

**RESOLUTION NO. 20090115-028**

**WHEREAS**, City Council directed the City Manager on October 19, 2006, to create a comprehensive master plan for Barton Springs Pool to be established through a public process; and

**WHEREAS**, after an extensive public process involving over eighty public meetings and four town-hall meetings, and receiving voluminous input from stakeholders, the *Barton Springs Pool Master Plan: Concepts for Preservation and Improvement* (“Master Plan”) has been created; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan recognizes that Barton Springs Pool, a historical landmark, is considered to be one of the crown jewels of Austin, enjoyed annually by more than 450,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan acknowledges the fragility of the Barton Springs Pool and the desire of Austin’s citizens to preserve and protect this important resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the only known surface habitats of the Barton Springs Salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*) are located in Barton Springs Pool, Eliza Springs, Old Mill Springs (Sunken Garden) and Upper Barton Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, several scientific studies are underway to aid in determining how best to improve water quality within the pool confines for swimmers and salamanders alike, and

**WHEREAS**, City Council recently supported the improvement of Barton Springs Pool by allocating \$6,200,000 in capital improvement funds

on September 10, 2007, for short-term improvements at Barton Springs Pool;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Barton Springs Pool and areas immediately surrounding  
it may require substantial improvements envisioned within the Master Plan  
that are above and beyond those included in the short-term projects; **NOW**  
**THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council accepts the Plan as a resource for short -term projects  
and concepts for possible future long-term projects, which would require  
extensive public input from stakeholders, Boards and Commissions and City  
Council; and

The Joint Sub-Committee of the Environmental Board and Parks and  
Recreation Board should continue in an oversight capacity, hosting  
representatives of all stakeholder groups as short term projects are  
implemented and long-term projects are considered in the future; and

The *Barton Springs Pool Master Plan: Concepts for Preservation and  
Improvement*, is hereby adopted.

**ADOPTED:** January 15, 2009

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk