

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2015 SOFTBALL FIELD IRRIGATION SYSTEM REPLACEMENT IN RIVER VALLEY PARK

BACKGROUND:

This project is to replace the irrigation system on six diamonds in River Valley Park. The current system, installed in the mid 1980's, is inefficient and is in need of significant repairs to restore functionality, reduce breakdowns, and improve reliability.

The cost estimate for this project is as follows:

Materials and equipment	\$ 65,000
Installation	\$ 42,500
Consultant and Design Fees	\$ 10,000
Contingency	<u>\$ 11,000</u>
Total Cost	\$128,500

The budget for this project is \$90,000 from Local Option Sales Tax funds. Since the Engineer's estimate for the project exceeds this amount, additional funding has been identified from \$31,000 in savings in the Auditorium Flooring and Stage Replacement project and from \$22,000 in savings from the Inis Grove Tennis Court Renovations project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2014 Softball Field Irrigation System Replacement in River Valley Park and set January 28, 2015, as the bid due date and February 10, 2015, as the date of hearing and award of the construction contract.
2. Do not approve the plans and specifications at this time, delaying the 2014 Softball Field Irrigation Replacement in River Valley Park.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The proposed project will provide much-needed improvements to six softball fields. It will address the issues of reliability, functionality, and efficiency by replacing the old system and thus improving the playing conditions on the fields.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.