

**RESOLUTION NO. 20201112-071**

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, Resolution No. 880421-22 authorized an agreement between the City and the Southwest Texas Council of American Youth Hostels, Inc. d/b/a Hostelling International (AYH), for the purpose of establishing an AYH-chartered hostel at the Town Lake Boathouse, 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Resolution No. 20120301-050 authorized Hostelling International - Austin to continue to occupy the building at 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive for a period of at least ten years, and encouraged additional concessions to be added to the property; and

**WHEREAS**, also in 2012, Resolution No. 20121206-036 waived requirements of the City's policy for establishing concessions on parkland for a concession agreement between AYH and EpicSUP LLC (EpicSUP) for a food and beverage and a stand-up paddle board concession located at 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2103, the City and American Youth Hostels, Inc., d/b/a Hostelling International-USA entered into a license agreement licensing AYH's continued use of the Town Lake Boat House, 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive, as a youth hostel; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 pandemic resulted in economic disruption for many business nationwide, including businesses like AYH, which after 32 years at the

Town Lake Boathouse, has quietly shut down its business locally and nationally, including terminating its license agreement with the City effective October 31, 2020, two years in advance of the agreement's January 1, 2023 expiration date; and

**WHEREAS**, the concession agreement between AYH and EpicSUP expired on October 31, 2020, and because AYH is now out of business, the agreement cannot be renewed and EpicSUP is no longer authorized to operate the food and beverage and stand-up paddle board concession at 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the premature closure of the AYH youth hostel located in the Town Lake Boathouse has directly affected an Austin small business and limited the recreation options for the community of Southeast Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, The Trail Foundation, a local non-profit which has a long-standing history in Austin Communities, serves as a partner with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin Public Works Urban Trails Program partner for the Butler Hike and Bike Trail, and works towards meeting mobility, safety, and recreational needs for a fast growing Austin community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the value that EpicSUP has brought to the Southeast Austin community through promotion and service of recreational activities; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The requirements of City Code §§ 8-1-14 and 8-1-71, which establish the procedures for operating a concession in Lady Bird Lake Park, are waived for a concession agreement between The Trail Foundation and EpicSUP LLC for a food and beverage and a stand-up paddle board concession to be located at 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive, such agreement to have an expiration date of January 1, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Upon expiration of the concession agreement between The Trail Foundation and EpicSUP LLC., the City Manager is directed to consider whether to continue with concession operations at 2200 S. Lakeshore Drive, and if so, to follow applicable purchasing guidelines to secure future concession operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

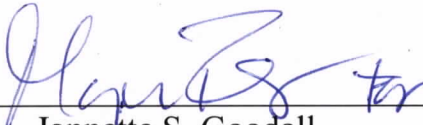
The City Manager is directed to report back to Council on or before April 1, 2021 regarding the City's efforts to facilitate negotiation and execution of a concession agreement between The Trail Foundation and EpicSUP LLC and the proposed timeline for possible future concession solicitation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to grant a temporary concession permit, valid for up to six months, to EpicSUP and to waive the concession permit fee for

EpicSUP to operate a food and beverage and a stand-up paddle board concession at  
2200 S. Lakeshore Drive.

**ADOPTED:** November 12, 2020 **ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk