a wonderful experience but are you providing a mobility experience or an inclusive experience for that child. As a side note, when I passed some of these around to our office the liberty swing turned off almost every person in our office that looked at it. They said they would never put their kid in there. It goes against that whole life experience that we want for our children. Too often our children are growing up being told they have to go to a special classroom. They're not included in regular classrooms. They have to go to the special gymnastics class. Your children deserve what every other child gets. If there's a way to do it or way to design it where the fences don't exist that would be much better.

Councilor White asks, do you have a preference?

Karen Houston responds I actually like all of the ones that the committee recommended.

Lisa Detweiler, Portland resident, states I am a special needs parent. I heard destination playground and the fact you want to build this park for the community and for the children.



The point Karen makes about inclusion versus accessibility is top priority for me as a parent. I have one child. Her name is Lily. This isn't about Lily but it's about full inclusion. It's important for her to have friendships. When we're talking about a park idea of being able to have her bring a sibling or a friend to play side by side, that is so crucial. I know that there was comments about the fact that all of these proposals that were sent in address ADA accessibility in some way or another but I really think some of the things to take a closer look at as far as that destination is the fact that I would take my daughter anywhere that would give her the type of inclusivity that is available in a couple of these proposals. The sensory pieces that are in a couple of these proposals are so important to allow her interaction. She is cognitively aware and she loves kids. These sensory toys allow her to have interaction with other kids. I envision this park as a place that even more people would go to because of inclusivity. A couple things I really liked were the clear line of sight because safety is number one. In my opinion, Game Time is extraordinary. Their level of understanding is tremendous.

Councilor Morgan asks, do you prefer the Game Time design?

Lisa Detweiler responds yes based on all the options available.

Councilor Allen asks, to the people who have special needs children and Carol, no matter which design you prefer or choose, how many liberty swings do you prefer?

Lisa, Carol and Karen respond zero liberty swings.

Councilor Allen asks, do you have a relationship with any of the designers?

Lisa Detweiler responds I met Martha Rainey because I had written a letter to another city about another park.

Councilor Morgan states Buell has 2 swings in their design.

Martha Rainey states we don't have them in the proposal but we do offer them.

Ryan McNaughton states as a citizen I really think after looking through it all, Play by Design has passion. All you have to do is have a conversation with them and look at the communities they've built in and they have the most unique and magical designs. You won't have another one like it anywhere. Nobody else can provide that. If Play by Design is chosen I will volunteer and organize it. I know the community can come together. The other options are not unique. I'll organize and reach out to the community and get people to build it.

Bruce Stannard, Troutdale resident, states I'm really excited we're moving ahead. No matter which one we pick I hope we have a good security system on board.

Diane Castillo White, Troutdale resident, states I'm speaking for myself tonight. I'm glad there are more people here today. So far I've gone to 2 Town Hall meetings and each one had 5 to 10 people there. The last repair we did the City spent \$200,000.00 for

updates to Imagination Station. I am for a bigger structure. I believe the size creates the destination and that's a big draw to inclusiveness. As far as volunteering I want us to think about there being options as well. There's not an opportunity for everybody to build. We could maybe do an early toy drive in conjunction.

Councilor Morgan asks Martha Rainey from Game Time, is there anything in this design that is Troutdale specific or unique?

Martha Rainey responds I took the vision of the timbers look of Imagination Station. I took the timbers theme in the design. I also took the need for the beyond accessible that was in the RFP and created a design with all of the elements to make it an inclusive playground. As far as Troutdale itself the possibilities are endless.

Councilor Allen asks, can you respond to the boulder issues?

Martha Rainey responds the structure goes fairly deep. I've built a lot of playgrounds and sometimes when you are in a rocky area like The Dalles you have to excavate. This is all engineered in a factory and when it is put together it is compliant off the bat. There's no play because you don't want play.

Councilor Ripma states Game Time has the highest price and it's also bigger. Can you speak to the comparison or the square footage to sell us on the higher price?

Martha Rainey responds I followed the RFP. It was listed as 20,000 sq. feet in the RFP. I used the site as it is now. I followed the RFP and I built a big structure. I also knew that once the vendor was chosen we could make some modifications if you wanted it bigger or smaller. The 20,000 sq. feet of the pour in place was based on the RFP. That gives the foundation if you wanted to go bigger. We're not going to charge for a pour in place that's not there.

Councilor White states your company uses American standards and some of the others have European standards.

Martha Rainey states I can't speak to other people's standards but ours is made in America and they meet all safety standards.

Doug Buell, Buell Recreation, states I have with me my wife, Jeanne Buell and Ed Davis with Precision Recreation which is an installation company.

Mayor Ryan asks, what is the square footage of your design?

Doug Buell responds we have 12,000 sq. feet which is substantially smaller. We kept the wood fiber around the boulders.

Councilor Morgan asks, how is this a traditional park?

Doug Buell responds we put a lot of passion into play. This playground is unique. There will never be a playground like this in Oregon. This was designed uniquely for that footprint and the inclusivity and for the ages 2 to 12 years old. We're just as passionate about this project as the others are about theirs. I believe the community will embrace that.

Jeanne Buell states there is also a cruiser on there that is a component piece that a wheelchair can get on along with other children on the side. As far as customization, we've done some awesome playgrounds where we've actually taken historical pictures from communities and put those on our panels.

Doug Buell states I would like to address one of the questions that came up regarding volunteering, from our experience to have something in by the first week in October, we're not too late for that. I think it's critical that something takes place pretty quickly but with a 5 or 6 week lead time to bring the product here and then the time to demo then allow 2 to 3 weeks of install and the pour in place surfacing could be done in 7 to 10 days. That's cutting it very close.

Mayor Ryan asks, on the Play by Design proposal, does it have to be done that way with the fence around the liberty swing?

Lee Archin responds there are different options. The idea of the fence is that we don't want kids to run through that space. There needs to be a designated space. It can be artistic with one entry or it could be a decorative fence. We've just received an award in New York in 2017 for most inclusive design of a playground. It's something we're very proud of. Our process starts with going to the community. There's such a spectrum of disabilities and we want to create an inclusive design for Troutdale. Our design, this one especially, that sets it apart is the fact that we are a custom company so we don't have a mold that we have to use. If we get a call that there's a big boulder we can adjust our design with no additional charge. For accessibility, if you're creating a destination location you're going to get a lot more traffic through there. All our ramping systems allows 2 wheelchairs to pass at the same time. Every landing has a transfer station. A transfer station is a station where a child in a wheelchair that has upper body strength can exit through the 14 or 15 inch deck. There are low and high monkey bars, low and high trapeze rings and there is an inclusive orbit that allows a child in a wheelchair to actually go onto a merry-go-round. You don't have to get out of your wheelchair. You don't need help and you can be independent. In the surfacing we like to highlight active zones so we use a color for different zones. There are 2 therapeutic seats in your design that are bucket molded seats. We can also do dish swings.

Mayor Ryan states I appreciate the fact that you went in to both Sweetbriar and Troutdale Elementary and found out what the kids wanted.

Councilor Ripma asks, is it wood?

Lee Archin responds it's structural plastic and looks like wood. Our process is community driven. We love to do community builds. Our proposal is based on total community build.



We do have options if you want to hire local contractors or want us to bring contractors in.

Ray Young states I've maintained a lot of larger buildings in my life and one of the things that always frustrated me is that there are architects and designers that come in and build these wonderful things and then it's left to people to maintain it and they curse those people for the next 20 years because they're difficult to maintain. The maintenance in the parks department told me that it was almost impossible to get parts across the United States from Leathers in the beginning. They would tell them a year after the build that they didn't make certain parts anymore and they would have to do something locally to try to make it work. It was hard to deal with the maintenance issues after Imagination Station was installed. How has that changed? Or has it?

Lee Archin responds with Leathers, our foundation back then only had a couple of manufacturers. It evolved because of this. When we started Play by Design the first thing we did was, we found 8 to 10 reputable manufacturers that will keep our products. All the equipment comes with their own warranties. Servicing is simply the biggest maintenance issue for most playgrounds.

Ray Young states just for Council to know, Play by Design is not even on the same ballpark as the other designs as far as scoring sheets that were done by staff. One of the biggest mark downs for their plan was the warranty issue. It came in convoluted, third parties were involved, it seemed like a lot of work to make warranty claims and that's where the big mark down was on the scoring sheet.

Lee Archin states we deal with this all the time. I would suggest rather than me telling you all this that you call the parks departments we deal with.

Ray Young states I suggest to Council that whoever we select that we need to get at least 3 references in place that have had their structures on their property for 3 to 5 years. Our parks people can call their parks people.

Lee Archin states what we build today and what we built 20 years ago is completely 2 different structures. You can't compare them. We have to make sure the parks departments love it just as well. The installation is for 9 days as a community build. We come and organize the volunteers. We carry U.S. manufacturers but the liberty swing does not comply with U.S. standards. Everything complies with U.S. standards.

Councilor White states I'm not a big fan of the plastic wood. I know it's a newer product and it's only been around 15 years. We really don't know how long the life expectancy is of it.

Lee Archin states it's the best product that we've found. We haven't had any complaints on it and that's why we use it. It's superior to what it was 5 years ago.

Councilor Hudson states I would like to go with Play by Design for the same reasons other people support them. I would like to swap out the liberty swing and I think one or two of the disc swings would be a great substitute.

Councilor Allen states the line of sight is important. The forts are cool. I like the Play by Design as far as the fort aspect of it. The zip lines would be cool. I would swap out the liberty swing for another type of swing. I was also looking at the Buell structure because of the number of different things to do. My number one choice would be Buell and number two would be Play by Design.

Councilor White states I want to thank everybody that did an RFP. I agree with staff on this. Tim Seery has a lot of experience. I care less about passion and more about safety for the kids, longevity and ease of maintenance. I don't want to go for cheapest vendor either when it comes to something our community's children are going to be playing on. I'm not a big fan of plastic wood. Game Time is my choice.

Mayor Ryan states I like Play by Design for many of the reasons that Ryan liked it, for the reasons that Doug Daoust like it, and I saw the design they did in Joseph. I like Councilor Hudson's idea of getting rid of the liberty swing and doing something different there. All the designs I felt were inclusive. I also like the fact that you went to the schools.

Councilor Morgan states I like Play by Design and Game Time. I really like the concept that Play by Design did and that it's wood like. Hearing from Mrs. Allen who has worked in the field with all different backgrounds and from the folks that have disabilities was compelling. There's a big difference between access and inclusion. I would recommend Game Time.

Councilor Lauer states Play by Design. I think Play by Design sticks to what Imagination Station was before and what we would like it to be.

Councilor Ripma states I like them all. It was basically special needs versus passion. That's Game Time versus Play by Design. My first choice would be Game Time.

Councilor Allen asks, what about the idea of having staff look at the top 2 choices and checking on costs?

Councilor Ripma states you mentioned checking references for maintenance and warranty issues. I think it would be prudent for the Council to let the staff do that before we finally pick.

Councilor Allen states the top 2 are Play by Design and Game Time but with a check on references.

Councilor Ripma states it seems like the staff rated Play by Design low because of the experience you had with them. They deserve a chance to be checked out.

Councilor Allen states my preference between those 2 would be Play by Design but with a check on references.

Mayor Ryan states I think there's unfair history with Play by Design from 23 years ago. They're not the same company.

Ray Young states I'm with you, Mayor. I do appreciate that Lee did not deny or avoid the questions I asked. I think at this point I would offer to Council that staff get at least 3 references and I think we need to get a better definition on what the apples to apples cost would be for the Play by Design so that it's a more equal comparison to the Game Time proposal.

Mayor Ryan states I would like to put it on as an agenda item for a week from now so we can get the information for Game Time and Play by Design and then we can vote.

Ray Young states I would prefer to include a discussion meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and give staff some time.

Doug Daoust states you have the proposals in front of you. There's nothing that can be changed by either Game Time or Play by Design. Those are the numbers. Game Time is \$160,000.00 more than Play by Design. What you can do is negotiate the volunteers that are needed. The cost of the structure is the cost of the structure right now.

Ray Young states I would bet that by the time we're done with Play by Design details they're going to be much closer to the \$150,000.00 difference. I think the biggest issue for staff is references.

Councilor Ripma states we shouldn't decide on it tonight.

Ray Young states I appreciate everybody's concern but this is a 20-30 year investment in the community that I don't want anybody to feel rushed.

Councilor Morgan asks, from what I gather, Play by Design is designed to be more of a volunteer based army and the other group is designed to be more of an assembly contracted out design?

Ray Young responds comparatively yes.

Steve Gaschler states the numbers are the numbers but they're apples and oranges. In the RFP we asked for certain things and some did a better job in getting us those things than others.

Councilor White states I would like to get an answer on how much on either proposal we could use out of Parks SDCs.

Ray Young states I'll ask Erich to look at it.



**3. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Councilor Morgan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Lauer.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

  
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Casey Ryan, Mayor  
Dated: 7/12/2012

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

# CITY OF TROUTDALE

Work Session & Special Meeting

6:30PM

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

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