



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 2020-08

City Council

3/12/2020

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

**SUBJECT:**

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08 - BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL STADIUM PROTECTIVE NETTING

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council adopt Supplemental Budget Resolution No. 2020-08.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND MAKING REVISIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

To ensure the safety of the fans and players, all thirty Major League Baseball teams are extending the protective netting at their respective baseball stadiums. The Baseball League has asked the Minor League teams to do the same. The Blue Wahoos will join eighteen Minor League teams to extend their protective netting prior to Opening Day 2020.

The new netting will run the entire length of both baselines at the stadium, which will prevent foul balls from going into the stands and dugouts. The new protective netting is anticipated to be installed by opening day for the 2020 season, which is April 9, 2020. New poles will be installed to hold the nets and must meet current wind codes. The protective netting is approximately 30 ft. x 84 ft. and will be extended from the current position at the end of both dugouts to the foul pole, a distance of approximately 250 feet. The installed netting will still allow fans opportunities for player autographs. A portion of the netting will be retractable to allow players to sign autographs prior to the game at certain areas along the baseline.

The Blue Wahoos are executing the contract for the installation of the netting with an anticipated cost not to exceed \$250,000. The City will reimburse the Blue Wahoos the costs associated with the installation of the netting.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of the Supplemental Budget Resolution will provide funding up to \$250,000 for the installation of the netting.

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW:** Yes

*2/27/2020*

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator  
Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development  
Brian Cooper, Parks & Recreation Director  
Derrik Owens, Public Works & Facilities Management Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Supplemental Budget Resolution No. 2020-08
- 2) Supplemental Budget Explanation No. 2020-08

**PRESENTATION:** No