



## Parks & Recreation

# Memo

To: Eric Hanson, City Administrator

From: Linda Bruer, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: April 1, 2016

RE: Ballwin Days Fireworks

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\$10,000 was budgeted in the Ballwin Days program for a fireworks display on both Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, in Vlasis Park. The RFP included the budget amount and asked bidders to design two shows with similar shell counts with all shells in the 2 1/2"-3" size range. Proposals would be evaluated on the number of shells and other required safety factors. The RFP was advertised in the Business Journal, on the city's website, Isqft, Reed Business, EPlan and CMD group and sent to five different providers that have shown interest in the project previously.

Only one sealed bid was received on March 31 from J&M Displays, the company that has provided the fireworks displays for Ballwin Days the last several years. They are offering two shows, with 648 shell shots each, both choreographed to music. This is just two shots short of last year's shell count total. J&M meets or exceeds all safety and insurance requirements for the shows and has worked well with the city in the past with regard to set up, complying with local fire regulations, and providing shows that were well received by the public. I believe the committee will once again have a sponsor to cover all or a good portion of the cost of fireworks.

Therefore, I am recommending award of a contract for provision of fireworks for the 2016 Ballwin Days festival to J&M Displays in the amount of \$10,000. If you have any questions, please let me know.