RESOLUTION NO. 20110623-099

WHEREAS, Waterloo Park has historically been one of few sites in the Central Business District that was available for private rental and played host to myriad community events; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Waller Creek Tunnel included a design for an inlet structure that has caused the park to be closed while construction is underway; and

WHEREAS, park closure has had the unintended consequence of displacing several long-standing events; and

WHEREAS, some long-standing events, like Fun Fun Fun Fest, that have a history of successful partnership with the City have been displaced and have since relocated to other parks within the park system; and

WHEREAS, the park system has a limited number of sites that can accommodate events with a capacity larger than 5,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Auditorium Shores is one such location that can accommodate larger community events, but Austin Parks and Recreation Departmental policy prohibits the rental of Auditorium Shores by private parties for more than a certain number of days in a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Fun Fun Fun Fest, in recent years, has been a three-day event, but as relocated is limited to two days because of departmental policy that limits the number of days Auditorium Shores may be rented; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Music Commission recently took unanimous action recommending that City Council direct the City Manager to grant and allocate an additional day to Fun Fun Fun Fest and recognize other events that would be similarly affected by the closing of Waterloo Park; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council to help mitigate this temporary phenomenon and the subsequent impacts on community events by extending the number of days allowed for rental of Auditorium Shores while Waterloo Park is closed; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to amend the policy limiting the number of private rentals at Auditorium Shores while Waterloo Park is closed by:

1. Awarding one additional day to Fun Fun Fun Fest for 2011;
2. In consultation with the adjacent neighborhood associations, developing a procedure that accommodates displaced events and will provide for other additional days; and
3. Developing a procedure to assess a park-specific mitigation fee for maintenance and upkeep of the park.

ADOPTED: June 23, 2011 **ATTEST:** Shirley A Gentry

Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk