

RESOLUTION NO. 64-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A WATERWISE GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NATURAL TURF AT SUPLIZIO FIELD AT THE LINCOLN PARK STADIUM TO ARTIFICIAL TURF

Recitals:

Lincoln Park is the epicenter of the Grand Junction community in many ways, and the hallmark, flagship facility in Lincoln Park is the Lincoln Park Stadium.

The Waterwise Grant project "Project" anticipates the replacement of the natural turf infield and outfield, replacing it with artificial turf, at a cost of approximately \$1,700,000. The Project will complement the over \$11,500,000 that has been funded by Colorado Mesa University (CMU), Grand Junction Baseball (Junior College World Series), Mesa County School District #51 and the City of Grand Junction.

The conversion to artificial turf is beyond the available budget, and its replacement depends on the receipt of funding in an amount up to approximately \$500,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation ("BOR") grant.

This natural grass consumes approximately 4,348,480 gallons of water per year, which equates to 1.4-acre-feet of water. In addition to the water savings artificial turf will provide, which will be preserved for municipal potable water use, the artificial turf will allow for additional community use and the visibility of this stadium project will provide an incredibly visible example on the importance of cutting back or eliminating water-intensive landscapes in the desert in and around Grand Junction. The Project is expected to begin December 2023 after completion of the Grand Junction Rockies season and be completed by May 2024.

After due consideration, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports the Project and desires the City to submit a BOR waterwise grant application to obtain the necessary funding for the Project, and if the grant is awarded, to enter into such further agreements as are necessary and proper to complete the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

- 1: The City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the application to BOR to obtain funds needed to complete the Project. The City Manager is authorized and directed to work to finalize and timely submit such BOR grant application.
- 2: If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the completion of the Project and authorizes the City

Manager to sign an appropriate grant agreement on behalf of the City as grantee of the BOR grant.

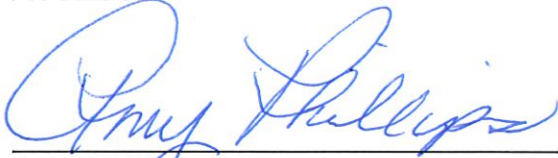
This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of August 2022.



Anna M. Stout
City Council President

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk

