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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 15-09

AN ORDINANCE

determining it is in the public interest to construct improvements at Douglass Park; approving and adopting plans and specifications; determining that the work shall be done by contract; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; determining that a portion of the project shall be done by city employees; providing for payment for the improvement; authorizing the City Manager to obtain, execute and record all documents necessary for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law and state-mandated construction safety training; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing improvements at Douglass Park; and

WHEREAS, the resolution was published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing on construction of the improvements.

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

SECTION 1. The Council finds that the construction of improvements at Douglass Park, including improvements to the baseball/softball field fencing, spectator area, walkways, re-grading of the infield and outfield and electrical conduit and park lighting improvements, in the City of Columbia, Missouri, is necessary for the welfare and improvement of the city and that it is in the public interest that such improvements be made.

SECTION 2. The plans and specifications for the improvements, as prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation and filed in the office of the City Clerk, are hereby approved and made a part of this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 3. The construction of the improvements shall be done by contract in accordance with the plans and specifications, the laws of the State of Missouri, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 4. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to call for bids and execute a contract for the grading, concrete and fence work. As deemed advisable by the City Manager, city employees shall be used for seeding and the installation of electrical conduit and park lighting.

SECTION 5. Payment for the improvements shall be made from Park Sales Tax Funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 6. The City Manager is authorized to obtain, execute and have recorded all licenses, easements, deeds and any other conveyances or instruments necessary for the City to complete the improvements.

SECTION 7. The contract for the improvement shall provide that not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages, as found by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of Missouri, shall be paid to all workers performing work under the contract. The contractor's bond shall guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing hourly wage clause in the contract.

SECTION 8. The bid specifications and contract for the improvement shall provide that the contractor and any subcontractor shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program (or a similar program approved by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations) for all employees working on-site. All employees working on the site of the improvement are required to complete the safety program within 60 days of beginning work on the improvement project.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED 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 Baseball Improvements

Mike Hood



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 improvements to the Douglass Baseball/Softball field, specifically, improvements to the fence, spectator area, walkways, and re-grading of the infield and outfield. Total project cost is \$55,000 with funding coming from the Park Sales Tax. Construction is scheduled to begin during the 2009 construction season by a combination of park staff and contract labor.

Fiscal Impact

YES X

NO

Project Description: The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to the Douglass Park Baseball/Softball field. This project, as identified in the *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan*, includes specific improvements to the Douglass baseball and softball field, home to the Douglass baseball league.

In an interested parties meeting conducted on November 24, 2008, the priority improvements for Douglass Park are listed below, in priority order:

1. Drainage improvements on the outfield and infield.
2. Extension of right and left field foul line fences including maintenance gates.
3. Improvements to the batting cage and the spectator area.
4. Widen walkways to the field and shelter, including creating a larger concrete patio area for grilling and hosting larger events.
5. Conduit and additional lighting improvements as funding allows.
6. Add on-site, secure storage as funding allows.
7. Adding a scoreboard that could be used for both football and baseball as funding allows.

(1). Many years ago, a City street ran through the current location of the Douglass baseball field. This street was demolished and filled in, but the remains of rocks, uneven playing surfaces, and poor drainage still cause problems. Park staff is proposing to re-grade both the infield and outfield and haul in fill and top soil as needed. This is where the cost of the project is unknown as the amount of fill and topsoil will not be determined until grading starts. Therefore, some of the lower priority options are listed as possible items as funding allows. (2). Since the baseball field is also used during the fall for youth football games, planners are proposing to only install fences down the foul lines and use the existing park perimeter fence as the perimeter outfield fence. Park staff will also clean-up and remove the brush that has grown through the perimeter fence. (3). Since the Douglass baseball league is an instructional, developmental league, the use of the batting cage is critical. Staff is proposing to pour a concrete pad where the batters stand, thus allowing for a high number of users without deteriorating the turf and allow for use during times when the field is too wet for other activities.

Other Info.

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(4). Staff is also proposing to improve the walkways and spectator area by increasing the width of the concrete walkways and pouring additional concrete bleacher areas. The added width to the walkways and re-routing some of them will improve park user access and allow for daily access of maintenance trucks that need to get to the field, restroom, basketball courts and the trash cans without rutting or causing soil compaction. Around the Douglass Shelter, staff is proposing to increase the size of the concrete apron in order to create a larger patio area to handle the large crowds and allow for users to park larger pull-behind grills, stages, additional tables or other items. This is similar to what the department is doing at recently constructed shelters such as Cosmo-Bethel Park.

The next items are requested, but funding for these items depends on how much the grading and fill soil of the baseball field will cost. (5). While the baseball field is well lit, areas around the field, such as the playground and shelter, could use additional lighting. When games are played at night, having lights near the shelter and playground will make parents with younger children feel safer. Park staff will at least place conduit in the ground and then be able to add lights in the future if it's not possible at this time. (6). Since programming staff from the Parks and Recreation Department conduct many of the Douglass programs, a storage area for materials and supplies is needed. Staff currently uses a wooden pre-manufactured storage shed, but it is undersized and does not have any lights or electricity. Plus, as a wooden structure, staff is uncomfortable about leaving items of any significant value in the shed. Staff is proposing to increase the size of the existing granite block restroom by adding a storeroom to the west wall. This room will have a steel door and include lights and electric. (7). A scoreboard that will work for both baseball and football games rounds out the list of priorities.

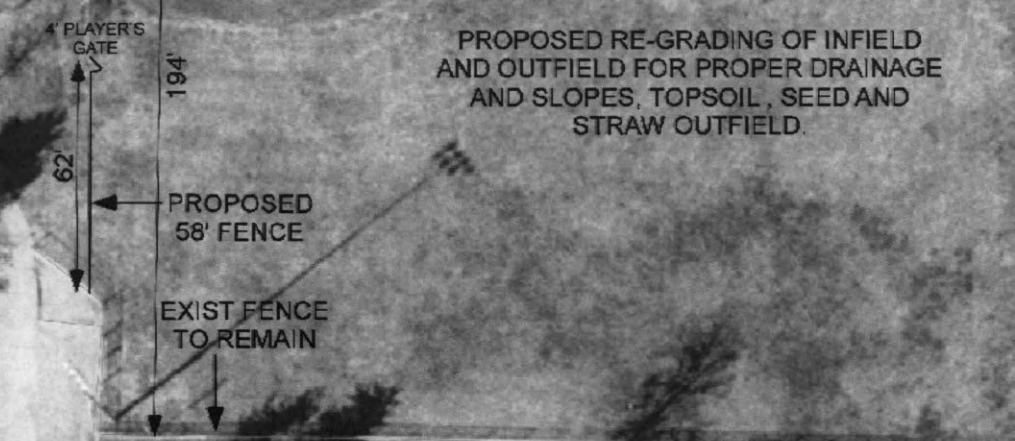
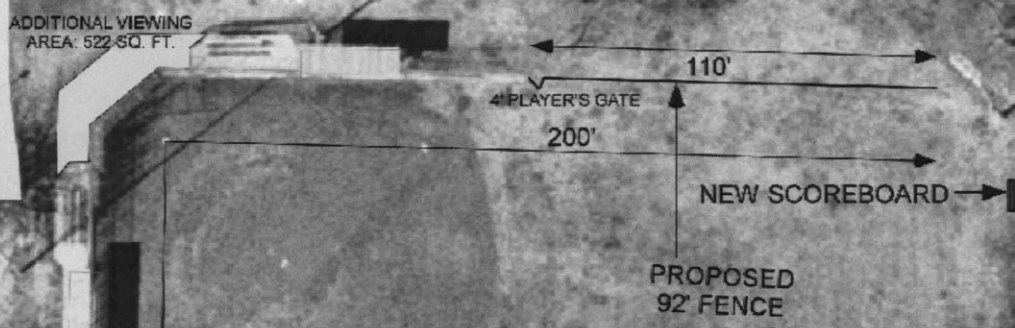
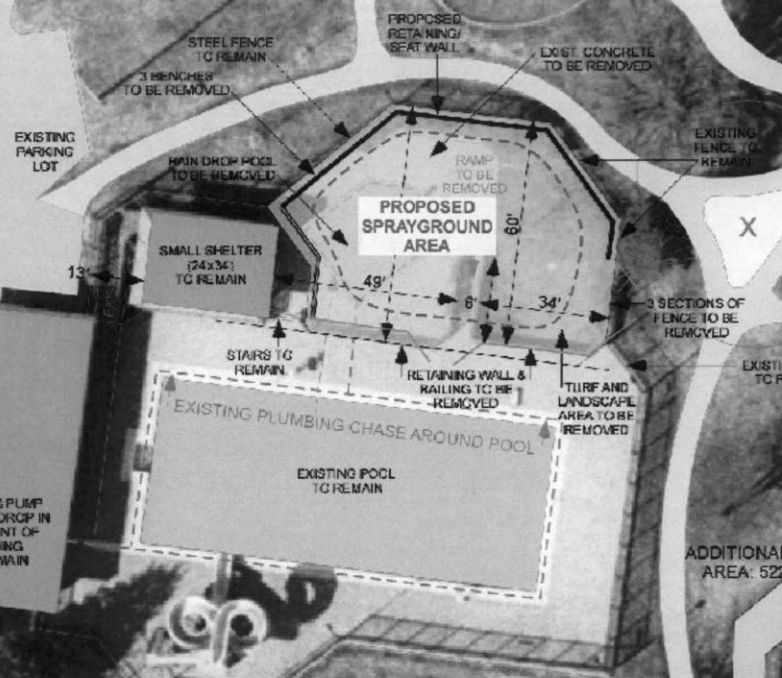
The \$55,000 project is included in the City's FY-09 capital improvement budget with funds being provided by the voter approved Park Sales Tax.

Construction is scheduled to begin this spring and continue throughout the summer. The grading, concrete and fence work will be done by contract labor with park staff conducting seeding and the installation of electrical conduits and lights. Priority is to start with the grading to determine how much fill and top soil will be needed. The goal is to have the field ready for practices and games May 1, 2009.

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.

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PROPOSED RE-GRADING OF INFIELD AND OUTFIELD FOR PROPER DRAINAGE AND SLOPES, TOPSOIL, SEED AND STRAW OUTFIELD.

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR DOUGLASS PARK
SPRAY-GROUND AND BASEBALL FIELD**

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