

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin’s Comprehensive Plan includes as one of the Land Use and Transportation Building Blocks to “create healthy and family-friendly communities through development that includes a mix of land uses and housing types, afford realistic opportunities for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel, and provides community gathering spaces, neighborhood gardens and family farms, parks, and safe outdoor play areas for children;” and

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin’s Comprehensive Plan includes as one of the Conservation and Environment Policies to “expand the city’s green infrastructure network to include such elements as preserves and parks, trails, stream corridors, green streets, greenways, and agricultural lands;” and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partnered with the City by providing funding to buy out homes located in the 25 year floodplain in the Lower Onion Creek buyout area and eventually turn that neighborhood near the creek into green space and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, currently the City property known as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lower Onion Creek Flood Mitigation Project Area, which is generally located south of William Cannon Dr. and east of South Pleasant Valley Rd is zoned MH (mobile home residence), SF-2 (single-family residence standard lot), and SF-3 (family residence) will need to be rezoned in order to start the construction of recreational amenities consistent with the vision planned for the area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lower Onion Creek Flood Mitigation Project Area also includes parkland known as the Onion Creek Greenbelt, located at 7004 Onion Creek Drive and zoned SF-3, that will need to be rezoned in

order to start the construction of recreational amenities consistent with the vision planned for the area; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Department currently maintains the property that they have acquired in the Lower Onion Creek Flood Mitigation Project Area; and

WHEREAS, another key recreational component in southeast Austin is the Onion Creek Metro Park which is located at 8652 Nuckols Crossing Road, a City of Austin park purchased by the City in 2000 in the Desired Development Zone ahead of development in the southeast quadrant of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Goodnight PUD developer created a taxing district within the Goodnight neighborhood that will take care of operation & maintenance while the City funds the capital improvements in the Onion Creek Metro Park; and

WHEREAS, the Onion Creek Metro Park, is currently zoned I-RR (interim rural residence) and SF-3 (family residence) and will need to be rezoned in order to implement the park master plan; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, City of Austin's Watershed Protection and the Parks Department have gone through an extensive community outreach process in order to plan both parkland areas and the buy-out areas for the recreational benefit of the community; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council initiates the rezoning of the following City owned properties and parkland to public (P) district designation: (1) approximately 400 acres of land known as Onion Creek Metro Park located at 8652 Nuckols Crossing Road; (2) approximately 200 acres of Onion Creek Greenbelt located at 7004 Onion Creek

Drive; and (3) approximately 99 acres of land known as the Lower Onion Creek Buy-out Area; and directs the City Manager to process the rezoning cases.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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