



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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Mr. Pupke:

In 2017, the City of Clearwater entered into a Capital Project Funding Agreement for Countryside Sports Complex with Pinellas County through the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Tourist Development Council. This agreement was to provide reimbursement funding to the City in the amount of \$1,900,000 in two annual payments of \$950,000 in fiscal year 2017/2018 and in fiscal year 2018/2019 for improvements to the Countryside Sports Complex. I am hereby requesting an extension to the agreement for three months to complete the project and hereby receive reimbursement for the remaining \$950,000 for this project.

Unfortunately, the City was not able to adhere to the initial schedule for completion due to several factors:

- The design was altered to relocate the proposed building so that the site could remain operational throughout construction. While this delayed the project, it ensured the existing building as well as the playing fields were available for their many users throughout the project.
- The altered design and intricacies of the City's procurement process necessitated that the project be completed in two phases, thus additionally delaying completion.

The project began on August 16, 2017 when City Council approved a contract with Wannemacher Jensen Architects for architectural and engineering services. A ribbon-cutting for the completed facility was held March 13, 2020. Because the payments from the County to the City are to be made on a reimbursement basis the necessary documentation was not available in time for the initial schedule.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Art Kader  
Interim Director  
Parks and Recreation

cc. Michael Lavery, Parks Senior Manager  
Tara Elswick, Management Analyst

Mark Bunker, Councilmember  
Kathleen Beckman, Councilmember

Frank Hibbard, Mayor



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