ORDINANCE NO. 20100729-085

AN ORDINANCE NAMING PROPERTY THE SAM HAMILTON MEMORIAL RESERVE AND WAIVING REQUIREMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 14-1 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE NAMING OF A CITY FACILITY.

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

PART 1. The Council finds that:

(A) Current and future citizens of Austin owe a debt of gratitude and sincere appreciation to Samuel Davis Hamilton for his commitment and outstanding contributions to environmental conservation, and particularly to protecting the endangered species of Central Texas.

(B) Sam Hamilton worked tirelessly to protect the natural resources of Texas and with his passing on February 20, 2010, the citizens of Austin lost a true friend who contributed greatly to preserving the environmental legacy of Central Texas through his efforts to establish the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP).

(C) From 1991 to 1995 Sam Hamilton worked as Texas State Administrator of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, placing him often at the center of controversial and contentious circumstances.

(D) Sam Hamilton served thirty years as a senior biologist and manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, consistently proving his commitment to the highest standards of public service and his ability to effectively address important and complex issues.

(E) Sam Hamilton exhibited a willingness to listen and to deal fairly and evenhandedly in all his professional undertakings, supporting his vision of environmental quality and wildlife protection in balance with community needs.

(F) Sam Hamilton's open, constructive approach to addressing community concerns was instrumental in establishing the BCCP as a national model for endangered species habitat preservation, being the first multi-species and urban area effort which now encompasses over 28,600 acres of preserve.

PART 2. The name of the tract currently listed in the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan—Shared Vision (BCCP) Infrastructure Planning Appendix B as special use tract no. 4, except the existing fire station, more particularly described in Exhibit A, is hereby named the "Sam Hamilton Memorial Reserve".

PART 3. The Council waives applicable requirements of Chapter 14-1 of the City Code related to naming the property described in Exhibit A as the "Sam Hamilton Memorial Reserve".

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on August 9, 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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July 29, 2010 §

Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED:

Karen M. Kennard
Acting City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk