AN ORDINANCE

declaring it is in the public interest to proceed with construction of restroom and concession facilities to serve the soccer, football and lacrosse fields at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area; approving plans and specifications for the improvements determining that the work shall be done by City employees; providing for payment for the improvement; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing restroom and concession facilities to serve the soccer, football and lacrosse fields at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the notice of a public hearing on this project 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 improvement.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that construction of restroom and concession facilities to serve the soccer, football and lacrosse fields at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area 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 improvement, as prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation, are hereby approved, adopted and made a part hereof by reference as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 3. As deemed advisable by the City Manager, City employees shall be used to construct the improvements.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from parks sales tax funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
PASSED this _______ day of ______________________, 2012

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with improvements to the soccer, football and lacrosse fields located in the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park). The department cosponsors these programs with the Columbia Soccer Club, Columbia Youth Football league and the Mid-Missouri Lacrosse League and one of their top priorities for improvement is the addition of a restroom that services remote soccer fields and a small, seasonal, concession/restroom facility near the football/lacrosse premier fields. The project budget is $125,000 and was included and funded in the 2010 Park Sales Tax ballot issue. The project will be bid through the City’s Purchasing Department with the installation conducted by park staff. Work will begin this later this summer or early fall with the goal of having the restrooms operational at the beginning of the spring 2013 soccer and lacrosse season.

DISCUSSION:
The Parks and Recreation Department provides youth and adult soccer and youth football and lacrosse programs on 25 fields located within the 533 acre Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area at 1615 Business Loop 70 West. Soccer utilizes 19 fields and football and lacrosse share six fields as football is a fall sport and lacrosse traditionally plays in the spring.

The department cosponsors these programs with three organizations, the Columbia Soccer Club, Columbia Youth Football League and the Mid-Missouri Lacrosse League. Recreation sports programming staff serves as an ex-officio board member and has been working with each organization regarding their priorities for improvements to the fields. These discussions helped develop project priorities for the 2010 Park Sales Tax ballot issue. P&R staff originally thought that one restroom/concession facility might service all three organizations, but after multiple meetings, it became apparent that one restroom location would not meet the needs of all three groups. Park planning staff then decided to look at alternatives including the possibility of constructing two restroom facilities, one of which would include additional space for a small concession operation.

One restroom will be located near the Cosmo Park round-about, providing restroom facilities to soccer and football fields. Staff is proposing that this restroom be a small (136 sq ft), precast concrete, restroom similar to the ones located on the MKT Trailheads and commonly found in Missouri’s State Parks. This restroom will have two stalls and have an estimated cost of $48,000 for materials, supplies and installation by park staff.

The second restroom is planned to be a similar precast concrete model, but it includes more space for a small, seasonal concession operation. This facility is approximately 260 square feet in size and staff estimates that the total cost to purchase materials, supplies and install the facility is $90,000. This brings the total project cost to $138,000 exceeding the $125,000 budget. The Columbia Youth Football League is very interested in operating the concession portion of this project and in exchange for concession rights, is willing to donate up to $15,000. Staff is planning to bid the project through the City’s Purchasing department and depending on bid amounts, will determine the final amount of funds, if any, the CYFL needs to contribute. Staff will then return to Council to accept and appropriate the funds to the project.

On February 16, 2012, park planning staff conducted an interested party meeting at the ARC. The top two field priorities were lights on the two largest football/lacrosse fields and a small seasonal restroom/concession facility. The 2010 Park Sales Tax includes a project that will provide lights for the football and lacrosse fields and staff is submitting a council request for authorization on this project as well. During this IP meeting, members of both clubs expressed a desire to include a small shelter for spectator and player gatherings. The cost for materials only for a small shelter is $15,000 and staff has submitted a funding request to the
Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. If this funding request is successful, staff will return to Council to accept and appropriate the funds to this project.

The work will be bid through the City’s Purchasing Department and will be completed using all park staff labor. Work is estimated to begin later this summer or early fall after the football/lacrosse lights are installed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
The total project cost is $125,000 and is funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax. There will be slightly higher water, sewer and electric bills, but staff will not have to rent port-a-pots in these areas once the facilities are constructed.

**VISION IMPACT:**
http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php

12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia-including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks-will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

12.2 Goal: Columbia’s recreational needs and desires will be met through effective public and private partnerships that provide outstanding, exciting, and diverse recreational facilities such as, but not limited to, an ice skating rink, golf courses, tennis courts, soccer fields, ball fields, ball parks, and swimming pools. These facilities will be placed appropriately throughout the city to allow easy access for everyone.

Implementation task #40: Fund and complete capital improvement program projects (parks).

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**
Approve the resolution setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed.

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**FISCAL and VISION NOTES:**

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