

1 [Accepting a gift to the Recreation and Park Department of synthetic turf athletic fields valued
2 at approximately \$4.5 million from the City Fields Foundation.]

3 **Ordinance accepting a gift to the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) of synthetic**
4 **turf athletic fields at Garfield Square and Silver Terrace Playground and a maintenance**
5 **contract for those fields, valued at approximately \$4.5 million, from the City Fields**
6 **Foundation (Foundation); approving an agreement between RPD and the Foundation**
7 **which specifies how RPD and the Foundation will work together to implement the gift;**
8 **and authorizing the RPD General Manager to accept future donations of Turf fields**
9 **from the Foundation.**

10 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
11 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
12 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
13 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

14 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

15 Section 1. Findings.

16 The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
17 Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
18 Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.), such findings are on file with the Clerk of the Board
19 of Supervisors ("Clerk of the Board") in File No. _____, and are hereby incorporated by
20 reference.

21 The City, through the Recreation and Park Department, maintains and operates athletic
22 fields throughout the City, including the fields located at Garfield Square and Silver Terrace
23 Playground. RPD has a compelling need to renovate and maintain its ball fields so that its
24 residents, guests and especially its children can have a safe and aesthetically pleasing
25 environment where they can play soccer, baseball and other field sports. The existing City

1 ball fields cannot meet the demand for play and many have fallen into a state of disrepair in
2 part because of overuse, misuse and budgetary constraints. In recent years, manufacturers
3 have developed new artificial or synthetic turf products ("Turf") that permit year-round use of
4 ball fields unlike grass fields, thereby increasing the availability of these fields for public use,
5 provide cushioned play surfaces that minimize injuries, eliminate grass fields' need for
6 substantial water, and make use of recycled products.

7 RPD replaced two of its grass play fields with Turf and is interested in converting other
8 such fields to Turf, but cannot afford the necessary capital investment to build additional Turf
9 fields. The Foundation wants to renovate the grass athletic fields at Garfield Square and
10 Silver Terrace Playground with Turf and provide maintenance for these new fields. RPD will
11 continue to maintain the surrounding park area. RPD will provide training and the necessary
12 equipment to RPD staff for the maintenance of the existing Turf fields, Youngblood-Coleman
13 and Franklin Square. Any future gifts of Turf fields from the Foundation will not include a
14 maintenance contract if RPD demonstrates that it is maintaining Youngblood-Coleman and
15 Franklin Square turf fields to the manufacturers' highest recommended standards.

16 The terms and conditions of the gift, including cross-indemnification provisions, are
17 detailed the Agreement Between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco
18 Fields Foundation ("Agreement"), on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. _____.

19 Through a series of community meetings, conceptual plans for the improvements at
20 these facilities were developed and approved by the Recreation and Park Commission
21 ("Commission") on February _____, 2006, Resolution No. _____, on file with the Clerk
22 of the Board in File No. _____. On February _____, 2006, the Commission approved
23 this Agreement, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept this gift, Resolution
24 Nos. _____ and _____, on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. _____.

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1 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the gift of the Turf fields, valued
2 at approximately \$4,500,000 from the City Fields Foundation, approves the accompanying
3 Agreement, including the cross-indemnification provisions, on file with the Clerk of the Board
4 in File No. _____, and authorizes the RPD General Manager to sign the Agreement on
5 behalf of the City and County of San Francisco. The Board further authorizes the RPD
6 General Manager to accept future gifts of Turf fields from the Foundation. Additionally, the
7 Board authorizes the RPD General Manager to accept maintenance contracts from the
8 Foundation with any future gifts of Turf fields, if RPD has demonstrated that it is not
9 maintaining the Youngblood-Coleman and Franklin Square Turf fields to the manufacturers'
10 highest recommended standards.

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
13 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

14 By: _____
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16 Deputy City Attorney

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