

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDMOND, OKLAHOMA TO COLLABORATE WITH THE EDMOND LAND CONSERVANCY, INC., AN OKLAHOMA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FOR THE CREATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PARK PROPERTY, LOCATED SOUTH OF E.C. HAFFER PARK.

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, Edmond voters passed a temporary 0.25% sales tax to purchase 22 acres of land adjacent to and south of Hafer Park, and;

WHEREAS, This sales tax will be collected over the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Edmond, Oklahoma now owns the property, and;

WHEREAS, the voter approved proposition stated “said land to be included in the City’s park system”, and;

WHEREAS, the voter approved proposition stated that surplus proceeds of the tax may be used “to pay the cost of improving the land or providing other capital improvements for the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City has supported, and partnered with The Edmond Land Conservancy, Inc. (“ELC”) at various times in the past.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMOND;

THAT, SECTION 1, Edmond City Council will authorize ELC to create a conservation easement for the parcel;

THAT, SECTION 2, ELC shall coordinate with the City and industry professionals to prepare a proposed conservation easement to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and City Council, the proposal should be delivered to Council by January 1, 2023.

THAT, SECTION 3, any interested board or commission of the City should develop, formally approve, and deliver comments to ELC, through the City’s appointed staff liaison;

THAT, SECTION 4, ELC shall regularly provide updates to City Council, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding progress and monetary expenditures incurred;

THAT, SECTION 5, The City will make funding available for study, consultation, assessment, or other services for identifying uses of the land or preferred management practices. Funds may be made available for any other service or purpose approved by the City. Once the proposed conservation easement is considered by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and accepted by City Council, the City will allocate funding necessary to aid the development and establishment of said easement in favor of ELC by paying expenses directly associated with the easement establishment. Discretion of allowable expense shall be with the City Manager, or designee, and may be paid by the City directly, or as reimbursement to the ELC. Appropriate payment terms and methods will be determined by the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMOND, OKLAHOMA, on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

APPROVED as to form this _____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY ATTORNEY