

**RESOLUTION NO. 20070308-046**

**WHEREAS**, Austin voters approved \$25 million in project bonds in May 1998 for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waller Creek area's present condition substantially impairs the City's growth and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project provides 100-year storm event flood protection with no bank erosion or roadway flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waller Creek Tunnel Project will spur economic development and provide jobs in an underdeveloped part of downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will enhance the available parkland and trail along the creek by providing amenities in Waterloo Park, Palm Park, and Town Lake Park and by preventing flooding and implementing erosion control; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will enhance the water quality of water into Town Lake, improve the connectivity between downtown and East Austin, and serve as an added attraction for residents and tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated revenues and costs associated with the project have been projected to result in positive cash flow; and

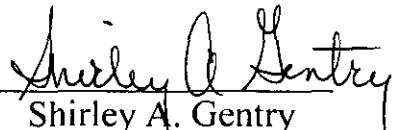
**WHEREAS**, in order to finance the project, the City of Austin needs a partner to share in the costs of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to form a tax increment financing district from which the City would contribute 100 percent of its property tax increment with Travis County contributing 50 percent of its property tax increment; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to seek the participation of Travis County as a financing partner in the Waller Creek Tunnel Project and enter into negotiations with Travis County regarding a tax increment financing district with County participation, to be created before December 31, 2007.

**ADOPTED:** March 8, 2007

**ATTEST:**   
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk