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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 407-07

AN ORDINANCE

authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Columbia School District for a playground improvement project at Field Elementary School; 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 a playground improvement project at Field Elementary School. 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 _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this _____ day of _____, 2007, is entered into by and between the City of Columbia, Missouri, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "City") and the Columbia School District (hereinafter "District").

WHEREAS, District is improving the playground at its elementary school located at 1010 Range Line Street, known as Field Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, City, in accordance with Policy Resolution 20-98, is willing to participate in funding of the acquisition of play and fitness equipment and trail at Field Elementary School; 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 for improvements to the playground at its Field Elementary School. 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 playground at Field Elementary School 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:

Fred Boeckmann, City Counselor

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____

ATTEST:

Source

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff 

DATE: November 20, 2007

RE: City/School Playground Development Project – Field Elementary School

Michael Hood


Summary: Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment at eleven elementary schools located within the Columbia Public School District (CPSD). The City’s FY-2008 CIP budget includes \$15,000 for Field Elementary School. In 2000, Field Neighborhood Park was being developed and the playground was located on Field school property in order to preserve green space in the small one acre park. That playground was designed for toddlers and young children (kindergarten, first grade, etc.). This second phase is to install a playground for use by older children in the upper elementary grade levels. The City’s funding source comes from the Park Sales Tax . An ordinance is needed to authorize an agreement with the CPSD for the implementation of this project. The Field School playground project has been identified by the School District as their highest priority for the cooperative city/school district playground program for 2008.

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), Shepard (2006), Blue Ridge (2007), Russell (2007) and Ridgeway (2007) Elementary Schools. No appropriation was funded in FY-2003. These projects have been positively received by both the school and the general public.

Other Info.

In 1999-2000, the Field Neighborhood Park was being planned and developed. As part of the planning process, the park playground was located on Field School property in order to preserve green space in the small one acre park. This playground project was funded out of the CDBG funds that were used to develop the neighborhood park. The School District selected a playground designed for young children (toddlers, kindergarten first grade, etc.) as that was their priority at the time. This second phase is to replace an older, outdated playground designed for use by older children in the upper elementary grade levels. 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 to the school.

This ordinance, if approved, authorizes an agreement (Exhibit A) with the Columbia Public School District for this project and provides procedures for implementing the

playground improvement project 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.