COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Synthetic Turf Project

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2006

CSP ITEM: Yes KRA #6 Obj. # 1

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: June 2006

SUBMITTED BY: William Schwind

AMOUNT BUDGETED: $700,000.

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: N/A

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to approve the bid for the acquisition and installation of synthetic turf to FieldTurf Tarkett in the amount of $517,855.00 and for the Mayor to sign all contractual documents.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The bid opening for the acquisition and installation of synthetic turf was conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday May 2, 2006. Two vendors participated and another two bid packets showed up after the required deadline and were not opened. The bid prices are as follows:

FieldTurf Tarkett	$517,855.00
Sportexe	$472,436.00

After reviewing the bid documents and the requested turf, infill and seam samples; our staff evaluated both products and assessed which would be more advantageous to the town with respect to price, conformity to the specifications and other factors such as quality and experience. Funding is available to support the recommended motion.

The $45,419 difference in price is relatively small on a project of this magnitude. The cost difference, if extended over the life of the project, equates to about a two thousand dollar per year difference. We currently have two existing fields from FieldTurf and the consistency of product is a big advantage. FieldTurf is an industry leader and pioneer within the synthetic turf industry with many more quality installations than their competitors.

The quality of both products has been presented for your review. A major point of concern is the turf's seam attachment method. These fields will be constructed in a public park environment, open to the general public during general park operation hours with limited supervision being provided.

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PROS: FieldTurf; Industry leader, consistency with other fields within the park, quality seam construction.
Sportexe; Less cost.

CONS: FieldTurf; Additional cost.
Sportexe; Seam issue, less installation experience.

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): None

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):

N/A