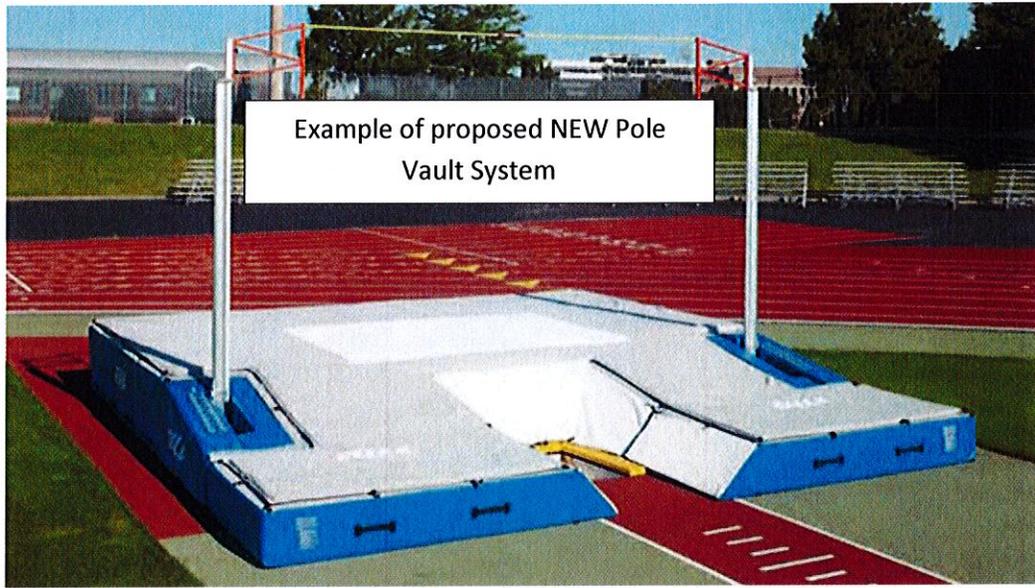


To: Bill Bridgeo, City Manager and Augusta City Council

Re: Replace the existing Alumni (Taylor Harmon) Track & Field Pole Vault System

From: Leif Dahlin, Director of Community Services

Date: January 12, 2017



The purpose of this memo is to request City Council authorize the City Manager to purchase a Pole Vault System to replace the system that has been in use at the Alumni (Taylor Harmon) track for over two decades. As part of the City's on-going assessment of our assets from a risk management and safety perspective, city staff along with folks from the USA Track & Field Association evaluated our pole vault system last summer. This assessment was not done in time to incorporate into the City's FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan Budget request. The reason this request is coming to City Council outside of the FY 2018 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) process is the need for a new system to be in place this spring, which is prior to the completion of the FY 2018 CIP process.

It was determined the current system is no longer safe to use due to foam degradation and compaction that renders the mats unfit and not safe for a landing area. We were unable to use the system for last summer's August USA T & F State track meet. In order to host the state track meet the City borrowed a Pole Vault system from a local High School. Necessary to host track meets this spring and summer as part of the Cony High and Middle School Track & Field program as well as the City's Recreation Bureau summer Track & Field program we need to have a new Pole Vault system in place. The system will include; mats, safety covers, weather cover, standards and associated hardware. The process of bidding, purchasing and taking delivery can take several months.

Request: To authorize the City Manager to purchase a Pole Vault System and to approve the reallocation of up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Capital Improvement Program Alumni Field Re-crowning funds to make the purchase. Presently there is \$170,000.00 on account.