

Wilmington, Delaware  
November 19, 2020

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
Harlee

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department") submitted an Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Trails ("ORPT") Grant Program 2020 application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") in the amount of \$100,000.00 to support improvements to Johnston Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the ORPT Program, formerly known as the Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund, is a matching grant program assisting with public park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development in Delaware, and has provided over \$28 million in matching grant assistance to eligible local, county, and state governments throughout Delaware since 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department intends to use the grant funds to redevelop Johnston Park's existing configuration to better utilize the available area for neighborhood-oriented activities, including new compliant play and fitness equipment, renovated athletic courts, a new picnic pavilion surrounded by naturally landscaped open space, new park benches, and expanded pathways, which will encourage exercise and outdoor exploration (collectively, the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the Project is \$300,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is required to provide a sixty-seven percent (67%) match of the total Project cost, which amounts to \$200,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will fund this match requirement through bonds that the City has already sold; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Department of Park and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for funds allocated pursuant to the 2020 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.00. The funds will be used for improvements to Johnston Park. A sixty-seven percent (67%) match of the total project cost is required.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a sixty-seven percent (67%) match of the total project cost, which amounts to \$200,000.00, such funds will be provided by the Department through bonds the City has already sold.