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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 38-12

AN ORDINANCE

appropriating funds for the Rainbow Softball Center improvement project; 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 sum of \$50,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Recreation User Fees Account No. 552-0000-101.01-90 RRFUFE to the Rainbow Softball Center Improvement Project Account No. 552-5588-881.49-90 C46075 for the Rainbow Softball Center improvement project.

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

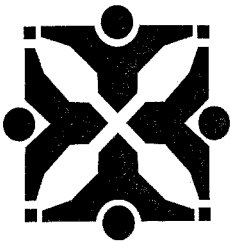
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I certify there are sufficient funds available in the Recreation User Fees Account No. 552-0000-101.01-90 RRFUFE to cover the above appropriation.

Director of Finance



Source: Parks and Recreation *MH*

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff *MH*

Council Meeting Date: Feb 6, 2012

Re: Appropriating Recreation Services User Fee funds to the Rainbow Softball Center Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On October 17, 2011, Council approved \$200,000 in Recreation Services User Fee funds for improvements to the Rainbow Softball Center. These improvements include dugout expansion, new scoreboards, chain link fence replacement and improvements to the infields. Park staff has begun work on the demolition of the existing fence and dugouts and will start on the infield improvements after the fence work has been completed. Unfortunately, bids for the fence work exceeds the estimated budget for the project. P&R staff estimated the fencing work to be in the \$90,000-\$100,000 range, but the low bidder's price was \$163,304. In speaking with the vendors, the primary reason for the higher than anticipated bids is that chain link fencing work is being classified under the prevailing wage rules as Ironworkers requiring a much higher wage scale than previous fencing projects. Staff anticipates that some work will be done by P&R staff to negotiate a lower bid price, but is requesting that \$50,000 be transferred from the Recreation Services User Fee funds to the Rainbow Softball Center project. Staff is also seeking a \$25,000 grant from the Convention & Visitor's Bureau and if that request is successful, these additional funds will be used for further improvements to Rainbow.

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. Over the last 25+ years, the complex has hosted numerous local, state, regional and national tournaments. The complex is in need of renovation in order to meet current standards of newer complexes that were built throughout the state.

After conducting a user survey and several meetings, park staff developed the following list of renovations identified for this project:

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.
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 fence portion of this project is scheduled to be conducted by contract labor. In previous fence contracts, many vendors utilized a combination of skilled and unskilled laborer pay rate when submitting bids. In a review of existing Missouri Prevailing Wage laws, the prevailing wage for chain link fence workers should have been placed under the

category of Ironworker. As noted in Section 8 CSR 30-3.060 Occupational Titles of Work Descriptions from the Missouri Department of Labor, Ironworkers are responsible for the "installation of ornamental iron, such as revolving doors, gates, handrails, window grills, jail and cell work and chain link fences." With this ruling, chain link fence bids are coming in at higher than expected costs. The low bidder for this project, Collins & Herman Fence Company from St. Louis, submitted a low bid of \$163,304 for this project. Park staff, using previous fence bids as a guideline, had estimated \$90,000-\$100,000. Staff is considering having Collins & Herman do most of the work, with park staff contributing some labor in order to negotiate a lower bid price.

Park staff is also applying for a \$25,000 grant from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau's Attraction and Development Fund. If this grant is successful, staff will return to Council to appropriate the funds for further improvements to the Rainbow Softball Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this Council action is the transfer of \$50,000 from the Recreation Services User Fee fund to the Rainbow Softball Center Project. The Recreation Services User Fee fund consists of funds generated from a portion of the fees paid by the users of various parks and recreation facilities. These funds can only be used for capital projects at recreational facilities. Youth and adult sports league participants generate a large portion of user fee funds. As of the date of this memo, the Recreation Services User Fee fund has a balance of \$183,298. This transfer will leave a balance of \$133,298 and by the end of the fiscal year, staff estimates that the total balance will be in the \$200,000-\$225,000 range depending on the number of participants in P&R programs.

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.

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

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Approve the ordinance appropriating the Recreation Services User Fee funds to the Rainbow Softball Center Project.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$250,000	New Program/Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$200,000	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$50,000	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$250,000	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.1
Operating/Ongoing	None	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	40