



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: April 19, 2016      ITEM NUMBER: NB-5

**SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR SPORTS FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**DATE: April 12, 2016**

**FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**PRESENTATION BY: DANIEL BAKER, ASSISTANT TO THE CEO**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution of support (Attachment 1) adding Newport Harbor High School to the current partnership with the Costa Mesa Community Athletic Foundation (“Costa Mesa United”) that includes a funding commitment for capital improvements of sports facilities at Estancia and Costa Mesa High Schools.
2. It is recommended that the City Council provide direction regarding the annual funding amounts specific to each high school.
3. Authorize the CEO to execute any agreement or amendment to the existing agreement with Costa Mesa United for a Capital Improvement Grant Program to include Newport Harbor High School, and to execute and administer any other agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney’s office, as needed to carry out the resolution and City Council direction.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Fiscal Year 2012-13, the Costa Mesa City Council passed a resolution to annually fund and provide capital improvement grants for youth sports programs and facilities at both Costa Mesa and Estancia High School (Attachment 3). The Council’s mission was to attract families to the City of Costa Mesa by helping with athletics and activities, and seek ways to improve the infrastructure for the community, while forming unity between the City of Costa Mesa and Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD).

Over the past three years, together with Costa Mesa United’s assistance, the City has funded over \$200,000 in athletic improvements at both high schools.

Some of these improvements include a new gym curtain and bleachers at Estancia High School and baseball field and gym improvements at Costa Mesa High School. A complete list of improvements can be found on Attachment 2.

During the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget adoption process, City Council allocated funding for Newport Harbor High School for an annual total of \$50,000 for athletic field capital improvement grants. This assistance would help provide needed capital improvement funding for Newport Harbor High School students, of which, 60 percent reside in Costa Mesa. During closing budget discussions, Council Member Foley requested that an additional \$50,000 be added to both Estancia (\$25,000) and Costa Mesa (\$25,000). To increase the annual budget allocations for both Estancia and Costa Mesa to \$75,000 each.

A formal vote was not recorded on the exact allocation amounts. Subsequently, the report presented this evening seeks to clarify the City Council's position whether to add the additional funding to the grant program.

**ANALYSIS:**

The attached resolution restates the ongoing commitment by the Costa Mesa City Council to help rehabilitate and enhance the overall athletic programs at Estancia and Costa Mesa High Schools, with the addition of Newport Harbor High School. The resolution also reaffirms the City's funding commitment pending annual budget discussions and authorizes the City CEO to execute agreements, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to carry out the commitments established in the resolution.

Because the commitments involve the use of public funds, the City has a fiduciary responsibility to the public in how those funds are spent. Therefore, project specific agreements will continue to be prepared to appropriately document the public purpose of the grant award.

Because none of the facilities at Newport Harbor are currently in the City/NMUSD Joint Use Agreement, each project proposed by Newport Harbor administration will be thoroughly vetted to ensure that Costa Mesa residents will have adequate use of the proposed improvements and will provide additional athletic venues for Costa Mesa residents residing on the Eastside of Costa Mesa.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City Council may choose not to fund the grant program at this time. This is not the recommended choice due to the need for athletic field improvements at Newport Harbor. The Council may also chose to fund all three schools at different levels of funding contingent upon adequate funds in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget.

Lastly, Council may choose to postpone additional funding until the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget process. This option will allow staff to appropriately budget the additional cost through the normal budget process.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The Fiscal Year 2012-13 Adopted Budget appropriated \$100,000 for a capital improvement grant program for Costa Mesa and Estancia High School sports programs. An additional \$50,000 was allocated within the CEO's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to fund all three schools. Council authorization of the attached revised resolution will allow staff to move forward with the grant program for Newport Harbor High School.

Should Council chose to allocate additional funding, staff will work with the Finance department to secure the appropriate funding.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Legal has reviewed the documents and approved them as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

By approving the revised resolution, the City of Costa Mesa and Costa Mesa United will continue to partner together to bring about substantial long lasting change to the athletic facilities at Costa Mesa, Estancia, and Newport Harbor High School. The City Council's continuation of the Athletic Grant Program will ensure greater use and access of these facilities and will enhance the attractiveness of local sports facilities, and expand recreational opportunities to all Costa Mesa residents.

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- ATTACHMENTS:
1. [Resolution](#)
  2. [List of Funded Projects](#)
  3. [Resolution No. 13-05](#)