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TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff *[Signature]*
DATE: November 1, 2007
RE: Hickman Pool Improvements

SUMMARY: Following a public hearing at the September 4, 2007, City Council Meeting, the Council approved an agreement with the Columbia Public School District to proceed with improvements to the Hickman High School Indoor Swimming Pool. Under the terms of the agreement, the cost of the improvements is to be split 50-50 between the two entities. Bids have now been received for the planned improvements. Total cost for the improvements based on the bids received is \$528,412 which is substantially above the agreement estimate of \$340,000-\$350,000. The agreement specifies that the City and School shall agree to the maximum cost of the project prior to proceeding with the project.

Fiscal Impact
YES
NO

Based on the bids received, the City's share of the project will increase by approximately \$94,200. The proposed source for the additional funding is park sales tax annual park improvement funds. Staff recommends the City proceed with the Hickman Pool Improvement Project under the terms of the existing agreement.

DISCUSSION: School District officials recently opened bids for the heating, air conditioning, and ventilation improvements proposed for the Hickman High School Swimming Pool. Three bids were received with the low bid being \$491,651. While this amount substantially exceeds original estimates of \$340,000 to \$350,000, it appears to be a reasonable bid as all other bids received were in the same approximate cost range. In addition, City staff working with school officials and pool consultants have determined that to effectively address the pool's air and water quality problems, an ultraviolet treatment system should be added to the pool's water treatment system. Cost of this system is \$36,761 and is identical to such a system recently installed at the ARC. That system has been very effective in addressing water and air quality problems at the ARC.

Total cost of the proposed improvements now stands at \$528,412 (\$491,651 plus \$36,761). The City's share of the project would be \$264,206, an increase of \$94,206 over the original estimate of \$170,000. The agreement between the City and the School District specifies that the City and School shall agree to the maximum cost of the project before proceeding. The agreement also specifies that the City shall reimburse the School District the City's share of the project

Other Info.

cost over a three year period. Staff is proposing that park sales tax annual park improvement funds be used to meet the increased cost of the project. Spread over the three year period, an additional \$31,400 would be required annually.

School officials have indicated their desire to proceed with the project. It is staff's recommendation that the City also proceed with the project under the terms of the approved agreement with the understanding that the project cost is now estimated to be \$528, 412.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION: If Council concurs with the staff recommendation, direct staff to continue working with School District officials to implement the proposed project.