

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Jeremy Laurentowski, Parks and Recreation Director *SL*

BY: Emilio Blanco, Landscape/Parks Maintenance Superintendent *EB*

DATE: March 31, 2015 (CC Meeting April 15, 2015)

SUBJECT: Consider the Campus Canyon Park Turf Renovation and Resolution Amending FY 2014/15 Budget

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2014, the City held a Youth Sports Committee (Committee) meeting at the Arroyo Vista Recreation Center. The City generally holds two meetings each year in order to obtain information regarding the leagues, to discuss concerns, and coordinate schedules. The meeting included City Staff, members of the Committee, and representatives from the youth sports organizations.

One topic of ongoing discussion was a request from Moorpark Soccer Club (MSC) to renovate the Campus Canyon Park upper athletic field. The high use of the field has caused excessive wear over the years and the turf area is in need of renovation.

DISCUSSION

The Campus Canyon Park upper athletic field is used primarily for soccer. MSC has rented the field consistently for approximately ten years for both practices and home games. Over the last several years, the City has completed many irrigation upgrades and minor renovations to the athletic field in an effort to maintain the fields. However, staff feels that it would be beneficial to replace the fescue with a hybrid Bermuda turf in order to minimize long term maintenance costs and reduce water use.

Hybrid Bermuda is superior to fescue when used as athletic field turf. Bermuda is a spreading turf type that will fill in and recover when used by high impact sports such as soccer. It also has a lower mowing height for improved field of play. In addition, hybrid Bermuda becomes semi-dormant from late November through mid-March and uses approximately 20% less water as compared to fescue. The turf renovation would also

provide an additional athletic field that can be used by other high impact sports if needed at a future date.

The turf renovation would require a contractor to complete the chemical application to remove the existing turf, as well as any irrigation modifications. Park maintenance staff would complete the fine grading and install the seed and organic amendments needed for establishment.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff has included approximately \$5,000 annually in the City's operating budget to maintain the fields at Campus Canyon Park due to the high use of the fields. Staff estimates that the cost to remove the fescue and replace the turf with a hybrid Bermuda will cost approximately \$10,000. Staff has contacted the MSC Board (Board) regarding these costs and the Board has agreed to contribute \$1,500 toward the renovation. It should be noted that the contribution from MSC is comparable, on a percentage basis, to the contribution the City received from the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) in 2010 when the City renovated Arroyo Vista Community Park (AVCP), or 15% of the total cost of the renovation. In order to maintain the turf and minimize long term maintenance costs, staff will move MSC to other fields for practice during the off season, such as Peach Hill Park or AVCP. Staff anticipates a 25% to 50% reduction in annual maintenance costs due to the spreading type characteristics of the Bermuda turf and a return on investment of approximately four to seven years.

There is no funding in the Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget for this project. The net cost to the General Fund is \$8,500. Staff is requesting \$10,000 additional appropriations in the Property Maintenance expenditure account (9252) from the General Fund and this will be offset by \$1,500 contribution revenue account (3730) from the Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (ROLL CALL VOTE)

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015_____.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2015-_____
2. Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND (1000) FOR THE UPPER ATHLETIC FIELD TURF RENOVATION AT CAMPUS CANYON PARK.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2014, the City Council adopted the Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/15; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2015, a staff report was presented to City Council recommending an \$8,500 net budget amendment in the General Fund (1000) to renovate the upper athletic field at Campus Canyon Park. A \$10,000 appropriation increase in the property maintenance expenditure account (9252) and an additional \$1,500 in the contribution revenue account (3730) to offset the renovation costs are required; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" hereof describes said budget amendment and its resultant impact to the budget line items.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A net budget amendment of \$8,500 in the General Fund (1000) involving a budget expenditure account of \$10,000 in the property maintenance expenditure account (9252) and budget revenue increase of \$1,500 in the contribution revenue account (3730) for the turf renovation project of the upper athletic field at Campus Canyon Park, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2015.

Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Benson, City Clerk

Attachment: Exhibit A – Budget Amendment

