

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-240

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

MAY 6, 2002

SYNOPSIS -

On the May 6, 2002 Council agenda is a roll call to approve and authorize the execution of an agreement for professional services with HOK Sports, Inc. (Rick Martin, Senior Principal, 323 West 8th Street, Suite 700, Kansas City, MO 64105) in conjunction with the Sec Taylor Stadium Field Replacement.

SUBJECT:

SEC TAYLOR
STADIUM FIELD
REPLACEMENT
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
AGREEMENT

FISCAL IMPACT -

Compensation to the consultant for work covered by the Agreement shall be a lump sum not to exceed \$70,400. Funding for design of the project is shown in the current Capital Improvements Program budget, page PKS-32, Sec Taylor Stadium Infrastructure, Project PKS132.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of Agreement with HOK Sports, Inc.

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

When Sec Taylor Stadium and its parking lot were renovated in 1991, the playing field was not included in the renovation project. The playing field is located on top of a fill area and was built without the benefit of a modern drainage system. Consequently, several areas of the field have settled and heaved while other areas retain water that forms depressions and uneven playing surfaces. These conditions create the potential for player injuries. It is also very difficult to maintain the field turf in its present state. Because it is below standard for fields of its type, the Iowa Cubs parent organization, the Chicago Cubs, has asked that it be replaced.

A preliminary geotechnical investigation recommends that approximately the top four feet of the entire playing field be replaced and compacted. An adequate drainage system and an automatic

irrigation system with controller would be installed. Once reconstructed, the outfield would be sodded and a new warning track, infield, and bullpen area installed. All work would begin in September 2002 following the regular season or tournament play and be completed by Spring 2003 in time for the start of the new baseball season. The Park and Recreation Department has recommended the use of HOK Sports, Inc. for the design of this project because of their previous experience with Sec Taylor Stadium and their expertise with sports facilities.
