

## MOTION SHEET

I move to amend the resolution with the following language:

Line 14:

WHEREAS, nonetheless, Austin is not on track to meet the first recommendation in PARD's *Our Parks, Our Future Long-Range Plan* to "maintain or improve upon current standards of parkland and add between 4,000 and 8,000 acres of new parkland over the next 10 years"; and

WHEREAS, the PARD's long-range plan, which uses 2029 as a planning horizon, also includes the goal of providing equitable access for all residents to parks and open spaces, defined as within one-fourth mile of urban core residents and one-half mile for those outside of the urban core; and

Line 31:

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land annually prepares the ParkScore index to provide a national comparison of park systems across the most populous cities in the United States, and in 2024 Austin ranked 44<sup>th</sup> with a score of 53.5 out of 100; and

WHEREAS, the ParkScore methodology includes an evaluation of public and private investment, including non-profit contributions and volunteer service hours; and

Line 53:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Council reaffirms the goal of providing equitable access for all residents to parks and open spaces, defined as within one-fourth mile for urban core residents and one-half mile for those outside of the urban core. When making recommendations under this resolution, the City Manager shall consider this goal, identify the funding amounts necessary to achieve it, and recommend which funding options would be best suited to generate the funding identified to reach this goal.

Line 62:

- Resources from other departments, including the reassignment of Austin Convention Center employees during the Convention Center construction process.
- Examine opportunities to reduce internal city charges as a cost saving strategy, including examining fees that PARD pays to other city departments.

Line 63:

The Council recommends enlisting the assistance of external consultants with expertise in park system funding to advise the staff team on funding methods to sustain and expand the available funding for Austin's parks, as well as establishing a means of comparing funding methods used by other park systems in Texas, and in other states, and providing financial scenarios to compare funding options along with any opportunity costs.

Line 74:

The City Manager should provide a progress report to Council by March 31, 2025, regarding the status of the staff team's efforts to identify additional sources and methods of funding to expand the available resources to achieve long-term parkland acquisition goals, enhance service levels, and sustain Austin parks, and a final report back to Council with recommendations on the funding strategies no later than May 31, 2025.

Line 79:

The City Manager is directed to provide an annual report from FSD and PARD regarding total parkland, preserve, and open space assets and maintenance costs that includes the following:

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Park Partnerships:

- A list of existing public-private partnership or PARKnership agreements, as well as the status of any partnerships or agreements under negotiation; and
- An annual report on the value created by each partnership, including capital contributions, operating or production expenses assumed, and volunteer service hours provided.

Maintenance and staffing report:

- Reports on the maintenance staffing and service levels for current parkland, building on the model developed by PARD and FSD in the Spring of 2024, this should include metrics that at least

measure mowing, restroom maintenance, tree trimming, trash management, preventative maintenance, natural area maintenance, and work orders.

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