

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, West Austin Youth Association (WAYA), founded in 1981, has provided recreational programming open to all children in Austin at Lamar Beach Metro Park for over three decades, provides ball field access to Austin High School sports and club teams, currently holds a long-term agreement with the City of Austin to provide services at Lamar Beach Metro Park, and intends to invest in the property to provide new athletic fields and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, WAYA serves participants from over 60 zip codes around Austin, provides financial assistance for low-income families, maintains a league for children with disabilities, and provides job opportunities and community service hours for college-aged students; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2012, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a 25-year agreement with WAYA with terms requiring renovation of the athletic complex at Lamar Beach including improvements to the fields, construction of a new press box and construction of a concession stand at WAYA's expense; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement gives WAYA a 6 year timeline to complete construction from the date of signing; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2014, Council approved a Lamar Beach master planning process that won't be complete until August 2015, with construction taking additional time beyond the completion of the master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pressler extension will have an impact on the layout of the Lamar Beach property, and is still undergoing a public process including a traffic impact analysis; and

WHEREAS, amending the contract to allow WAYA up to 10 years after completion of the master planning process and opening of the Pressler extension would provide them a more reasonable timeline to complete their extensive improvements to the Lamar Beach site; and

WHEREAS, amending the contract to provide WAYA with a 50 year term with an additional 25 year extension option would be beneficial in their fundraising efforts to ensure that contributions will be used for long term infrastructure, and is more consistent with agreements the City has with other organizations like Sunshine Camps; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Scott Theatre Center has a mutual parking and controlled access agreement with the City that helps ensure parking access to their facility for their patrons; and

WHEREAS, WAYA serves primarily young children who need to be accompanied by an adult to the fields, making the availability of parking a critical need for the organization to be able to provide programming; and

WHEREAS, a mutual parking and controlled access agreement similar to the agreement with Zachary Scott Theatre Center would provide WAYA with assurances that they would be able to continue their services; and

WHEREAS, city-owned parking facilities should be managed efficiently and responsibly with the input of the Transportation Department's Parking Enterprise; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to enter into negotiations with West Austin Youth Association to modify their existing contract to extend their agreement to 50 years with an additional 25 year extension option, allow 10 years to construct improvements after completion of the Lamar Beach Metro Park master planning process and the opening of the Pressler extension, and negotiate a mutual parking and controlled access agreement to provide adequate parking areas during their scheduled programming to meet the needs of their participants. The City Manager is further directed to present the recommended contract amendments to the Parks and Recreation Board, and bring the agreement for Council consideration at the meeting on September 25, 2014.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk