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RE: Council Motion of 9.8/2016/754 C. Rourke

***Req. City Mgr. have proper department install new lights at South Common Park***

The City of Lowell Department of Public Works has received approval in the 2018 Capital Budget to install lights and to make field upgrades at the South Common Park. As a second phase to the overall improvements to South Common, the City Electrician has already received the engineering and the quote to install four light poles that would illuminate the playing field. The Capital Plan also includes upgrades and a retrofit for the panels in the electric room housed in the pool house, for which we have also already received quotes.

The scope of work would also include conduit for future upgrades, security lighting, and field improvements such as grading and irrigation.

Due to the schedule of availability for funding, construction would not begin until the fall of 2018.

In addition to the future improvement plans, Phase 1 renovations to South Common, funded through the PARC grant program, and the Complete Streets program, as well as City Capital funds is substantially complete. This project included new ADA compliant walkways, lighting, landscaping, site furnishings, drainage, and a new tennis and basketball court. Phase 1 improvements will allow safe pedestrian access through the park to the LRTA, and has made a huge impact on this historic gateway park. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled to celebrate these improvements.

Feel welcome to contact me with any further questions you may have on this matter.