City of Dyersville
City Administrator's Office

October 14, 2026

Honorable Mayor Jeff Jacque
and City Council Members
City of Dyersville
Memorial Building
340 1st Avenue East
Dyersville, Iowa 52040

**RE: Resolution Approving the Legacy Playground Gift Agreement with Delia Armstrong**

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

On the agenda is a resolution to approve a Gift Agreement between the City of Dyersville and Delia Armstrong and to authorize the Mayor to sign it. Under the agreement, Ms. Armstrong will donate $250,000 to the City to help build the Legacy Playground, a new inclusive, interactive playground at Westside Park.

The agreement makes the gift a restricted gift, meaning the City may use it only for the Legacy Playground project and no other purpose. Ms. Armstrong will pay the full $250,000 in a single payment on or before December 31, 2026. When the City receives the funds, they will be held as a restricted fund balance within the General Fund and tracked separately so they can be clearly identified and reviewed until they are spent on the project. The project includes the play structures, surfacing, site preparation, design, permitting, installation, and a donor recognition board.

The City keeps full authority over the playground's design and size. The conceptual drawing attached to the agreement as Exhibit A is for illustration only, and the Council must approve the final design before any equipment or materials are ordered. Ms. Armstrong will receive a copy of the preliminary design for her information and may comment on it in the same way as any member of the public. In recognition of the gift, the City will install and maintain a permanent donor recognition board at the playground. Ms. Armstrong will prepare the content, and the City will review it to confirm it is appropriate for a public park. "Legacy Playground" is a working name for this agreement only; any formal naming of the playground is left to a future Council by separate resolution.

In return, the City commits to funding and substantially completing the playground by June 30, 2030, meaning the playground will be open for public use even if minor finishing items remain.

That date extends for delays beyond the City's reasonable control, such as severe weather or the inability to obtain materials.

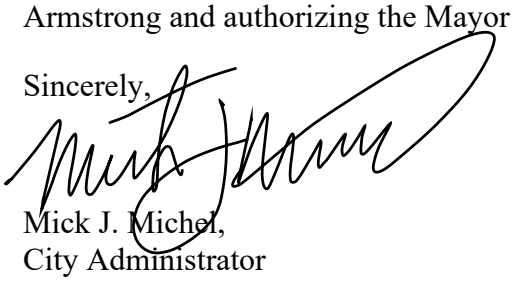
The fiscal picture is important for the Council to understand. The estimated total cost of the playground is approximately $750,000. That figure is a planning estimate and may change as the design is finalized. Ms. Armstrong's gift covers about one-third of that estimate, leaving approximately $500,000 to be raised. Those remaining funds have not yet been identified. The agreement commits the City to use its best efforts to secure them through grants, additional donations, and City budget appropriations. Approving the agreement does not appropriate any City funds at this meeting; the City's share will come back to the Council through the regular budget process in future fiscal years.

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the city's draft of the agreement and requested several changes, which are included in the attached final version. The City Attorney has reviewed the final agreement, and we believe Ms. Armstrong will sign following Council approval.

I want to recognize the generosity behind this gift. A contribution of this size is a lasting investment in Dyersville. It will help create a place where children of all abilities can play side by side, and where families will gather for many years to come. On behalf of the city, I thank Ms. Armstrong for her generosity and for the confidence she has shown in our community.

I recommend that the Council adopt the resolution approving the Gift Agreement with Delia Armstrong and authorizing the Mayor to sign it.

Sincerely,



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City Administrator