



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Joe Goodman, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Ball Field Improvement Budget**

BACKGROUND

On February 18, 2025, City Council approved \$67,000 in Development Impact fees (DIF) to be used for ball field improvements. This included the Lely West infield improvement project. The project is intended to provide improved playing conditions and long-term durability for both City recreational use and Orland Little League, and includes new infield clay, infield grass, and pitching mound improvements. Following Council approval, the project was bid and further evaluated by contractors to perform the work.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS

During the contractor's investigation of the infield area, it was discovered that the existing underground irrigation system is located just below the surface of the infield grass. Based on the scope of work and depth required for the new clay, turf, and pitching mound improvements, it is anticipated that the existing irrigation system will be impacted during construction.

To avoid construction delays, inefficiencies, and future failures, staff recommends that the infield irrigation be replaced as part of the current project. Incorporating this work now allows the contractor to move efficiently through the project, and ensures the field is completed and playable in time for the upcoming baseball season. The outfield irrigation system is in good condition and will not be disturbed by this project.

The proposed budget increase of \$8,000 would cover the cost of removing and replacing the infield irrigation system and is considered a prudent investment to protect the City's improvement and avoid higher costs or operational disruptions in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project budget would increase from \$67,000 to \$75,000, with the additional \$8,000 funded by available DIF funds previously allocated for park improvements. No General Fund impact is anticipated.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends increasing the approved project budget for the Lely West Baseball Field Improvement Project from \$67,000 to \$75,000, funded by Development Impact fees (DIF), to address unforeseen irrigation improvements within the infield.