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**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 City of Dallas is fully eligible to receive assistance under these programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Oaks Park Improvement Project will utilize grant funds received as a result of a successful application to the Local Parks Urban Indoor Recreation Grant Program from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The match is being provided through the City of Dallas 2024 Bond Program, which has set aside funding for this project; 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 concerning these programs.

**Now, Therefore,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby certifies that it is eligible to receive assistance under these programs, and that notice of the application will be posted according to local public hearing requirements.

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is, at this time, not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 from the 2024 Bond Program for Fair Oaks Park located at 7621 Fair Oaks Avenue.

**SECTION 3.** That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby authorizes and directs the Dallas Park & Recreation Department to act for the City of Dallas in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purposes of these programs, and that the Director or his or her designee is hereby officially designated as the representative in this regard.

**SECTION 4.** That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby specifically authorizes the Park & Recreation Department to make application to the Local Parks Urban Indoor Recreation Grant Program from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to facilitate Fair Oaks Park Improvement Project located at 7621 Fair Oaks Avenue.

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**SECTION 5.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for the Local Parks Urban Indoor Recreation Grant Program from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in an amount of up to \$3,000,000.00 for the Fair Oaks Park Improvement Project located at 7621 Fair Oaks Avenue in Dallas and to execute any and all documents required by the grant, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 6.** That it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas that all operating funds required for the Fair Oaks Park Improvement be appropriated and funded as needed for operating costs.

**SECTION 7.** That it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas that these funds required to provide internal improvements to the property be appropriated and funded as needed.

**SECTION 8.** That the City Council of the City of Dallas hereby expresses its intent to permanently preserve and maintain a designated portion of Fair Oaks Park as a natural area and open space for conservation, environmental stewardship, habitat enhancement, and passive recreation purposes. The boundaries of the designated natural area shall be identified on the approved project site plan and maintained in accordance with a Natural Area Maintenance Plan developed by the Dallas Park & Recreation Department.

**SECTION 9.** That the designated natural area shall be protected from future development inconsistent with its conservation purpose and shall be managed to support native vegetation, pollinator habitat, urban tree canopy enhancement, invasive species management, and other environmental benefits consistent with the goals of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Local Park Grant Program.

**SECTION 10.** That the City of Dallas commits to maintaining the designated natural area in perpetuity for conservation and passive recreation purposes, subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws.

**SECTION 11.** 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.