RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Grant Program provides 50 percent matching grants to eligible applicants to assist with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Local Park Grant will cover 50 percent of the expected cost to construct amenities in Palm Park, including restoration of the historic shelter house, a new all-ages play structure, shaded seating and gathering places for the community, new shade trees and native landscaping, and a rain garden to manage storm water coming from off site; 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 Parks Grant is available in Waller Creek Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council authorizes and directs Jesús Aguirre, 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 Parks Grant 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 a TPWD Local Park Grant of up to \$1,500,000 to partially fund the construction of the amenities at Palm Park.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 ATTEST: _____

Erika Brady City Clerk