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City Manager's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT—

Approving Community Attraction and Tourism Program Grant Agreement for Principal Park Stadium Improvements

SYNOPSIS—

The State has prepared a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Agreement that provides a grant of \$950,000 for the Principal Park Stadium Improvements. With the increased funding for the project, improvements at Principal Park will include water features and other amenities that were not included in the original project.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$950,000 Community Attraction and Tourism Program Grant for Principal Park – Fund CP040, Organization PKS990000, Project PKS132, Activity ID 11-2005-002.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On June 28, 2005, by Roll Call 05-1597, the City Council authorized the submittal of a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant application for \$1.2 million. On August 10, 2005, the Board approved a grant of \$950,000 for the Principal Park project contingent on the City providing an additional \$250,000. On August 22, 2005, the City Council accepted the CAT grant award and allocated additional financing for the Principal Park Stadium Improvements.

The CAT grant agreement includes provisions to receive reimbursements based on the percentage of CAT funds to the total project cost. Project expenditures made prior to August 10, 2005 cannot be included for the purposes of the agreement. To comply with the CAT agreement, the project must be completed by August 2007 and include the following components, as presented in the application:

- Grandstand extension with seating
- Replace stadium seating
- Bleacher seating/picnic area deck
- Scoreboard replacement
- Refurbish Cub Club facade
- Plaza and water feature

The current construction contract includes the project components described, with the exceptions of the scoreboard and the enhanced water feature described in the grant application. The scoreboard is being replaced by the Iowa Cubs. On July 25, 2005, Council Communication 05-418 included a staff recommendation that the construction of the enhanced water feature be added to the current contract with Larson and Larson Construction LLC (Jeffrey C. Larson, President, Urbandale, IA). Once the design is complete, a change order will be negotiated with the contractor to delete the base fountain plaza and construct the enhanced water feature. The change order will be presented to the City Council for consideration at that time.