

R-10-90

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR FUNDS UNDER THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT FOR LIGHTING AT TWO ADDITIONAL FIELDS AT THE BURNS PARK SOCCER COMPLEX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock seeks to add lighting at two additional fields at the Burns Park Soccer Complex and wishes to seek grant funding assistance (see Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Summary attached hereto as Exhibit "A"); and

WHEREAS, the project budget is \$200,000.00 which will be funded from community cash and/or in-kind donations as well as grant proceeds described herein; and

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department has received a \$50,000.00 cash donation from Centennial Bank and the Central Arkansas River Cities Sports Commission is raising the other cash and/or in-kind donations in the amount of \$140,000.00 to be applied to the project for a total local cash and/or in-kind match of \$190,000.00; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Barry Hyde contacted staff from Parks & Recreation concerning available funds through Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. ("CAPDD") General Improvement Fund Grant, advising that he will support the City's application seeking \$10,000.00 to help with the purchase of the lights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make a General Improvement Fund Grant Application to the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. (see Exhibit "B" attached hereto) in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be applied toward lighting at two additional fields at the Burns Park Soccer Complex.

SECTION 2: That the remaining cost of the project, or \$190,000.00, will be funded through local cash and/or in-kind donations.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:

Patrick H. Hays  
Mayor Patrick H. Hays

ATTEST:

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter  
C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

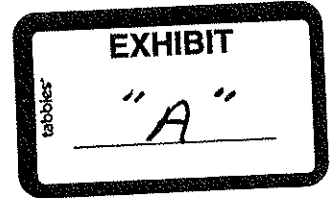
FILED 11:45 A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

BY City Atty Carter

DATE 6-22-10  
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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V. Action Items - New Business and Unfinished Business



Agenda Summary

3. Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. General Improvement Fund Grant

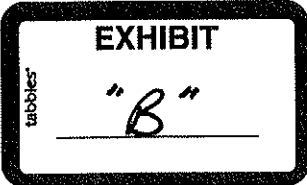
At the formal announcement of the \$50,000 donation by Centennial Bank for soccer lights, staff was approached by State Legislator Barry Hyde about the possibility of a General Improvement Fund Grant through the Planning and Development District.

Representative Hyde will support Parks and Recreation staff in seeking \$10,000 to help purchase the lights. Indications are that this project is a good fit for these funds because this improvement helps local programs and local participation, as well as the opportunity to bid and get soccer and other tournaments that enhance the local economy.

*Staff recommends favorable approval to submit this grant.*

*See Records*

*6/15/2010*



**Cover Sheet  
General Improvement Fund Grant Application  
Central Arkansas Planning and Development District**

Name of Applicant: City of North Little Rock  
(This may be a county, municipality or non-profit organization)

Contact Person: Bob Rhoads, Director of Parks and Recreation  
(This person must be available to answer questions regarding this grant)

Address 2700 Willow Street	City North Little Rock	County Pulaski	State AR	Zip 72114
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State Senator Tracy Steele      State District Number 34

State Representative Barry Hyde      House District Number 40

Grant Amount Requested      \$ 10,000

Local      \$ 50,000

Other Inkind and Donations      \$ 140,000

Total Project Cost      \$ 200,000

Area of Project Impact:  
Burns Park Soccer Complex

Type of Applicant:  City     County     Non-Profit (Attach 501-C-3)  
 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporated Area?  Yes     No  
If yes, Mayor's name and phone no. Patrick H. Hays      501-340-5301

If no, County Judge's name and phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description:  
Field lighting, Burns Park Soccer Complex

Bob Rhoads      Director of Parks and Recreation  
Printed Name      Title

Bob Rhoads      6/15/2010  
Signature of Applicant's Authorized Representative      Date

The signature indicates that I have been authorized to submit an application requesting funding for the proposed project and to the best of my knowledge and belief, all data contained in this application is true and correct. If the application is approved for funding, I am authorized to sign any applicable documents on behalf of the applicant.

## PROJECT NARRATIVE

- 1. Briefly describe the need and the nature of the proposed project. State if other funding has been committed by the State of Arkansas or other funding sources.**

The Burns Park Soccer Complex in North Little Rock, Arkansas has 17 full sized fields, four (4) of which have lighting. The project goal is to light at least two (2) more fields at the facility. We are proposing to light fields #10 and #12 (see attached map). Centennial Bank has graciously donated \$50,000 to the City of North Little Rock through the Arkansas River Cities Sports Commission (ARCSC) toward this goal. The ARCSC strives to increase the economic impact of sports and related events by serving as the leading and coordinating voice for sports marketing, sales and promotion in Central Arkansas.

- 2. Briefly describe how the proposed project will improve the local area or region.**

There are over 200,000 participants a year using the complex for recreational opportunities. Most of these users are participating in an activity on one of the 17 fields. With daylight saving time and typical Arkansas warm weather, there is a huge request for use of the lighted fields to play evening games. The addition of two (2) more lighted fields would increase the availability to fill those requests for our local participants.

The Burns Park Soccer Complex hosts up to 11 tournaments a year. As many as seven (7) of those events attract participants from around the region. The facility has been the home of the 2002 and 2006 United States Youth Soccer (USYS) Southern Regional Soccer Championships, as well as the 2008 USYS National Championships. Both events now have a minimum bid criteria of six (6) lighted fields. With our large and willing volunteer base, and reputation for having superb turf, the additional lighted fields are all we need.

- 3. How will proceeds of the grant award be used towards the completion of the proposed project, outlined on the Project Budget?**

Along with the \$50,000 donation from Centennial Bank, the grant award would be used toward the purchase of the equipment needed to light the two (2) additional playing fields. The equipment includes:

- Concrete bases
- Galvanized steel poles
- Remote electrical component enclosure
- Pole length wire harnesses
- Factory-aimed and assembled luminaries

# BURNS PARK SOCCER COMPLEX

North Little Rock, Arkansas

