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I support natural grass that's more drought tolerant to replace the artificial turf made of plastic, since I strongly believe in prevention. Health and safety in my opinion needs to be the longterm priority, not short-term budget issues, particularly now that the city has a tax to support better choices such as this one.

Plastic turf will pollute our streams and river, off-gas toxic emissions, get too hot to play on in our continually warming climate, and most importantly, "increase" injuries, as cited by several national professional sports groups on page 3 of the "CleanEarth4Kids" (see comment submitted by J. Bottorff). Injuries from gopher mounds and holes will not be an issue as long as they're worked on regularly. With a very low cost professional level training coming up on Sept. 28th, choose the preventive approach!

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