

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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02-386

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

JULY 22, 2002

Approve the request for bids to replace the playing field at Sec Taylor Stadium.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

CONSTRUCTION
BID FOR SEC
TAYLOR STADIUM
FIELD

\$865,000. Funding for the construction project is shown in the current Capital Improvements Program budget, Sec Taylor Stadium Infrastructure, Project CPO40PKS990000PKS132.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Sec Taylor Stadium and parking lot were renovated in 1991. The playing field was not included in the renovation project. The playing field is located on top of a fill area and was built without the benefit of a modern drainage system. Consequently, over the years several areas of the field have settled and heaved while other areas have retained water that forms depressions and uneven playing surfaces. These conditions create the potential for player injuries. It is also very difficult to maintain the field turf in its present state. These conditions are below standard for professional baseball, and the Chicago Cubs asked that it be replaced.

A preliminary geo-technical investigation recommends that approximately the top four feet of the entire playing field be replaced and compacted. An adequate drainage system and an automatic irrigation system with controller would be installed. Once reconstructed, the outfield would be sodded and a new warning track, infield, and bullpen area would be installed. All work would begin in September 2002 following the regular season or tournament play and

be completed by Spring 2003 in time for the start of the new baseball season.

On May 6, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-1107, the City Council approved the use of HOK Sports, Inc. for the design of this project because of their previous experience with Sec Taylor Stadium and their expertise with sports facilities.
