ITEM # <u>18</u> DATE: 5-14-13

## **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2013 SOFTBALL FIELD FENCING & LIGTHING SOUTH RIVER VALLEY PARK

## BACKGROUND:

This project is to replace fencing and lighting on the two diamonds in South River Valley Park. The current fencing is old and is a potential safety hazard. The lighting is currently insufficient for activities on these fields.

While \$260,000 was included in the budget for this project, the architectural/engineering firm's current estimate for this project is \$293,000. If needed after the bids are received, additional funds are available from savings associated with the following projects: \$20,000 from Carr Pool demolition, \$15,000 from Ada Hayden bridge erosion, and \$10,000 from Homewood bank stabilization.

## **ALTERNATIVES**:

- 1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2013 Softball Field Fencing & Lighting South River Valley Park and set June 12, 2013 as the bid due date and June 25, 2013 as the date of hearing and award of the construction contract.
- 2. Do not approve the plans and specifications at this time, delaying the 2013 Softball Field Fencing & Lighting South River Valley Park.

## MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The proposed project will provide much-needed improvements to two softball fields, reducing the safety hazard of the old fencing and improving the lighting by replacing the old inadequate lighting.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications for the 2013 Softball Field Fencing & Lighting South River Valley Park and set June 12, 2013 as the bid due date and June 25, 2013 as the date of hearing and award of the construction contract.