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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Mills**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 has submitted (i) an Application for Federal Assistance in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) (the “First Grant Application”) and (ii) three Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Applications in the total amount of Nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,750,000.00) (collectively, the “FY 2024 Grant Applications” and, together with the First Grant Application, the “Grant Applications”); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the proposed grant funding requested in the First Grant Application to: (i) restore a 1928 brick comfort station in Tilton Park; (ii) restore an original park pavilion and install new park benches and decorative lighting in Kirkwood Park; (iii) reconstruct brick pathways, restore a decorative fountain, install new park benches and decorative lighting, and make playground improvements in Holloway Park; (iv) install new civilly engineered storm drainage solutions, renovate and add to an existing utility building to create a concessions stand, restrooms, and a covered picnic area for the baseball field in Woodlawn Park; and (v) restore a picnic pavilion and solve drainage issues in Kosciuszko Park; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the proposed grant funding requested in the FY 2024 Grant Applications to: (1) reestablish the connection to the Christina River, restore riverfront walkways, and restore an existing brick picnic pavilion in Christina Park; (2) restore public access to the Brandywine River shoreline, restore an historic picnic pavilion, install new

decorative park lighting, and enhance shoreline amenities in Kirkwood Park; and (3) design and construct new athletic fields, playgrounds, and trails in Canby Park; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Applications contain no formal match requirement; and

WHEREAS, despite no formal match requirement, the City would pay for a portion of each of the proposed projects out of already budgeted capital funds; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the City's Grant Applications, for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Grant Applications in the total amount of Ten Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$10,950,000.00) are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the Grant Applications and to fulfill the requirements of the grants.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's four grant applications to the federal government in the total amount of Ten Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$10,950,000.00). The grant funds will be used to make improvements in Tilton Park, Kirkwood Park, Holloway Park, Woodlawn Park, Kosciuszko Park, Christina Park, and Canby Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. There is no formal match requirement, and although the City will pay for a portion of the proposed improvements itself, such payments will be sourced from previously budgeted capital funds.