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WHEREAS, in 1928, the Young Men’s Business League (YMBL) of Austin recognized the serious community threat of youth tuberculosis and became dedicated to making a significant contribution to the solution; and

WHEREAS, the YMBL members established the Sunshine Camps in Zilker Park to provide afflicted and economically disadvantaged youth with an environment in which to “gain weight, grow strong once again, and enjoy the sunshine”, as medical advice at the time suggested that sunshine could assist in curing tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, today, the YMBL Sunshine Camps continue to serve Central Texas youths living near or below the poverty line and enriching the community by encouraging and facilitating the power to succeed through education and healthy living during week long summer camps; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Austin Sunshine Camps undertook a \$3.5 Million capital campaign to completely rebuild the previous structure which was built in 1932, heavily renovated in the 1970’s, lacked central heating and cooling and was subject to leaking and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Sunshine Camps is seeking to deliver a facility to the City of Austin that brings it up to the standards that the children of Austin deserve and has not requested any public funding to date as a part of their capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, the YMBL Sunshine Camps has requested, as a way of completing the project costs of the facility, for the Capital Recovery Fees of \$25,350 associated with the construction to be waived; and

WHEREAS, Capital Recovery Fees include water and wastewater meters and expenses to the City of Austin and its utilities and would benefit from a transparent consideration as a part of the budget process; and

NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to prepare for council approval a General Fund budget amendment adding funds to the Parks and Recreations Department in an amount to cover the capital recovery fees assessed to the new Sunshine Camps at Zilker Park as a part of the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Process.

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Jeannette Goodall

City Clerk

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