



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, April 13, 2021
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	INFO/ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Install Batting Cages at Independence Park
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>The two baseball fields at Independence Park are used heavily from April thru August each year by the School District and Marshall Area Youth Baseball Association (MAYBA). Due to continued growth and field usage demands the existing batting cages are not enough to provide ample hitting opportunities for all the participants in each time slot for practice.</p> <p>MAYBA and City staff have discussed the feasibility of adding two more batting cages on site near the baseball fields. Staff has received pricing for the installation of fencing, posts for hanging the nets, and the purchase of batting cage nets. The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$17,500.</p> <p>MAYBA would propose to pay \$15,000 towards the project over 2021, 2022, and 2023 with \$5,000 minimum payment each year and the potential to pay off the total amount earlier if able. MAYBA would pay the City the first \$5,000 upon authorization to proceed on installation. The City would pay the upfront costs for construction and be reimbursed in the times mentioned within the memo. Total net cost for the additional batting cages to the City would be approximately \$2,500.</p> <p>MAYBA and the City have cost shared numerous projects in the last few years including the installation of new scoreboards, new bleachers, all new light bulbs for the light towers, etc.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	\$17,500 upfront costs with \$15,000 being reimbursed by MAYBA over three years.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Authorize staff to move forward with installation of additional batting cages at Independence Park in partnership with MAYBA.