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AN ORDINANCE

ADOPTING THE BRACKENRIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN.

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WHEREAS, during the FY 2015 Budget process a budget amendment request was made on behalf of the Brackenridge Conservancy for \$250,000.00 to update the 1979 Brackenridge Park Master Plan for the purpose of identifying and prioritizing investment in the park through current land use planning and design guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in April 2015, City Council approved the development of a master plan for Brackenridge Park through a professional services agreement with Rialto Studio, Inc. In developing the draft master plan the project team conducted asset mapping of the park, held a public workshop in July 2015, and engaged feedback from numerous established park stakeholder groups; and

WHEREAS, the consultants presented the draft master plan to the public on April 26, 2016 and highlighted five (5) strategies to transform the park into a more walkable, enjoyable place while balancing the traditional use of the park and its history; and

WHEREAS, these strategies included: 1) restoring natural park features and improving water quality; 2) preserving and restoring the park's cultural and historic features; 3) increasing the park's visibility and pedestrian access; 4) recapturing green space in lieu of impervious cover; and 5) reducing vehicular traffic to improve pedestrian mobility; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the public presentation, Councilman Treviño was contacted by local park stakeholders regarding limited opportunities for citizen input, especially those who historically utilized the park; and

WHEREAS, through his and other Councilmember's engagement the Parks and Recreation Department facilitated six (6) additional public meetings that were highly advertised and held throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, from that effort the community publicly endorsed three (3) draft master plan strategies to include: 1) restoring natural park features and improving water quality; 2) preserving and restoring the park's cultural and historic features; and 3) increasing the park's visibility and pedestrian access; and

WHEREAS, strategy elements that did not garner public support and are not included in the proposed master plan include the closure of park roads with implementation of a tram system and removal of existing parking and development of a grand lawn; and

WHEREAS, those public meetings were then complemented by six (6) events-based master planning activities to assist people in understanding and visualizing on site the three (3) draft master plan strategies; and

WHEREAS, that community engagement process concluded on November 19, 2016, and overwhelmingly reaffirmed the supported master plan strategies underscoring the importance of having a plan to guide the preservation and enhancement of Brackenridge Park; and

WHEREAS, these supported strategies will focus on preserving the park's cultural, historic, and natural landscapes while allowing the public to continue direct access to amenities through the use of existing park roads and parking; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Brackenridge Park Master Plan is hereby adopted; a copy of the plan which is incorporated herein for all purposes is on file with the Parks and Recreation Department.

SECTION 2. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____,

M A Y O R
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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney