AN ORDINANCE

appropriating funds for the replacement of the upstairs flooring at The ARC; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The sum of $40,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the ARC Donation Account No. 753-8500-480.53-20, D74020 to the ARC Floor and Improvements Account No. 552-5588-881.49-90, C46071 for the replacement of the upstairs flooring at The ARC.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this __________ day of ______________________, 2010.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

CERTIFICATION:   I certify there are sufficient funds available in the ARC Donation Account No. 753-8500-480.53-20, D74020 to cover the above appropriation.

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Director of Finance
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Bids were recently opened by the City’s Purchasing Division for the replacement of the upstairs flooring at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC). The low bid of $130,920.40 submitted by Combined Flooring Company of Columbia is over the $97,411 funds budgeted for the project. This ordinance appropriates a total of $40,000 from the existing ARC donation account to the ARC capital project account. This will allow the City to award the contract and provide a small contingency for future change orders. The contractor will be able to begin work this winter.

DISCUSSION:

The ARC opened for use in 2002 and has averaged over 331,000 annual visits/users over the last five years. The upstairs flooring of the ARC facility consists of carpet tiles. The initial decision to use carpet as the flooring project was based on limited funds available as part of the ARC construction project. The product that is more commonly used on cardio, fitness and weight training floors is a compressed shock absorption rubber. As the donation funds came in, it was discussed among staff and the ARC committee that as the carpet required replacing, it would be replaced with the shock absorption material.

Almost three years ago, ARC staff began working with the original architect for the replacement of the carpet with the shock absorption material and in FY-11, $90,000 from the ARC donation account was included in the City’s CIP budget to accomplish this task. The project was bid through the City’s Purchasing Department. Unfortunately, at the close of the initial bid, no bidders responded despite a well attended pre-bid meeting and several additional meetings with interested vendors. The deadline was extended by two more weeks with letters sent to those vendors that expressed interest in the project and those that were qualified. Several vendors replied that they were already committed to projects during the winter and expressed an interest in doing the work during the later summer. At the conclusion of the extended bid deadline, one bid was received and opened. This bid, from Combined Flooring of Columbia, is in the amount of $130,920.40 and met the bid specifications including proposed time frame. Purchasing and P&R staff discussed the possibility of rejecting all bids and re-bidding the project for later in the summer of 2011, but discussion with possible vendors indicated that the pricing may be in the same range or actually increase over the next 6-8 months. In light of the possible...
on-going increase in construction costs, staff believes it would be in the City’s best interest to award the contract at this time. Staff also looked at alternate materials and, while there may be cheaper shock absorption materials, they do not provide the desired shock absorption specifications and are not as thick as the proposed product causing several transition problems along the areas where the ARC running track meets the cardio and weight training areas.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City’s FY-2011 CIP included a ARC Floor and Improvements project. Funds currently available for the project total $97,411 with the funds coming from the ARC Donation Account. The low bid of $130,920.40 submitted by Combined Flooring Company of Columbia is over the $97,411 funds budgeted for the project. To award the contract, staff is recommending that a total of $40,000 be appropriated from the ARC Donation Account to the ARC Construction project. This amount would provide adequate funds to award the contract and a small contingency for possible future change orders.

**VISION IMPACT:**

This is a maintenance project of an existing recreational facility.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Approve the ordinance appropriating the additional funds.