

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK UNDER THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM'S OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT SHERMAN PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock seeks to improve the recreational facilities at Sherman Park (see letter from Parks and Recreation Department attached hereto as Exhibit "A") and wishes to seek grant funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the funds necessary to develop and/or improve the site for such a recreation area, it is necessary to obtain a 50/50 Matching Grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the plans for such renovations (to include American Disabilities Act accessibility, renovation of restrooms, playground equipment and concession stand, resurfacing tennis courts, installation of proper drainage and lighting improvements for athletic fields) have been prepared, and the price therefor has been established; and

WHEREAS, the project budget is \$244,300.00 with the City's share being \$122,150.00; and

WHEREAS, this governing body understands the grantee and grantor will enter into a binding agreement which obligates both parties to policies and procedures contained in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants Manual including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) The park area defined by the project boundary map (Exhibit "B" attached hereto), submitted in the application, must remain in outdoor recreation use in perpetuity, regardless if the property is bought or developed with matching grant funds;
- (b) All present and future overhead utility lines in the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground;
- (c) The project area must remain open and available for use by the public at all reasonable times of the day and year. Facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc. but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use; and

- (d) The project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe and healthful manner.

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock City Council is well aware and apprised of the above-mentioned project and will provide the local portion of the development cost of the entire project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism (application attached hereto as Exhibit "C") for assistance to develop recreational facilities (to include American Disabilities Act accessibility, renovation of restrooms, playground equipment and concession stand, resurfacing tennis courts, installation of proper drainage and lighting improvements for athletic fields) for the City of North Little Rock, and such application shall be submitted as expediently as possible.

SECTION 2: That the City's share of the costs, or \$122,150.00, will be paid as follows: \$91,150.00 from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund, \$31,000.00 from in-kind labor and equipment use from various city departments.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

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Mayor Patrick H. Hays

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b