

# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



**Agenda Item Number:** B 68-15

**Department Source:** Parks and Recreation

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager & Staff

**Council Meeting Date:** 3/16/2015

**Re:** City/School Co-op Playground Improvement Agreement: New Haven and Russell Blvd. Elementary Schools

## Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance, Exhibits to Resolution/Ordinance

**Supporting documentation includes:** Correspondence from Public

## Executive Summary

Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment located within the Columbia Public School District (CPSD). The City's FY-2015 CIP budget includes \$25,000 for the City/School cooperative playground improvement program. CPSD has identified construction of a running/walking track at New Haven Elementary School and new playground equipment at Russell Boulevard Elementary School as their priorities for FY-2015. The City's funding source for the project comes from the 2010 Park Sales Tax, and FY-2015 marks the fourth year of the five-year funding program. An ordinance is needed to authorize the cooperative agreement.

## Discussion

Columbia Public School District (CPSD) has identified New Haven Elementary and Russell Boulevard Elementary Schools as their priorities for the \$25,000 FY-2015 City/School playground improvement grant. The specific projects are:

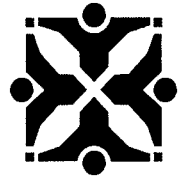
- New Haven Elementary Track - \$10,000
- Russell Boulevard Elementary Playground Equipment - \$15,000

Previous school projects funded under this policy include Grant (1998); Benton and Field (2000); Lee (2001); West Blvd (2002); (No funding budgeted in FY-2003); Parkade (2004); Mill Creek (2005); Shepard (2006); Blue Ridge, Russell, and Ridgeway (2007); Parkade Phase II (2008); Fairview (2009); Derby Ridge (2010); Grant (2011); West Junior (2012); Shepard, West Blvd., and Lee Elementary (2013); and Hickman High School (2014). These projects have been positively received by both the school and the general public.

The cooperative agreement provides procedures for implementing the playground improvement projects and ensures that the facilities will be open for public use. CPSD is responsible for the construction and ongoing maintenance related to the improvements. This ordinance, if approved, authorizes the cooperative agreement with Columbia Public School District.

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## Fiscal Impact

**Short-Term Impact:** The project cost is \$25,000. The project was budgeted in the FY-2015 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program and funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax.  
**Long-Term Impact:** None. Columbia Public School District is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the project after completion.

## 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 the Council concurs that the project should proceed, approve the ordinance authorizing the agreement.

## Legislative History

Ordinance #22097, passed June 16, 2014; Authorizing FY 2014 Agreement with CPSD  
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/codemaster/attachment.php?ordid=21241>

Ordinance #21931, passed December 16, 2013; Authorizing FY 2013 Agreement with CPSD  
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/codemaster/attachment.php?ordid=20946>

Ordinance #21228; passed February 6, 2012; Authorizing FY 2012 Agreement with CPSD  
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/codemaster/attachment.php?ordid=19761>

Council Bill #PR 20-98 A, passed January 20, 1998; Establishing a policy on spending city funds for playground equipment on school property.  
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/codemaster/attachment.php?ordid=1852>

Other historical information on City/School co-op playground projects can be found online at:  
[https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks\\_and\\_Facilities/annual\\_city\\_school.php](https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks_and_Facilities/annual_city_school.php)

  
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Department Approved

  
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City Manager Approved

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 68-15

**AN ORDINANCE**

authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for FY 2015 playground improvement projects at New Haven Elementary School and Russell Boulevard 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 Public School District for FY 2015 playground improvement projects at New Haven Elementary School and Russell Boulevard Elementary School. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Counselor

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, 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 two elementary schools; specifically, New Haven Elementary School and Russell Boulevard Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, City, in accordance with Policy Resolution 20-98, is willing to participate in funding the construction of a walking/running track at New Haven Elementary School and the acquisition and installation of playground equipment at Russell Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, District is willing to make these playground and running/walking track improvements available to the public when the playground and running/walking track are not being used for school activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and District agree as follows:

1. City will reimburse District in an amount up to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for improvements to the playgrounds at Russell Boulevard Elementary School and New Haven Elementary School. Specific improvements include a new walking/running track at New Haven Elementary School and installation of new playground equipment at Russell Boulevard Elementary School. Reimbursement will be made upon receipt of documentation of actual expenditures made by the District with respect to the facility development.
2. As a condition of receiving the payment for these improvements, District agrees to:
  - a. Keep its playground at Russell Elementary School and walking/running track at New Haven Elementary 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.

- f. Complete the projects by May 31, 2017. If due to extenuating or unusual circumstances the District is unable to complete the projects by May 31, 2017, the District may request an extension. Requests should be made in writing to the Parks and Recreation Department not less than 30 days prior to the project deadline and should include an explanation of the extenuating circumstances, a report of the progress to date, and the estimated time needed to complete the project(s). Failure to complete the projects on time or obtain approval for a time extension will result in the forfeiture of City funding.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**

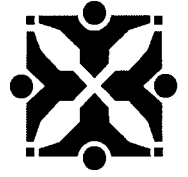
By: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH  
THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Correspondence from Public



**COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Superintendent of Schools

**Neil C. Aslin Administration Building**  
1818 West Worley Street  
Columbia, MO 65203  
Phone (573) 214-3400  
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December 4, 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 playground of the neighborhood schools so they can better serve the community. We are grateful for the continued support of this joint vision. For the 2015-2016 school year we would like to identify:

1. New Haven Elementary track - \$10,000
2. Russell Boulevard Elementary playground equipment - \$15,000

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

Respectfully,

Ben Tilley

Cc: Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Dana Clippard, Deputy Superintendent  
Mrs. Carole Garth, Principal of New Haven Elementary School  
Dr. Jill Dunlap-Brown, Principal of Russell Elementary School  
Mr. Charles Oestreich, Director of Building Services