

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH VORTEX USA INC.
THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT # 423-13**

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2015, voters approved Proposition 7 which allowed the issuance of \$2,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for the construction of four new splash pads; and

WHEREAS, Splash Pad One will be at Scarborough Park and feature 21 other water play components. Splash Pad Two will be at Stevenson Park and showcase 21 other water play components. Though slightly different in shape both pads offer similar play areas. Each pad will provide shaded seating options including three benches and two picnic tables; and

WHEREAS, The splash pads were selected via the City's contract with Buy Board. Buy Board is a purchasing cooperative, which means that participating contracts and vendors have been competitively procured and meet all of the local and state procurement guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Two vendors, Kraftsman and Vortex, met those qualifications. Both firms were vetted through formal interviews and verification of references and work product. Both firms have great reputations, but Vortex offered more competitive pricing and features; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

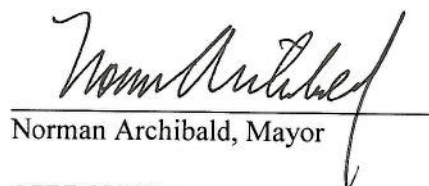
Part 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Vortex USA Inc. through BuyBoard Contract #423-13.

Part 2: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after passage

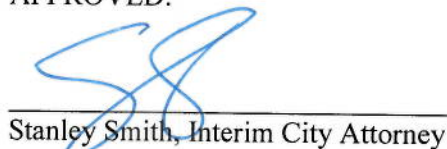
ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:


Danette Dunlap, City Secretary


Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:


Stanley Smith, Interim City Attorney