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# MEMO

**To:** Mayor and Council Members  
**From:** Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager  
**Date:** January 24, 2020  
**Subject:** Hunziker Youth Sports Complex Lease

The City leases property to the Ames Youth Sports Complex, Inc. for the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex (HYSC). This lease was initiated in 1994 and it expires in February 2025. City staff was contacted several months ago by representatives of the Complex to discuss developing a new lease. Although it is well in advance of the lease expiration, Complex representatives would like to extend the lease sooner to facilitate making improvements in the next few years.

Complex representatives have indicated that as part of a lease extension, they would like to discuss the responsibility for patching the access road and installing reflectors on the curve, extending the leased premises on the northwest for a future overflow parking area, and incorporating funding into the lease agreement instead of through the annual Outside Funding Request process. City staff has not made commitments to any of these issues. Staff has asked Complex staff to prepare a revised site master plan, since the HYSC has developed substantially differently from the original plan adopted in the 1990s.

**Unless the City Council directs otherwise, City staff will continue working with the Complex to negotiate an extension of the lease agreement.** The City Council will likely be asked to provide direction regarding several of the issues raised by the Complex.