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

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

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

Council Bill No. B 276-11

**AN ORDINANCE**

determining it is in the public interest for the construction of improvements to Rainbow Softball Center; approving and adopting plans and specifications; determining that a portion of the work shall be done by contract; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; determining that a portion of the work 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 to Rainbow Softball Center; 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 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 to Rainbow Softball Center, specifically to include the expansion of existing dugouts, scoreboard replacements, renovations to the baseball field surfaces and the installation of new fencing, 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 this improvement, as prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation, are hereby approved and made a part of this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 3. The construction of a portion of the improvement 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 City Manager, through the head of the purchasing division, is hereby authorized to call for bids and award a contract for installation of all backstop and dugout fencing. As deemed advisable by the City Manager, City employees shall be used for the other improvements, including the demolition of the old fencing and dugouts.

SECTION 5. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Recreation Services User Fees 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 this improvement.

SECTION 7. The contract for a portion of 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 a portion of 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

ATTEST:

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

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

**TO: City Council**  
**FROM: City Manager and Staff** *MM*  
**DATE: September 19, 2011**  
**RE: Rainbow Softball Center Improvements**

<b>City Fiscal Impact</b> Enter all that apply:	
\$200,000	City's current net FY cost. RSR Capital
\$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
\$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
\$0	Estimated 2 yr net costs: One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
<b>Program Impact:</b>	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
<b>Resources Required:</b>	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
<b>Mandates:</b>	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)
<b>Vision Implementation Impact</b> Enter Below All That Applies: Refer to Website:	
Y	Vision Impact? (Y/N or if N, go no further)
12.1	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
#	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
40	FY10/FY11 Implementation Task#

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with renovations to the Rainbow Softball Center, specifically, improvements to the six softball fields located within the complex. These improvements will include renovations to multiple aspects of the playing surfaces and the field fencing. Park planning staff recently conducted a user survey and held interested party meetings and believes that the proposed renovations represent a consensus of users and park staff. The work will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed with a combination of contract and park staff labor. Work is scheduled to begin on the six fields in November 2011 at the end of the fall softball season. Total project cost is estimated at \$200,000 and is funded through the Recreation Services User Fee fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Rainbow Softball Center is located within the 533 acre Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area at 1615 Business Loop 70 West. The softball complex features 6 lighted softball fields, concession/restroom facility, playground, batting cages, and a shared asphalt parking lot.

Staff's first step in attempting to identify needed renovations for the complex was to conduct a survey of user groups. The survey was used to gather information, suggestions, and priorities for facility renovations. Surveys were submitted via the City's website or by completing hard copy surveys located at the Rainbow Softball Center concession stand. The survey generated 275 respondents and their answers were used to develop a proposed list of renovation priorities.

On Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sports Turf Park Supervisor conducted interested party meetings at the facility to discuss the proposed improvements with users. Ninety-three (93) users stopped by to discuss priorities and agreed that many of the proposed improvements were needed to improve the safety, playability and aesthetic value of the complex.

A meeting with department staff was held to finalize the list of renovations and gather final comments and suggestions. The following is a list of renovations funded by the Recreation Services User Fee Fund that are proposed to be completed beginning in November of 2011:

1. Expansion of the existing dugouts to allow access to each side of the dugout and increase the amount of space within the dugout for players and equipment. Every player now carries their own equipment/bat bag and the existing dugouts are considerably smaller than the ones built at newer facilities such as the Atkins Baseball Complex (See Attachment A).

2. Removal of the current foul line to improve the safety of the playing surface. The fields will be sodded and foul lines will be painted weekly.
3. Replacement of the current scoreboards with LED scoreboards that will cut future energy costs and will not require the level of maintenance needed by the current scoreboards.
4. Addition of new backstop fencing and shade screening to protect player vision from issues with the setting sun and foul ball protection for spectators.
5. Renovation of the infield material to improve playability and decrease the number of rainouts.
6. Installation of a yellow fence crown on the outfield fences for player protection and installation of new maintenance gates to replace the current failing gates.

The Rainbow Softball Center renovation project is included in the City's FY-12 capital improvement budget with construction scheduled to begin in November 2011. Different aspects of the renovations will take place throughout the year with the goal of completing the majority of the projects before the spring 2012 softball season.

The work will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and park staff labor. Contract labor will be used for the installation of all backstop and dugout fencing with park staff providing the labor for the demolition of the old fencing and dugouts. Park staff will be responsible for the completion of all other facets of the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is a renovation project for the six existing fields at Rainbow Softball Center. The total project cost is estimated at \$200,000 and is funded through the Recreational Services User Fee funds. The Department currently schedules league and tournament games on the six fields and is already committed to maintenance of the complex. The renovations that will take place will not only improve the quality of the playing experience, but will also help reduce maintenance costs related to getting the fields ready for play after inclement weather. The renovations of the complex will also improve the aesthetic value of the facility with a goal of attracting more user groups and tournaments to the facility with improved playing conditions and an overall upgrade of the facility.

**VISION IMPACT:**

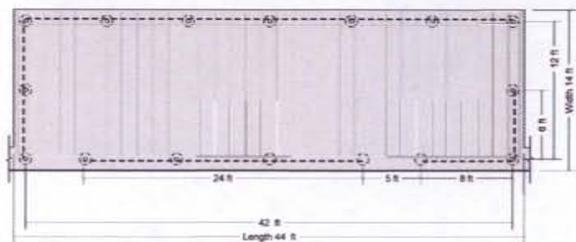
12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia-including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks-will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

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

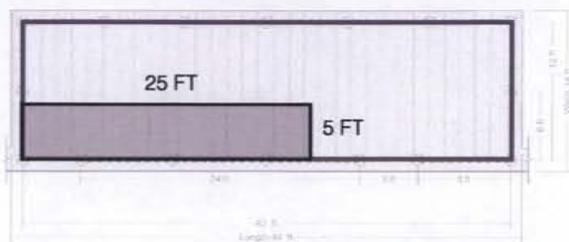
**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

If the Council concurs that the project should proceed, the resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved, and following the public hearing, the ordinance authorizing the project should be adopted.

# RAINBOW BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DUGOUT EXPANSION



NEW DUGOUT PLAN



RAINBOW DUGOUT CONSTRUCTION



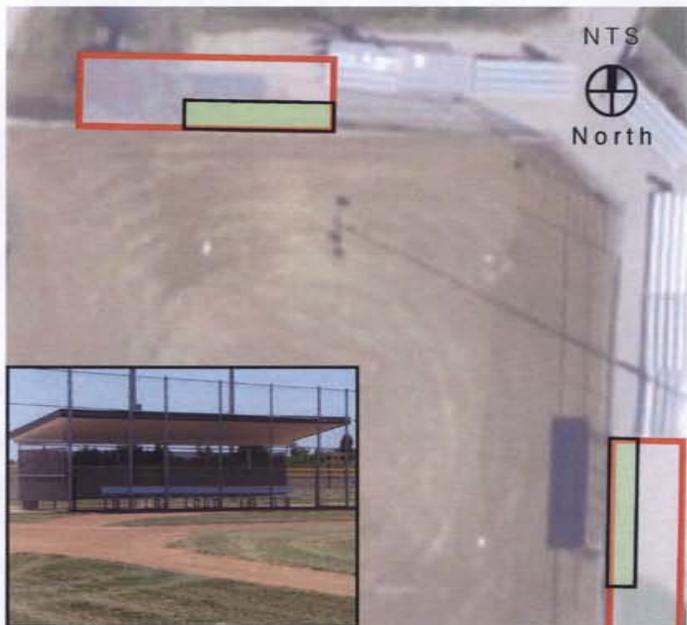
RAINBOW DUGOUTS

Existing dugouts on site. Currently twelve of these are located on the Rainbow complex. Dugouts have only one entrance, which is accessed only by first accessing the infield shown here in blue.



BENCHES

Benches are of aluminum construction. Benches have seating and a backing but no space either on top of or behind for equipment storage during game use.



RAINBOW DUGOUTS OVERLAY

Shown here is a character picture of a new dugout at Atkins baseball field complex along with a plan showing the size of a new dugout construction on an existing field at the Rainbow complex. New Construction dugouts are exactly four times the size of the existing dugouts at Rainbow at 504 sq. ft. as appose to 125 sq. ft. The exterior dimensions of the new dugouts are shown as a red outline over the two dugouts on this field.



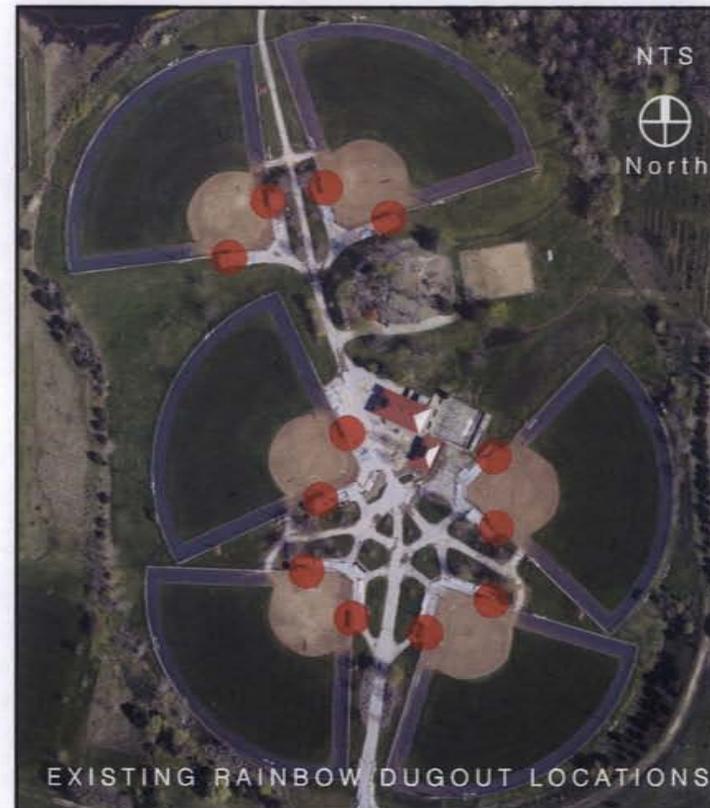
ATKINS DUGOUTS

Perspective of typical new dugout construction. Two infield facing entrances are shown in blue and a exterior facing entry way is shown in orange. Dugouts also consist of a sloping roof as appose to a flat roof construction.



LEGION BENCHES

New construction of dugout bench seating. Aluminum frame and seating facade as well as extra backing for equipment placement and storage during game play.



EXISTING RAINBOW DUGOUT LOCATIONS

