

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE WITTE MUSEUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,201,615.67 FOR THE REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF RIVER WALLS IN BRACKENRIDGE PARK LOCATED ON THE WITTE MUSEUM LEASED PROPERTY IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,201,615.67 FROM THREE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS TO THE EXISTING WITTE MUSEUM CAPITAL PROJECT.

* * * * *

WHEREAS, the Witte Museum (“the Witte”), located at 3801 Broadway, was opened to the public on October 8, 1926; and

WHEREAS, since its opening, the Witte has showcased South Texas’s rich Texas heritage and has served an average of 350,000 visitors each year, including 160,000 school-aged children and 60,000 free-of-charge during weekly Free Tuesdays hours; and

WHEREAS, since celebrating its 87th Anniversary, the Witte has plans to invest \$75 million in a campus expansion plan intended to sustain and expand exhibitions and programs to serve the City’s growing community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Witte has raised \$30 million in private funds over the years for the City’s first and largest public museum, specifically for the campus expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Witte expansion plan included three phases of construction; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1- construction of the Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center, has been completed and was opened to the public in the Spring 2012; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 - construction of a new museum entrance/receiving area; permanent dinosaur exhibition space; new galleries featuring collection-based interactive museums; and, a changing exhibit and special events center, including several riverside porches; and

WHEREAS, construction also will include the new Witte Research and Collections Center; and

WHEREAS, the 33,000 square-foot facility will allow the museum to place its collection of more than 300,000 artifacts in one place; and

WHEREAS, construction was completed and was opened to the public in April, 2016 and

WHEREAS, Phase 3 - construction of the Center for Rivers and Aquifers, which will help the Witte exhibit the story of water and the importance of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, this phase also will include construction of a new café and river pavilion; and

WHEREAS, construction was completed and was opened to the public in March, 2017 and

WHEREAS, Phase IV - continuation of improvements conducted in Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the Witte is doing site improvements within the area of the San Antonio River that requires rehabilitation and repairs to the river walls; and

WHEREAS, construction is anticipated to begin in June, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2013, City Council authorized the execution of a Funding Agreement totaling \$8,000,000.00 to the Witte Museum; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2014, City Council, adopted the FY 2015 Annual Budget which increased funding to the Witte Museum by an additional \$8,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the total City funding commitment to the Witte has been \$16,000,000.00 overall since 2013; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee or the Director of the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a second amendment to the Funding Agreement with the Witte Museum in an amount not to exceed \$1,201,615.67 for the rehabilitation and construction of river walls in Brackenridge Park located on the Witte Museum leased property in Council District 2. A copy of the amendment in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. [FINANCIAL LANGUAGE PENDING]

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney