

RESOLUTION NO. 20100923-090

WHEREAS, Waller Creek is a defining geographic feature of Austin;
and

WHEREAS, efforts to enhance and revitalize the creek and the surrounding area have occurred over the past thirty years but have been unsuccessful due to flooding events; and

WHEREAS, the Waller Creek Tunnel Project and Revitalization effort is a priority of the City and construction of the tunnel flood control project is underway and financing mechanisms are in place by the City of Austin in partnership with Travis County to remove over a million square feet from the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the Waller Creek Master Plan, created through community consensus and shepherded by the Waller Creek Citizen Advisory Committee, was adopted by council in June of 2010 laying out a vision for creek improvements and groundwork to restore and enhance Palm Park, Waterloo Park, and the outlet at Lady Bird Lake; and

WHEREAS, there is limited funding currently identified to implement the master plan or for further design work for the district to create a premier amenity with a high level of design excellence for the entire community; and

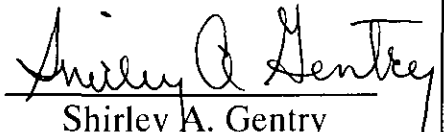
WHEREAS, cities throughout the country have revitalized and created urban parks through active partnerships with private conservancy groups including Discovery Green, Houston; Campus Martius Park, Detroit; Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon; Millennium Park, Chicago; the Museum Reach of the San Antonio River; and The Park, Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the Waller Creek Conservancy, established by Austin citizens who are dedicated to the implementation of a great urban park design in Austin and the successful revitalization of the district, has incorporated to establish a private partner in the development, operation, and management of the district; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the city manager be directed to explore a public-private partnership for the development, management, and operation of the Waller Creek District including Waterloo and Palm Park with the Waller Creek Conservancy and bring back to Council a recommendation for the structure of this partnership, potential roles and responsibilities, and an implementation schedule within 90 days.

ADOPTED: September 23, 2010

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk