

STAFF REPORT SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA DATE: May 15, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Artificial Turf Discussion

SUMMARY:

Discussion to obtain consensus direction regarding the use of artificial turf within the City.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City Commission last discussed the use of artificial turf in the City at its regular meeting of December 17, 2024. At that time, the Commission could not agree on a direction to take and motions to move forward a decision died. The issue is being brought back before the City Commission in hopes of obtaining a clear consensus of direction on the use of artificial turf so that the appropriate ordinance may be drafted and brought back before the City Commission for consideration.

The Planning and Zoning Board (PZB), Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB) and Tree and Landscape Board (TLB) have all considered the issue of artificial turf and providing a variety of recommendations from adopting the provisions as outlined in draft Ordinance 2024-14 to outright banning any and all use of artificial turf.

The attached staff report from December 17, 2024 and other documents including the draft Ordinance 2024-14 provide where the issue stands at this time.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Staff bringing back Ordinance 2024-14 with changes and edits as noted for formal consideration under First Reading

ATTACHMENT(S):

December Artificial Turf Staff Report
Draft Ordinance 2024-14
PZB HRPB TLB Staff Report
11 x 17 Artificial Turf Lots
December Staff PowerPoint