

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 6, 2024**

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**Agenda Item:**

Jeff Sommer Stadium Turf Installation Contract

Approve EC 2024-26 in the amount of \$1,967,667 for Hellas Construction, Inc. to install artificial turf on The Jeff Sommer Stadium football field.

Approve a \$197,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project.

Authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget (with contingency).

**Background:**

Village Council Approved a lease agreement and shared use agreement with the School District of Lee County for 52.84 acres of proposed land located next to Estero High School at the January 24, 2024 Council meeting. The property includes all the recreational facilities and vacant property owned by the School District near Estero High School. A location map is attached.

The Village of Estero is required to fund at least \$10 million of improvements within the first 5-years of the agreement.

**Description:**

The proposed first phase of construction on the Estero High School property is to install artificial turf on the Jeff Sommer Stadium football field. A rendering of the proposed design is attached. Construction is proposed to include the following.

- Relocate the long jump runways and pits from the side of the football field to the ends. This will allow the football field to be centered within the track and provide more width for a standard soccer field inside the track.
- Field underdrainage system
- Cushdrain Shock pad to reduce hardness of playing surface

- Matrix Helix synthetic turf
- Football lines and markings
- Soccer corner tick marks
- Ecotherm infill to reduce the temperature of the field surface
- Estero High School logo in center of field
- “Jeff Sommer Stadium” at 25-yard lines
- Goal posts and pads
- Potable water to sidelines
- New time clocks near the playing surface
- Ground-driven turf sweeper/groomer

The contractor will be working to keep the existing concrete high jump areas. However, if site grading and drainage does not work correctly, the high jump area may need to be rebuilt at an estimated cost of \$117,176.00. The proposed contract does not include rebuilding the high jump area. Adding this to the contract will require Village Manager approval.

Village Staff is proposing to hire Hellas Construction to install the artificial turf by piggybacking onto an existing Sourcewell contract with Hellas Construction, Inc. for Artificial Turf and Tracks with Installation, Related Equipment, Materials and Supplies. Attached is a copy of the Sourcewell Contract 031622 and the Hellas Pricelist for Sourcewell RFP 031622. Sourcewell is a service cooperative that facilitates competitive public solicitations and contract award processes for entities across the US and Canada. They provide an existing pool of pre-bid solicitations that can be used by governments like the Village of Estero.

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**Process and Timeline:**

Construction is expected to begin in late April/early May, after the lacrosse and track and field seasons are completed. The project team will be working to complete construction prior to the 2024 high school football season in August.

**Financial Impact:**

The financial impact of this contract is \$2,164,667. This will be funded using the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the Estero Community Park Improvements which includes \$6,800,000.

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**Attachments:**

1. Contract EC 2024-26
2. Location Map
3. Jeff Sommer Stadium Turf Rendering
4. Hellas Sourcewell Contract 031622
5. Hellas Pricelist Sourcewell RFP 031622