



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 03, 2004

Study Session

## Item -3

### Discussion Concerning Use of 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for CAAP

*City Council Agenda Memo*

**From:** Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director  
**Meeting:** 2/3/2004  
**Subject:** Discussion Concerning Use of 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for CAAP  
**Presenter:** Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

#### *Background*

*In 2000 the City finalized the purchase of 420 acres of land for a shooting facility to be located on the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant (CAAP) site. Originally the purchase was necessitated with the development of the new South Locust Interstate Exit and the need to relocate the skeet and sporting clays range from the City Well Field. Over the past several years strides have been made in that development effort. To date, six skeet ranges and four trap ranges are nearing completion, a sporting Clays range has been roughed in and buildings from the former range site have been relocated to the CAAP site. A new clubhouse is also under construction and is nearly 75% complete.*

#### *Discussion*

*Plans call for the additional construction of a rifle/pistol range that will accommodate most calibers of rifle and pistols. Activities to be hosted on the site will include long range rifle shooting, cowboy action shooting, a 22 cal. plinking range and many other shooting activities.*

*Plans also call for the development of a lake for fishing and to host retriever training and trials. Construction of a modern campground that can accommodate up to sixty camping pads is also in the overall development plan.*

*While these additional improvements will cost over one million dollars it is anticipated that patron fees and ancillary uses will help offset some of the operational costs. It is also anticipated that the facility will bring many visitors to the Grand Island that will spend money on motels, gas food and shopping.*

*Sales tax proceeds will play an important part in the development of these additional facilities and the speed at which they can be developed.*

#### *Alternatives*

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*1. Develop the facility without additional sales tax dollars.*

*2. Discuss the project and it's inclusion in the 1/2 cent sales tax proposal.*

*Recommendation*

*Staff recommends the continued development of the facility using Sales Tax dollars along with some of the proceeds from the additional 1/2 cent sales tax when available.*

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