

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of a water sprayground at Douglass Family Aquatic Center; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost thereof; providing for payment for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law; and setting a public hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council deems that the construction of a water sprayground at Douglass Family Aquatic Center is necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City.

SECTION 2. The nature and scope of the improvement shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, transportation, insurance and all other items, accessories and incidentals thereto necessary for the complete construction of the improvements.

SECTION 3. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$200,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Park Sales Tax Funds, Community Development Block Grant Funds, and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 5. Any work done in connection with the construction of the improvement specified above shall be in compliance with the provisions of the prevailing wage laws of the State of Missouri. The City shall also cause to be inserted into the contract a stipulation that all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractors in the performance of work under the contract shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Columbia for seven (7) consecutive insertions, and a public hearing in respect to this improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the Daniel Boone Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2009.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff 
DATE: December 18, 2008
RE: Douglass Park Sprayground Improvements

Mike Hood

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Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

Other Info.
 Ward 1
 C00417

Summary: The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to Douglass Park as approved in the City's FY-09 CIP budget. The project will consist of the construction of a sprayground area adjacent to the Douglass Family Aquatic Center. The sprayground will consist of fences and gates designed to allow park users access to the sprayground, but not the pool during times when the pool is closed. When the pool is open, access to the sprayground will only be through the pool. Total project cost is \$200,000 with \$75,000 coming from the Park Sales Tax and \$125,000 from the Community Development Block Grant funds. Construction is scheduled to begin during the 2009 construction season by a combination of park staff and contract labor.

Project Description: The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with the construction of a sprayground adjacent to the Douglass Family Aquatic Center. This project, as identified in the *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan*, includes replacing the little used wading pool and Raindrop feature and in their place, construct a sprayground similar to the one at Stephens Lake Park.

In an interested parties meeting conducted on November 24, 2008, park users expressed concerns that the Douglass Family Aquatic Center was only open from the time when school is out to approximately mid-August. Therefore, they preferred an arrangement where the sprayground will be open during times when the pool is closed. Staff believes that a gate system can be part of the plan to allow for this operation. The sprayground will be open from May 1 to September 30. Features will be activated by touch so that will only run when people are using the facility. There will be a timer to restrict hours of use. During the interested parties meeting, users also requested that additional lights be added near the sprayground and playground area.

Construction is scheduled to begin at the conclusion of the 2009 swim season or as soon as CDBG funds have been released. The department is anticipating that the project will be contracted out, but depending on the final bids, park staff may have to do some work such as the demolition, grading and perhaps even constructing the entire project. The existing wading pool and Raindrop feature will be eliminated but not the plumbing. Staff anticipates use of the existing plumbing to reduce capital costs. Additionally, the maintenance cost of operating the wading pool should offset the chemical and utility costs of operating the sprayground.

Park staff will install the sprayground lights and in concert with the Douglass Park Baseball Improvement Project, work on additional lighting for the playground and shelter area. Final landscaping will also be conducted by park staff.

During the installation of the sprayground lights, park staff will work with the Columbia Police Department on the installation of security cameras for both the sprayground, pool and basketball courts. Additional security cameras may be provided for the baseball field and shelter area as part of the City's Downtown Security Camera project. If not, staff will consider how to add cameras to these areas or at least provide conduit for future installation.

The \$200,000 project is included in the City's FY-09 capital improvement budget with \$75,000 in funds being provided by the voter approved Park Sales Tax and another \$125,000 provided by Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). Park staff will have to wait until Congress appropriates the funds which may not happen until April or May, 2009. This delays the construction of the project until after the 2009 swim season.

The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department.

Recommended Council Action: If the Council concurs that the project should proceed, the resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved. Following the public hearing, the ordinance authorizing the construction phase of the project should be adopted.

