A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of a third baseball field at the Thomas E. ‘Country’ Atkins Jr. Memorial Park Baseball Complex; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost of the improvement; providing for payment for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law; and setting a public hearing.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council deems the construction of a third baseball field at the Thomas E. ‘Country’ Atkins Jr. Memorial Park Baseball Complex, necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City.

SECTION 2. The nature and scope of the improvement shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, transportation, insurance and all other items, accessories and incidentals thereto necessary for the complete construction of the improvements.

SECTION 3. The estimated cost of this improvement is $166,667.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Park Sales Tax Funds, a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 5. Any work done in connection with the construction of the improvement specified above shall be in compliance with the provisions of the prevailing wage laws of the State of Missouri. The City shall also cause to be inserted into the contract a stipulation that all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractors in the performance of work under the contract shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

SECTION 6. A public hearing in respect to this improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2010. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this ______ day of ___________________________, 2010.
ATTEST:

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City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Parks and Recreation recently received notice of final approval (grant agreement) of a Land and Water Fund Grant for partial funding for the construction of a third baseball field at the Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Memorial Park Baseball Complex. Total project cost is estimated at $166,667.00. The grant would provide 45% ($75,000) of the project cost with the local match being $91,667 from the previously appropriated Park Sales Tax budget for the Youth Athletic Field Complex project # C00280. Depending on grant approval to proceed, planning and construction will begin during the late winter or early spring of 2011. Work will be done by a combination of contract and park staff. It is estimated that play on this third field will begin on March 2012.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Parks and Recreation recently received notice of final approval (grant agreement) of a Land and Water Fund Grant for partial funding for the construction of a third baseball field at the Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Memorial Park Baseball Complex. The continued efforts to complete the proposed five field baseball complex at Atkins Park will help meet the demand for additional baseball fields for use by youth of Columbia and Boone County. The third field will not be lighted at this time, but will have all of the necessary electrical and conduits in place and ready for additional funds. It is estimated that the cost to light this third field will be approximately $125,000. Funds to light the field were included in the 2010 park sales tax ballot issue and will be available in the future, once an implementation plan is approved by Council. Funding will also be available from the 2010 sales tax to expand the parking and develop other amenities including restroom and concession facilities.

Depending on grant approval to proceed, planning and construction will begin during the late winter or early spring of 2011. Play will begin in late March 2012. Grading and some fence work will be done by contract labor with park staff performing all other construction activities such as field construction, electrical work and landscaping.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total project cost is estimated at $166,667.00. The grant would provide 45% ($75,000) of the project cost with the local match being $91,667 from the previously appropriated Park Sales Tax budget for the Youth Athletic Field Complex project # C00280. Upon completion of the third
field, the Department would incur some increased maintenance expenses. As there are two fields already being maintained at the site, the additional costs would be limited to those costs specifically related to maintenance of the third field (mowing, field preparation, fertilization, etc) and are estimated at approximately $5,000 - $6,000 per year. Staff believes that approximately fifty per cent of the additional costs will be offset by additional revenue generated from use of the field. This third field will allow larger tournaments and create additional indirect revenue for the city through expenditures at hotels, restaurants and retail shops.

VISION IMPACT:
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.
12.2.2 Strategy: Be proactive in expanding facilities as Columbia grows
Implementation Tasks 40: Fund and complete capital improvement program projects

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:
Approve the resolution setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance accepting the grant, appropriating the fund, and authorizing the project to proceed.
INITIAL DEVELOPMENT
A 400'/375'/325' FIELD
B 350'/325' FIELD
C IRRIGATION LAKE
D 129 CAR LOT AND ROAD
E SHELTER
(MAY BE MOVED IN LATER PHASES)

ATKINS LWCF GRANT DEVELOPMENT
F 350'/325' FIELD

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT
G MAIN COMPLEX ENTRY
H CONCESSION/RESTROOM
I 275' FIELDS
J BATTING CAGES
K ADDITIONAL ROADS AND PARKING

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
L BALL FIELD COMPLEX
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/TEE-BALL FIELDS
CONCESSIONS & RESTROOM
M MAIN PARK ENTRY
N SHELTERS/PLAYGROUNDS
O ADDITIONAL PARKING

OAKLAND GRAVEL ROAD ENTRY
BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Jr. Memorial Park
Development Plan