Agenda Item Number: B156-14  
Department Source: Parks and Recreation  
To: City Council  
From: City Manager & Staff  
Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2014  
Re: City/School Playground Improvement Agreement: Hickman High School

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Ordinance, Exhibits to Ordinance  
Supporting documentation includes: Correspondence from Columbia Public School District.

Executive Summary

Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment at fourteen schools located within the Columbia Public School District (CPSD). At the December 16, 2013 meeting, Council approved an agreement which provided $25,000 for playground improvements at New Haven, Parkade, Fairview, and Russell Elementary Schools. As indicated in the attached letter, the school district’s priority is to construct a preschool playground at Hickman High School. The old agreement should be terminated and replaced with a new agreement. The agreement (Exhibit A) states that the playground will be available to the public during non-school hours which will be a benefit for those in the 1st Ward. The City’s funding source for the project comes from the 2010 Park Sales Tax and FY-2014 marks the third year of the five year funding program. An ordinance is needed to authorize an agreement with the CPSD for the implementation of this project.

Discussion

The Columbia Public School District’s other two high schools, Rock Bridge and Battle High Schools each have a preschool playground and program for students. This project will provide funding for the construction of a preschool playground at Hickman High School. The school district is in the process of completing a preschool program area inside Hickman and these funds will be used to provide the exterior playground.


This ordinance, if approved, authorizes an agreement with the Columbia Public School District. This agreement authorizes the Hickman High Preschool Playground project for FY-2014 and provides procedures for implementing the playground improvement project and assures that the facilities will be open for public use. The school district is responsible for the construction and ongoing maintenance
relating to these improvements.

**Fiscal Impact**

Short-Term Impact: Funds have already been appropriated as part of the original agreement as approved by Council in December 2013. This action re-assigns the funding.
Long-Term Impact: None. The school district is responsible for the construction and maintenance after the project is complete.

**Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact**

Vision Impact: Parks, Recreation and Greenways
Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing
Comprehensive Plan Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Livable & Sustainable Communities

**Suggested Council Action**

If Council concurs that the project should proceed, the December 16, 2013 agreement as authorized by Ordinance 021932 should be terminated and the new ordinance authorizing the Hickman agreement should be passed.

**Legislative History**

December 16, 2013 Council Bill B369-13 which authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for New Haven, Parkade, Fairview and Russell Elementary Schools.

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Department Approved

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City Manager Approved
AN ORDINANCE

authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District to substitute a playground improvement project at David H. Hickman High School in place of the New Haven Elementary School, Parkade Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School and Russell Boulevard Elementary School playground improvement projects; 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 Public School District for fiscal year 2014 playground improvement projects to substitute a playground improvement project at David H. Hickman High School in place of the New Haven Elementary School, Parkade Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School and Russell Boulevard Elementary School playground improvement projects. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially in the same form as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto.

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

PASSED this _________ day of ______________________, 2014.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
AGREEMENT

This Agreement dated this ______ day of ______________, 2014, is entered into by and between the City of Columbia, Missouri, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "City") and Columbia Public School District (hereinafter "District").

Whereas, District is improving the playground facilities at David H. Hickman High School; and

Whereas, City, in accordance with Policy Resolution 20-98, is willing to participate in funding of the construction of a preschool playground at David H. Hickman High School; and

Whereas, District is willing to make this playground improvements available to the public when the playgrounds are not being used for school activities.

Now, therefore, City and District agree as follows:

1. Terminate the December 16, 2013 agreement which provided Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) for playground improvements at New Haven Elementary School, Parkade Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School and Russell Boulevard Elementary School.

2. City will reimburse District in an amount up to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) for construction of a new preschool playground at David H. Hickman High School. Reimbursement will be made upon receipt of documentation of actual expenditures made by the District with respect to the facility development.

3. As a condition of receiving the payment for these improvements, District agrees to:
   a. Keep its playgrounds at David H. Hickman High School open to the public at all reasonable times when not in use for school activities.
   b. Submit improvement plans and specifications to City's Parks and Recreation Department for approval.
   c. Construct the improvements according to the plan submitted.
   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.
   e. Install and maintain a permanent sign on site that indicates: “Partial funding provided by the Park Sales Tax.” If requested, Parks & Recreation can
provide a sign or the appropriate wording could be worked into an existing sign.

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: ________________________________
   Mike Matthes, City Manager

ATTEST:

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Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Nancy Thompson, City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above expenditure is within the purpose of the appropriation to which it is charged, Account No. ____________________, and that there is an unencumbered balance to the credit of such appropriation sufficient to pay therefor.

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John Blattel, Finance Director

COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: ________________________________

ATTEST:

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Correspondence from Columbia Public School District.
February 28, 2014

Columbia Parks and Recreation Department
Michael Griggs, Director
PO Box 6015
Columbia MO 65205-6015

Dear Mr. Griggs,

For a number of years, the Columbia Public Schools and the City of Columbia have worked jointly to improve the playgrounds of the neighborhood schools so they can better serve the community. We are grateful for the continued support of this joint vision. For the 2013-2014 school year we would like to identify:

1. Preschool Playground Structure at Hickman High School: $25,000

Please feel free to contact me or Charlie Oestreich, Director of Building Services if you have any question regarding this project.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Peter Stiepleman

Cc: Dr. Chris Belcher, Superintendent of Schools
    Dr. Nick Boren, Deputy Superintendent
    Mrs. Carole Garth, Principal of New Haven Elementary
    Ms. Jacquie Ward, Principal of Shepard Elementary School
    Mrs. Karen Burger, Principal of Lee Elementary School
    Mr. Charles Oestreich, Director of Building Services