

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 010533)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Council Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to hold hearings on the NeXturf procurement for Veterans Stadium as to whether the procurement of a new playing surface was needed, whether the procurement process by which the decision was made was appropriate, and whether the NeXturf problems have been adequately addressed; as well as reviewing and evaluating the City's sole-source bidding process and policy.

WHEREAS, NeXturf, an artificial turf surface produced by Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc. for use in sports stadiums, is a prototypical field turf system that has had limited use in outdoor, multi-sport arenas around the country; and

WHEREAS, In November, 2000, the City of Philadelphia awarded the turf-replacement project to Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc. for installation of its NeXturf product in Veterans Stadium, absent a competitive bidding process under a sole-source contract arrangement; and

WHEREAS, In order to ensure good procurement management practices in the future, City Council should review and evaluate the City's sole-source bidding process and policy, and make recommendations regarding that process and policy accordingly; and

WHEREAS, The City paid Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc. approximately \$2 million for the NeXturf field without considering bids from other possible providers of both natural and artificial turf playing surfaces; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Eagles first pre-season game, scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2001, was cancelled when the NeXturf field system failed to perform as required; now therefore

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby authorizes its Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to hold hearings on the NeXturf procurement for Veterans Stadium, as to whether the procurement of a new playing surface was needed, whether the procurement process by which the decision was made was appropriate, and whether the NeXturf problems have been adequately addressed; as well as reviewing and evaluating the City's sole-source bidding process and policy.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution,
Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Rizzo

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Clarke, Mariano, Ortiz, Longstreth, DiCicco,
Council President Verna, Blackwell, Nutter, Krajewski, O'Neill,
Cohen and Miller

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