

**July 25, 2024**  
**Item No. 6.12.**

**Sponsor:** Kelsey Heiden

**Reviewed By CBC:** City Council

**Agenda Caption:** Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing the submission of a Local Parks Grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for up to \$750,000 in grant funds to be matched by the City, designating the City Manager as an authorized official for the submission of the application, and dedicating Texas Independence Park for permanent public park and recreational purposes.

**Relationship to Strategic Goals:**

Financial Sustainability

**Recommendation(s):** Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

**Summary:** The proposed item is a resolution in a support of a grant application to seek funding for the future Texas Independence Park. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has posted the Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program and is accepting applications through August 1, 2024.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program assists local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas.

The Program provides 50% matching grants (up to \$750,000) on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public.

This resolution aligns with the City Council Strategic Plan in Financial Sustainability seeking grants and outside funding. Staff is seeking approval to apply for this grant opportunity to fund a portion of the future Texas Independence Park.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) grant application guidelines require City Council authorization to apply to the Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for up to \$750,000 in grant funding for Texas Independence Park.

It is anticipated that notice of grant awards will be provided to recipients in late spring or early summer 2025. As required by TPWD, the deadline for the Department to submit the full application is August 1, 2024.

**Budget & Financial Summary:** If awarded, the City will provide its grant match (\$750,000) through an assigned fund balance in the FY25 budget.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution Authorizing Application

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS “DEPARTMENT,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “PROGRAM,”; CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE; CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY’S MATCHING SHARE IS READILY AVAILABLE; AND DEDICATING THE PROPOSED SITE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of College Station is eligible to receive assistance under the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of authorizing the City Manager to represent and act for the City of College Station in dealing with the Department concerning the Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS:**

- PART 1:** That the City Council hereby certifies that the City of College Station is eligible to receive assistance under the Program, and that notice of the application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.
- PART 2:** That the City Council hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time.
- PART 3:** That the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to act for the City of College Station in dealing with the Department for the purposes of the Program, and that the City Manager is hereby officially designated as the representative in this regard.
- PART 4:** The City Council hereby specifically authorizes the City Manager to make application to the Department concerning the site to be known as Independence Park in the City of College Station for use as a park site and is hereby dedicated for permanent public park and recreation purposes.

**ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**City Secretary**

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**Mayor**

**APPROVED:**

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**City Attorney**