

**A Resolution**

**NO. 5967-06-2024**

**TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND DESIGNATE THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OVER THE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROPOSED RENOVATIONS OF HALL OF WONDERS IN TEXAS WILD AT FORT WORTH ZOO; APPLYING FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000,000.00; CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY OF FORT WORTH IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE AND THAT THE CITY OF FORT WORTH'S MATCHING SHARE WILL BE READILY AVAILABLE; AND SPECIFYING THAT HALL OF WONDERS IN TEXAS WILD AT FORT WORTH ZOO IS DEDICATED FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Grants Branch of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) administers the Local Park Grant Program, which includes the Urban Indoor Recreation Grant (Program);

**WHEREAS**, the Program assists local units of government with the acquisition and development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas through matching fund reimbursement grants;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Worth (City) is applying for a grant up to \$2,000,000.00 from the Program to assist with the renovations of the existing Hall of Wonders in Texas Wild at Fort Worth Zoo, the approximate location of which is set forth in the attached Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS**, the Program requires a match from the City equal to the amount applied for under the grant application, for which the match will be readily available;

**WHEREAS**, the City is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is desirous of authorizing a representative to represent and act on its behalf in dealing with the TPWD concerning the Program:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FORT WORTH:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City hereby certifies that it is eligible to receive assistance under the Program, and that notice of the grant application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.

**SECTION 2:** That the City hereby certifies that the matching share for this grant application will be readily available.

**SECTION 3:** That the City hereby authorizes and directs its Assistant City Manager

over the Park & Recreation Department to act for the City in dealing with the TPWD for the purposes of the Program, and that Jessica McEachern is hereby officially designated as the City representative in this regard.

SECTION 4: The City hereby specifically authorizes Jessica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, to submit a Program application to the TPWD concerning the renovations of Hall of Wonders in Texas Wild at Fort Worth Zoo, Tarrant County, which is dedicated for public park and recreation uses in perpetuity.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

ATTEST:

By: Jannette S. Goodall

Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

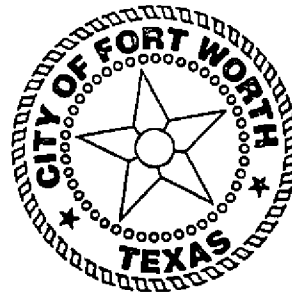


Exhibit A

