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First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 460-06

**AN ORDINANCE**

authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Columbia School District for playground improvement projects at Mill Creek, Blue Ridge, Ridgeway and Russell Elementary Schools; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Columbia School District for playground improvement projects at Mill Creek, Blue Ridge, Ridgeway and Russell Elementary Schools. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Counselor

## Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, is entered into by and between the City of Columbia, Missouri, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "City") and Columbia School District (hereinafter "District").

WHEREAS, District is improving the playgrounds at the following elementary schools;

- a) Mill Creek Elementary, 2200 Nifong Blvd West
- b) Blue Ridge Elementary, 2801 Leeway Drive
- c) Ridgeway Elementary, 107 East Sexton Road
- d) Russell Elementary, 1800 West Rollins Road, and;

WHEREAS, City, in accordance with Policy Resolution 20-98, is willing to participate in funding of the acquisition of outdoor play and fitness equipment at the above schools; and

WHEREAS, District is willing to make the playground available to the public when it is not being used for school activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and District agree as follows:

1. City will reimburse District in an amount up to \$15,000 per school for improvements to the outdoor play equipment at Mill Creek, Blue Ridge, Ridgeway and Russell Elementary Schools. Total reimbursement shall not exceed \$60,000. Reimbursement will be made upon receipt of documentation of actual expenditures made by the District with respect to the playground development.
2. As a condition of receiving the payment for playground equipment, District agrees to:
  - a) Keep its playgrounds at Mill Creek, Blue Ridge, Ridgeway and Russell Elementary Schools open to the public at all reasonable times when it is not in use for school activities.
  - b) Submit its playground plans and specifications to the City for approval.
  - c) Build the playground according to the plan submittal.
  - d) Hold the City harmless for any and all claims or damages for personal injury or property damage arising out of the use of the playground, whether by students or by members of the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and District have been duly authorized to execute this agreement as of the above referenced date.

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
H. William Watkins, City Manager

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Fred Boeckmann, City Counselor

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Phyllis Chase, Superintendent

ATTEST:

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Source

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** City Manager and Staff



**DATE:** October 19, 2006

**RE:** Playground Development Projects – Mill Creek, Blue Ridge, Russell, and Ridgeway Elementary Schools

Michael Hood



Summary: Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment that is located on school grounds up to an amount of \$15,000 per school. Continuing with this City/School partnership, the City's FY-2005 CIP budget included \$15,000 for Mill Creek and the FY-2007 CIP budget includes \$45,000 for Blue Ridge, Russell and Ridgeway Elementary Schools. Park staff has met with representatives of the Columbia Public School District, and both are pleased to recommend these projects. The City's funding source comes from the Park Sales Tax and will be matched with funds from the school district, PTA, and private donations. An ordinance is needed to authorize an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for the implementation of this project.

Fiscal Impact

YES x

NO

Discussion: Since 1998, the City Council has authorized the spending of the city funds for outdoor play equipment to be located on public school grounds. The policy requires that the School District agree to make the outdoor facilities available for use by the public whenever it is not being used for school activities. Previous projects funded under this policy include Grant (1998), Benton (2000), Field (2000), Lee (2001), West Blvd (2002), Parkade (2004), Mill Creek (2005) and Shepard (2006) schools. No appropriation was funded in FY-2003. These projects have been positively received by both the schools and the general public. Mill Creek has been delayed due to on-going school construction and administrative staff turn-over.

Park planners will work with school officials concerning the type and location of the play equipment. All work will be conducted by the school district or under their direction, and the district will be responsible for the continued maintenance of the equipment. Once the equipment is successfully installed, park staff will inspect and once approved, will authorize the release of the funds up to \$15,000 per school.

This ordinance, if approved, authorizes an agreement (Exhibit A) with the Columbia Public School District for this project, provides procedures for implementing the playground improvements, and assures that the facilities will be open for public use.

Suggested Council Action: If Council concurs that the project should proceed, the ordinance authorizing the agreement should be passed.

Other Info.

