



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6095  
July 5, 2022  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6095: South Mercer Playfields Construction Appropriation Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Appropriate a total of \$739,788 to the Mercer Island School District for the South Mercer Playfield Construction Project, which includes \$484,920 from the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund and \$254,868 from the Capital Improvement Fund.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations/PW Director Alaine Sommargren, Deputy Public Works Director
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Field Layout
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	2. Articulate, confirm, and communicate a vision for effective and efficient city services. Stabilize the organization, optimize resources, and develop a long-term plan for fiscal sustainability.

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ 864,788
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ 125,000
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ 739,788

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda bill is to appropriate a total of \$739,788 to the Mercer Island School District (“District”) for the construction project at the South Mercer Playfields (“SMP”), which includes \$484,920 from the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund and \$254,868 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

- The South Mercer Playfield Turf Replacement Project was identified in the 2023-2028 Parks CIP.
- This construction project is jointly funded by the City and the District and the District will serve as the project manager.
- City staff, in coordination with Mercer Island School District staff and consultant D.A. Hogan & Associates, have finalized the project design and recommended improvements for the facility (see Exhibit 1).
- The City Council previously authorized \$125,000 to begin design of this project, bringing the total City contribution for this project to \$864,788 upon approval of this appropriation request.
- On June 23, 2022, the District Board of Directors authorized a construction contract through Keystone Purchasing Network Co-op in the amount of \$3,989,893 which includes the following District-funded improvements:

- Synthetic turf for the infield and outfield for the Girls' Softball program at Field #3;
- Synthetic turf for the multipurpose field;
- LED lighting for all new turf areas and track/field;
- Various drainage improvements; and
- New backstop fencing/netting for Field #3.
- The City's financial contributions, in the amount of \$864,788, will fund the following:
  - Replacement of synthetic turf infields for Field #1 and Field #2;
  - New backstop fencing for Field #1 and Field #2; and
  - Installation of conduit and electrical boxes for future electrical work at the facility.

## BACKGROUND

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In 2009, the City replaced three dirt infields at the SMP with synthetic turf. At the time, the dirt fields were prone to flooding due to poor drainage and had irregular playing surfaces. The project also included installation of an outfield fence with a warning track on Field #1 and the replacement of the backstop fabric (chain-link fencing only) on Fields #1, #2, and #3.

The synthetic turf carried an eight-year warranty, which expired in 2017. Over the past 13 years, nearly 31,000 recreation hours have been played at this facility, supporting a variety of youth and adult recreation programs in the Mercer Island community. The synthetic turf infields have survived beyond their expected useful life and the turf and backstops need to be replaced.

As part of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan adoption ([AB 6023](#)), City Council authorized the acceleration of the South Mercer Playfields Turf Replacement and Backstop Project and appropriated \$125,000 to begin design work.

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

A portion of the revenue generated from paid rental reservations on City-managed synthetic turf fields is set aside for future synthetic turf replacement. This fund is commonly referred to as the "Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund." The current balance in the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund is \$887,281.

This authorization will appropriate a total of \$739,788 to the District for the SMP construction project, which includes \$484,920 from the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund and \$254,868 from the Capital Improvement Fund. The funding allocated from the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund will be used to replace the turf on SMP Fields #1 and #2. The District contributions will be used to replace the turf on Field #3 as this will become the primary playing field for the Mercer Island High School Softball team.

The Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund also supports turf replacements at two other fields – the South Mercer Playfields All-Weather Field and the Island Crest Park North Field. The balance in the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund (\$402,361) and additional revenues generated from synthetic turf rental reservations will support future turf replacement at these facilities. The Island Crest Park North infield turf is scheduled for replacement in 2023.

The SMP construction project also includes other significant upgrades at this facility, including the installation of synthetic turf in the multipurpose field (located between the ballfields and track) which will be lined for soccer, lacrosse and football (see Exhibit 1). Additional upgrades include improved lighting and conversion of

outdated light fixtures to new LED fixtures, improving playability and energy efficiency while reducing light spill and glare.

The District has entered into a contract through the Keystone Purchasing Network Co-op. This purchasing co-op meets Washington State law for purchasing large capital commodities and has been utilized by the District for other capital projects.

Construction is expected to begin in early July 2022. The District anticipates construction will continue through November 2022.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will return with a formal budget amending ordinance, which will include this \$739,788 capital project appropriation for the SMP Field Project, with the next quarterly financial status report.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Appropriate a total of \$739,788 to the Mercer Island School District for the South Mercer Playfield Construction Project, which includes \$484,920 from the Synthetic Turf Sinking Fund and \$254,868 from the Capital Improvement Fund.