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City Council  
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Attention: Kaitlyn Bruce  
City Clerk

Greetings Councilors:

After speaking with Matt Barnes, Tammy Tefft, Shanna Reed and outside bond counsel regarding the issuance of the bond for the athletic field improvements, it has become clear that the City Council cannot amend the bond request once it has left my office. Apparently, only I initiate a change of the bond language.

Upon reviewing the rationale for the change in council chambers, it is clear the reason behind that request was to ensure that our synthetic turf surfacing systems used to create the fields were within any applicable regulated PFAS standards, and that there was third-party testing for compliance with those standards.

I agree with that position and will have those stipulations written into the bid specifications and agree that no bid will be accepted unless it is in compliance with those caveats.

I can only offer this letter as my word I will honor the spirit of council's intent which I am in complete agreement with.

My best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. McCabe".

Mayor Michael A. McCabe