



## AGENDA ACTION FORM

### **Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Visit Kingsport to Make Improvements to Hunter Wright Stadium**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-194-2023

Work Session: June 19, 2023

First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: June 20, 2023

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Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

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#### **Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution.

#### **Executive Summary:**

Approval of this action form will authorize Visit Kingsport to make improvements in the form of artificial turf to Hunter Wright Stadium. Additionally, the City of Kingsport will provide funding, beginning in FY-25 through FY-29, to Visit Kingsport to pay half of the costs related to turfing Hunter Wright Stadium, up to \$695,972.20.

During the 2022 Axmen season Kingsport would have boasted the second highest attendance in the Appalachian League behind Johnson City if it had not been for rainouts. The field will be designed as to be able to accommodate soccer and lacrosse. The Leisure Services Maintenance Division currently spends 2,000 labor hours annually on field maintenance at HWS. Turfing the field is estimated to free up 70% of those labor hours for other tasks.

If approved the project is expected to start at the end of the current season and be completed prior to April of 2024. The life of the turf field is expected to be 7 to 10 years.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Boyd Sports Letter

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—
Olterman	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Shull	—	—	—