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Subject:

Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Seminole Junior Warhawks Athletic Association for improvements to baseball field 2.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding request, in the amount not to exceed $19,600.00, for the Seminole Junior Warhawks Athletic Association for improvements to baseball field 2.

- Seminole Junior Warhawks Baseball is renovating three of its baseball fields.
- This funding will cover the cost of renovations to field 2 which includes the conversion of the infield from clay to Bermuda grass, installation of irrigation, and clay will be reverse tilled and laser graded.
- These improvements will reduce the risk of injury to players, reduce the amount of time the fields are unable to be used due to flooding, and reduce future maintenance costs.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality
4.6 Support a vibrant community with recreation, arts, and culture to attract residents and visitors.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers
5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.

Summary:

Three of the facility's baseball fields will be undergoing renovations. Specifically, this funding will be used for improvements to field 2. This project will consist of excavating the infield and adding a sand and soil mixture. Celebration Bermuda sod will be installed on the majority of the currently clay infield. Irrigation will be also be added. Clay will be added to the remainder of the infield. The field will

be sloped for proper drainage.

Due to the large amount of rainfall in Pinellas County, the sand rises and clay sinks constantly which cause two major issues. First, playing on sand infields greatly increases the chance of injuries. Secondly, it greatly decreases playtime due to even small rainstorms causing standing water and muddy fields. True clay and grass infields will greatly minimize these issues. Adding grass to the infield will also significantly decrease future costs of re-conditioning the infield.

Seminole Junior Warhawks Baseball will fund the renovations of the two additional fields.

Background Information:
SJWAA is home to high participation baseball and soccer youth recreation sports programs. To date, SJWAA has received $60,156.40 in MSTU funding for various improvements to the facility.

Fiscal Impact:
This request for funding in the amount of $19,600.00 is a one-time expenditure of budgeted MSTU Special Project funds. Funding is included in the General Government MSTU cost center within the General Fund and is consistent with amounts provided during FY22 budget development.

Staff Member Responsible:
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Partners:
Seminole Junior Warhawks Athletic Association

Attachments:
MSTU Special Projects Funding Application SJWAA
SJWAA Baseball Infield Renovations Estimate

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