

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 WITH GREENSBORO UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR THE BRYAN PARK SOCCER COMPLEX EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Greensboro United Soccer Association (GUSA; formerly Greensboro Youth Soccer Association) has operated the Bryan Park Soccer Complex through contractual agreements with the City of Greensboro since at least 1984;

WHEREAS, through the existence of this public-private partnership, GUSA has previously made significant improvements to the Bryan Park site valued in excess of \$2,700,000;

WHEREAS, GUSA continues to demonstrate its commitment to inclusion and to reducing financial barriers to playing soccer and has become one of the most diverse soccer clubs in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, together with the support of the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, GUSA wishes to make improvements to the Bryan Park Soccer Complex to better serve the growing demand for soccer in the Greensboro community and to attract national tournaments generating additional significant economic impact for Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the total projected cost of the proposed improvement/expansion project is estimated to be \$4,500,000, and pending approval of this resolution the City's contribution towards the project would be \$1,000,000, representing approx. 22% of the total cost of the project and secured through a reallocation of Parks and Recreation bond funding;

WHEREAS, completion of the project will enable Bryan Park to become eligible to host large regional and national soccer tournaments projected to bring in an additional \$13-18,000,000 in economic impact to Greensboro;

WHEREAS, at its July 16, 2015 work session, the City Council received a presentation about the scope of the proposed expansion project, unanimously indicated its support, and directed the Parks and Recreation Department to bring the proposed Bryan Park Soccer Complex site conceptual plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration;

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to support the proposed expansion project and approved the Bryan Park Soccer Complex site conceptual plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City is authorized to enter into a contract with Greensboro United Soccer Association for the expansion of the Bryan Park soccer complex pursuant to NC General Statutes 160A-353 and 143-128. The City Manager and staff are hereby authorized to enter into negotiations and execute a contract with GUSA in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 based on agreed upon

terms of the contract, payment to be made from Account No. 472-5013-01.6019.