



May 26, 2026

To: Board of City Commissioners
Fr: Michael Redlinger, City Administrator
Re: Authorize City Staff & the City Attorney's Office to Discuss the Future of Newman Outdoor Field

Mayor Mahoney and City of Fargo staff have recently been approached by North Dakota State University (NDSU) to discuss future operations of Newman Outdoor Field and capital improvement needs at the facility. Specifically, Newman Outdoor Field requires a unified, long-term vision and plan for capital improvements at the facility, including ADA projects for accessibility and other maintenance projects that have not been completed. This is due, in part, to a fragmented operational model of Newman Outdoor Field, whereby the City, NDSU, and Fargo-Moorhead Baseball, Inc. all participate in various aspects of facility management and improvement.

At present, the City of Fargo owns Newman Outdoor Field and various stadium improvements that have been made to the property. The land on which the stadium is located is owned by the State of North Dakota and leased to the City. Fargo-Moorhead Baseball, Inc. owns and operates the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks, the professional independent baseball team that utilizes Newman Outdoor Field as its home stadium. NDSU also utilizes Newman Outdoor Field as the home stadium for its baseball team.

Looking to the future, the City of Fargo, together with NDSU, would like to explore conversations about the future of Newman Outdoor Field and the operational model for the facility. The City Commission is requested to provide authority to City staff and the City Attorney's Office to initiate these exploratory conversations with NDSU and Fargo-Moorhead Baseball, Inc. with a focus on long-term operations and improvements to the facility. As the stadium nears its 30th anniversary on the NDSU campus, a long-range operational discussion is warranted and will serve the future interests of the parties.

Recommended Action: I move to authorize City staff and the City Attorney's Office to initiate and engage in operational discussions with NDSU, Fargo-Moorhead Baseball, Inc., and any related parties on future operations and maintenance of Newman Outdoor Field, with updates to be provided to the City Commission on a periodic basis.