

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA (1) APPROVING THE PARK MASTER PLAN FOR THE RENOVATION OF EUCALYPTUS PARK; (2) APPROVING A TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPENDING PLAN; AND (3) REALLOCATING FUNDS AND AMENDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Eucalyptus Park is a 19.69-acre community park located at 436 C Street, stretching along C Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista (“City”) applied to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for grant funds available pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All of 2018 Parks Bond Act, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (the “Statewide Parks Program”) to improve Eucalyptus Park; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022, the City entered into Grant Contract SW-37-015 for the Eucalyptus Park improvements; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 2022-100 amended the Fiscal Year 2021-22 CIP budget to establish a new capital improvement project, Eucalyptus Park (PRK0340), and appropriated \$6,390,000 in Statewide Parks Program grant funds to same; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2022, the City issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) from qualified design teams to develop the master plan, park design, 100% construction documents, specifications and construction administration based on the conceptual plan included within the awarded grant application for Eucalyptus Park; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2022, the City selected and entered into an agreement with the design firm KTUA to provide design, pre-construction, and construction administration for the Eucalyptus Park renovations; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the park renovations will be completed under a separate solicitation and contract; and

WHEREAS, the design and 100% Construction Documents will be managed and approved by the City in accordance with the objectives contained within the Parks and Facilities Guidelines, Landscape Water Conservation Ordinance, Landscape Manual, as well as, the City’s Construction Standards; and

WHEREAS, following an extensive community engagement process, KTUA developed a Park Master Plan for Eucalyptus Park renovations that activate the entire park site (the “Eucalyptus Park Master Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of the Eucalyptus Park Master Plan at its meeting on April 25, 2023, by a vote of 5-0; and

WHEREAS, KTUA estimates the total cost to construct the Eucalyptus Park Master Plan at \$8,722,558, resulting in a funding shortfall of \$3,522,558 after application of the \$6,390,000 in Statewide Parks Program grant funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, ARPA was intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, ARPA includes State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support urgent COVID response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus, replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services, support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses, and address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequal impacts of the pandemic on certain populations; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista received \$57,535,250 in two tranches with \$28,767,625 provided in May 2021 and the remaining \$28,767,625 received twelve months later; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the reallocation of \$3,522,558 in previously appropriated ARPA funds towards the Eucalyptus Park renovation and amending the American Rescue Act Spending Plan accordingly, by reallocating \$3,522,558 from the Revenue Recovery Category to the Negative Economic Impacts Category; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) because the proposed actions would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a

scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it approves the Park Master Plan for the renovation of Eucalyptus Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it amends The American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan and reallocates funds within the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 Fund (Fund 268), increases CIP appropriations (PRK0340), and amends the Revenue Recovery and Negative Economic Impact category budgets as follows:

Revenue Recovery: Governmental Funds	(\$3,522,558)
Negative Economic Impacts: Eucalyptus Park (PRK0340)	\$3,522,558

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