


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>20-478</b>	Meeting:	<b>November 9, 2020</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>41</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-1784</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Assignment of Maintenance Agreement for Athletic Turf Facilities from Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc. to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC.

## SYNOPSIS:

Approving assignment to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in relation to the continuation of the agreement to maintain and manage the three (3) City-owned sports complexes between the City and Iowa Cubs Sports Management, Inc., due to the sale of Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc. by the Greater Des Moines Baseball Company to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. Musco changed the name of Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management to Iowa Sports Turf Management, Inc. (ISTM) and intends to use ISTM to provide the services under the maintenance agreement.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On April 9, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-0585, the Des Moines City Council approved a 5-year agreement with Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc., for the management and maintenance of the three (3) City of Des Moines owned sports complexes: James W. Cownie Baseball Park, James W. Cownie Soccer Park and the George Davis Softball Complex.
- On September 25, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Department was informed that Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc., an affiliate of the Greater Des Moines Baseball Company, had been sold to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. This sale prompted the name change of that entity to Iowa Sports Turf Management, Inc. Musco Sports Lighting, LLC requested an assignment of the maintenance agreement to them, and advised that Iowa Sports Turf Management, Inc. would be used to provide the services under the assigned agreement.
- No changes to the existing maintenance agreement are made under the proposed assignment agreement. The lead staff already assigned to the sports complexes who directly care for and oversee each facility will remain the same.
- Responsibilities under the maintenance agreement include:
  - Maintenance and care of athletic fields, non-athletic turf and other landscape features.
  - Custodial care of sidewalks, parking lots, restrooms, concessions, grounds, stadiums and portable seating.

- Marking, dragging, raking, and painting of fields for practice, league and tournament matches/games.
  - Unlocking and locking security gates for event set-up and tear down.
  - Maintaining and repairing irrigation system, limited to replacing heads, winterization and spring start-up.
  - Mow and trim the grass between the parking lots and inside and outside the soccer, softball, flag football and baseball fields, and pick up debris and trash.
- The current agreement will expire on December 31, 2022. One (1) additional 5-year renewal is available upon mutual agreement of the City and Musco Sports Lighting, LLC. that could extend through December 31, 2027.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: April 9, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-0585](#) and [18-0586](#)

Action: Items regarding agreements with Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc.: ([Council Communication No. 18-181](#))

- (A) [Exception](#) to the procurement ordinance RFP process for good cause and approving maintenance agreement with Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc. to maintain various athletic fields and termination of maintenance agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Donation](#) agreement with Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Inc. for regrading, irrigation system, field repositioning, and batting cage improvements at Greater Des Moines Softball Complex and James W. Cownie Baseball Park. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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