SPECIAL KUNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2009
KUNA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 763 W. AVALON

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Dowdy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT:	Mayor Dowdy, Council President Lang, Councilwoman Bachman, and Councilmember Cardoza. Councilmember Stroebel was absent.
ALSO PRESENT:	City Engineer Gordon Law, P & Z Director Steve Hasson, City Attorney Randy Grove, Parks Supervisor Bobby Withrow and Deputy City Clerk Chris Engels.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF THE BALLFIELD PROJECT AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

M/Dowdy reported that he asked for this meeting to be held regarding the status of the diamonds. There is a concern that if sod and sprinklers are not installed now, the fields wouldn't be playable next year.

CE/Law stated that he met with Walt Douglas six weeks ago and asked for a schedule. The infields are torn up. The relocation of the fields has not been completed. There are some sprinklers and dirt hauled. If this isn't done in the next week or 10 days, the opportunity to get grass in will be past. There is no budget for this and if council wants to press forward with the sod, there would need to be consent. He provided a rough estimate for sod and provided copies of the parks budget for Council so they may remove something from the budget to cover the costs of repairing the fields.

In response to C/Cardoza, CE/Law indicated that there is $1700 in Walt Douglas' redevelopment funds but that money is committed to specific items. He was unsure if all the money has been used on the Home Depot card.

In response to C/Bachman, the fields fell through because Walt Douglas expected promises to come through but it didn't pan out.

C/Bachman wondered if the city can find volunteers of equipment or materials.

CE/Law stated that the proposed costs would pay 3 temporary employees.

In response to C/Cardoza, it is too late to hydro seed and still provide for field use next year.

In response to C/Bachman, CE/Law stated that Cory Barton may have pulled back funds it had previously offered to donate. He reiterated that the city has time limits. $9,700 is for sod

and $13,000 is for non-critical items He suggested the only places to cut from the parks budget or designate from contingency.

Council considered various options to cut out of parks department budget.

In response to C/Bachman, Deputy City Clerk Engels agreed to facilitate volunteers to repair non-sod items at the fields next spring.

Bobby Withrow reported that Leola Vega offered some of her staff to cut back on the labor costs.

CE/Law also stated that there may be a possible donation of the sod.

Dustin with Ridgeline Construction reported that they hauled 180 yards to the fields today. The problem with the plan is because of the grade. He spent $400 in fuel today but can't continue to cover that cost. He has been trying to help as he could but paying jobs come first. He indicated he could get sod for ten cents a sq. ft. He detailed the grade drainage and that the sprinkler lines may be too high.

In response to C/Cardoza, Dustin said the sod is for the infield and a small section around the diamond.

An unknown speaker said the grade has been done but the project has grown too large. It was started short of funds. Now everyone is busy.

In response to C/Bachman, CE/Law stated that the cost of the sod is ten cents a sq. ft.

CE/Law indicated that the area the field has been moved to also needs to be sodded.

Moved by C/Lang, seconded by C/Cardoza to set aside $7,000 from the contingency fund for sod and sprinklers for the field and baseball diamonds. Motion Carried 3-0-1 C/Stroebel absent.

In response to unknown speaker, CE/Law stated that Bobby Withrow will be the project manager.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by C/Lang, seconded by C/Bachman to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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J. Scott Dowdy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chris Engels, Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: November 17, 2009