

## A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for renovation of an existing playground and construction of a new park shelter and adjacent parking lot at Cosmo Bethel Park; 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 renovation of an existing playground and construction of a new park shelter and adjacent parking lot at Cosmo Bethel Park, 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 \$225,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Park Sales Tax Funds, Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funds, the Annual Park Improvement Fund 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.

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 September 18, 2006.

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

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

Source

**TO:** City Council

Mike Hood



**FROM:** City Manager and Staff



**DATE:** August 24, 2006

**RE: Cosmo Bethel Park: New Shelter and Playground Renovation**

Fiscal Impact

YES x

NO

Other Info.

C00218 Shelter  
C00187 Playground

Summary: The City of Columbia's fiscal year 2004 and 2005 budgets include a total appropriation of \$225,000 for improvements to Cosmo Bethel Park. Specific improvements include \$95,000 for the renovation of the existing playground and \$130,000 for the construction of a new park shelter and adjacent parking lot. The two projects will be bid through the purchasing department and will involve the use of both force account and contract labor.

Discussion: The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to Cosmo Bethel Park, located at 4500 Bethel Street. Bethel Park is a 40 acre park that consists of four tennis courts, a practice baseball/softball field, three small shelters that are reserved as one unit, park restroom, 7 acre fishing lake, an open space playfield, gravel walking trails and reservable garden plots.

Specific improvements include the renovation of the existing playground and the construction of a new shelter and parking lot. All of the existing playground equipment is over 25 years old, and in some cases does not meet current standards for play equipment. A wooden boardwalk located on the perimeter berm of the playground is beyond normal maintenance repairs. All of the old equipment will be removed with the exception of a recently added swing set.

During the demolition process, the existing site will be graded to improve drainage on both the playground and nearby practice baseball/softball field. Once site improvements are completed, the new play equipment will be installed in the existing location. The wooden boardwalk will be replaced with concrete walkways with some increase to the slope and height of the surrounding berm. This will maintain the unique characteristic of the Bethel playground and provide for a long lasting, accessible, perimeter walkway.

In addition to the playground project, park staff is ready to proceed on the construction of a new medium sized shelter and adjacent 80 car parking lot. The shelter and parking lot will be located on the site of the existing garden plots. Currently, eleven of the sixteen garden plots are reserved and staff has notified renters that this may be the last year of the available plots at Bethel. There are ten plots available at Fairview and more could be added if needed. Reasons for selecting this site for the new shelter and parking lot are:

1. The new location is close to the existing restroom and playground.
2. The new parking lot will serve the shelter as well as provide parking for those wanting to use the open space play area and ball field. This area has been under utilized due to its condition and the lack of parking.
3. The open space play area and ball field will be improved to eliminate drainage issues and will receive new soil that was donated by the Columbia Public School District when the Rock Bridge High School football field was rebuilt.
4. The parking lot will provide over-flow parking for the larger tennis tournaments that occur on the combined school and park tennis courts.

The new shelter will be 48-ft x 28-ft in size, consistent in style and construction materials of the recently constructed shelters at Stephens Lake Park. This will be a reservable shelter, and staff feels that it will be rented almost every weekend from mid-April through the fall.

Funding for the playground project was included in the City's FY-04 and FY-05 capital improvement budgets with a total project cost of \$95,000 including \$75,000 from the Park Sales Tax and \$20,000 in force account labor. Funding for the shelter and parking lot project was included in the City's FY-05 capital improvement budget with a total project cost of \$130,000 including \$100,000 in 1999 1/4-cent sales tax and \$30,000 force account labor.

Construction on both of these projects is scheduled to begin this fall and will be completed using contract and force account labor. Installation of the play equipment and asphalt parking lot overlay will be contracted while Park Department staff will construct the park shelter and all necessary grading and site improvements.

**Recommended Council Action:** If the Council concurs that the projects 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.

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# BETHEL PARK MASTER PLAN

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