



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DATE: May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Motion to approve the Purchase of Topsoil (COMAND 80/20) from Golf Agronomic & Supply in the amount of \$65,142.80 based on Athletic Field Renovations Contract NO. SIS2025-8. **Parks & Recreation**

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval of the purchase of top dressing (Topsoil) COMAND 80/20 from Golf Agronomic & Supply in the amount of \$ 65,142.8 for athletic field maintenance.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

On March 8, 2025, the City Commission approved the complete renovation of the Bill Lips Sports Complex Multipurpose fields. During the March 8th Commission, the Parks and Recreation department stated that regular field maintenance and repairs would take place this summer on the Athletic fields. Focused on restoring our heavily used fields. During this time, we will follow the maintenance schedule and update the ([Park Project Updates & Field Status - Cooper City, FL](#)) website. The website will show which fields are available for use and which are down, with a weekly schedule.

- **Bill Lips Softball Fields \$17,214.75**
- **Suellen H. Fardelmann Multi Fields A & B \$20,603.05**
- **Suellen H. Fardelmann Baseball Fields \$27,325.00**

ANALYSIS:

Renovations to athletic playing surfaces are critical to ensuring safe play across all sports and align with our commitment to providing inclusive and high-quality recreational opportunities. The use of top-dressing Topsoil (COMAND 80/20) specifically is recommended because it provides an ideal balance of sand and organic compost material, improving soil structure, enhancing nutrient retention, promoting healthy turf growth, and increasing resilience against drought and high-traffic use. Applying top dressing Topsoil (COMAND 80/20) during the summer maintenance window will help rejuvenate field conditions, promote faster turf recovery, and extend the lifespan of the playing surfaces, reducing the need for additional extensive repairs in the future.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the 2022-2027 Commission Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

Priority 3, A Strong Sense of Place- Establish “a strong sense of place” through creation of unique spaces that foster community pride, increase social interaction and commercial marketability with the purpose of improving economic stability, increasing property values and impacting the memories of Cooper City residents:

- **Objective 2:** Focus on the Health and Community pillars of the Parks & Recreation strategic plan to increase social interaction and promote the well-being of Cooper City residents.
- **Performance Measures 4:** 80% satisfaction rate with recreational experiences

Priority 4, Citywide Revitalization Priority- Maintain and improve the City’s infrastructure and appearance to support and ensure a sustainable and beautiful environment:

- **Objective 2:** Assess the appearance of citywide parks and green spaces and make enhancements where needed to meet the community’s needs.
- **Performance Measures 2:** Landscaping is rejuvenated and/or restored to the original site developmental plants

FISCAL IMPACT: Our unencumbered balance in 001-314-535143-572 Supplies – Overseed & Sod is \$225,861.59. Ergo, this project will readily fit under FY25’s Budget for this line item.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
001-314-535143-572 Supplies-Overseed & Sod	\$250,000	\$65,142.80	\$184,857.20

ALTERNATIVES:

The City could choose not to move forward with the purchase of Topsoil (COMAND 80/20) and continue with standard maintenance practices such as mowing, watering, and basic fertilization. While this would reduce short-term expenditures, it would limit the City's ability to effectively address deeper field conditioning needs, including critical grading issues that affect surface playability and drainage. Without top dressing and leveling improvements, existing low spots, uneven areas, and compacted turf would remain uncorrected, increasing the risk of injuries and field closures. This approach may lead to greater long-term costs due to accelerated turf deterioration, more frequent user complaints, and the need for more intensive repairs in future seasons.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cooper City Topdressing 80/20 Quote
2. Athletic Field Renovations Contract No. SIS2025-8 Signed Amendment
3. Athletic Field Topdressing Measurements