

**RESOLUTION NO. 20230720-157**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Grant program assists local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas by providing 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is eligible to receive a grant under the Local Park Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to authorize an official to represent and act for the City in working with the TPWD concerning the Local Park Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has \$1,500,000 in matching funds available to meet the match requirements if the City receives the Local Park Grant program grant; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted the Walter E. Long Metro Park Vision Plan in October 2020, providing a phased vision for the park's rehabilitation and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Park Grant program grant will provide funding to the current phase of the Vision Plan, including rehabilitating the existing restroom, improving existing roads and vehicle connectivity throughout the Lakeside area, and providing for a nature trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the meeting at which this Resolution is being considered was properly noticed and is open to the public under the Texas Open Meetings Act (Act) and Council is giving the public the opportunity to provide comment on this Resolution;  
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Council certifies that the City is eligible to receive assistance under the TPWD's Local Park Grant program;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Council certifies that notice of the application has been posted as required by the Act and the meeting is open to any persons wanting to comment on the application;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Council certifies that \$1,500,000 in matching funds for the Local Park Grant program is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Parks and Recreation Department budget;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

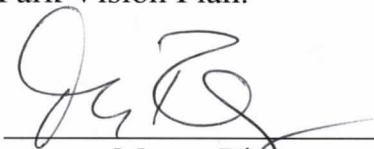
Council authorizes and directs Kimberly McNeeley, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department (Director), to act on the City's behalf to work with the TPWD for purposes of the Local Park Grant program and designates the Director as the representative of the City in this regard;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Council further authorizes and directs the Director to submit an application for the TPWD's Local Park Grant program of up to \$1,500,000 to partially fund the cost of the current phase of the Walter E. Long Metro Park Vision Plan.

**ADOPTED:** July 20, 2023

**ATTEST:**



Myrna Rios  
City Clerk