

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-184

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Morgan and Salem

Date of Introduction: March 23, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, R

Date of Analysis: March 23, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* exception, designation of oversight agency, CIP amendment and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$731,500 (\$397,794.73 from Special Events - Florida Georgia Game Contingency, \$238,705.27 of funds are appropriated from Council District 1 Autumn Bond funds, and \$95,000 are a transfer from Terry Parker Pool funds) for a new artificial turf field at Blue Cypress Park. A purchase and installation agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Southern Recreation, Inc. is authorized. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g), Part 1, Chapter 126 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will oversee the project. The 2021-2025 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program is amended to authorize the Blue Cypress Park Soccer Field project. Emergency passage is requested due to the timeline of funding for other pending projects.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for a new artificial turf field at Blue Cypress Park, in Council District 1. The existing grass soccer fields are in disrepair and in need of restoration, and cannot be maintained by the City due to the extremely high level of use. The installation of a synthetic turf field is economical because it will allow for alternating use and allow time for the grass fields to recover in between uses.

Policy Impact Area: Blue Cypress Park-soccer field

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$731,500

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