September 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to states, and political subdivisions thereof, for outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has approved the Park and Wildlife Code, Section 131.309 authorizing the State of Texas, and its political subdivisions, to participate in the Federal program established under said Public Law 88-578, or such other programs as are hereinafter established by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has approved the Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 24.005 for allowing the political subdivisions of the State of Texas to participate in the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is fully eligible to receive assistance under these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Trees Foundation, in partnership with the Southwestern Medical District (SWMD) leadership, is leading the transformative SWMD project to redesign the Harry Hines corridor into a multi-modal, green parkway and park that will enhance environmental quality, promote economic development, and improve public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Trees Foundation, a Texas Non-profit Corporation, is working in partnership with Park & Recreation Department, will set aside match funding for this park; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the applicant in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) concerning these programs.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for the National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program competitive grant in the amount of $15,000,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Texas Trees Foundation Park Project within the Southwestern Medical District, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 2. That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is up to an amount of $15,000,000.00 from donor contributions to the Texas Trees Foundation, specifically for the SWMD Green Park Project.

SECTION 3. That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby certifies that it is eligible to receive assistance under these programs, and that notice of the application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.

SECTION 4. That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby authorizes and directs the Park & Recreation Department to act for the City of Dallas in dealing with TPWD for the purposes of the program, and that the Director or his or her designee is hereby officially designated as the representative in this regard.

SECTION 5. That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby specifically authorizes the Park & Recreation Department to make an application to TPWD concerning the site known as the Texas Trees Foundation SWMD Park Project in the City of Dallas for use as a park site and is hereby dedicated for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity.

SECTION 6. That it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas, that the SWMD shall assume to provide the current level of support for the maintenance of the improvements in partnership with Park & Recreation Department be appropriated and funded as needed for operating costs.

SECTION 7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.