

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Resolution 20140227-046 directed the City Manager to solicit feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board, the Downtown Commission, and the Early Childhood Council regarding the merits and potential location of a carousel pilot project at minimal or no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution 20140227-046 also directed staff to discuss with stakeholders how carousel revenues might best support youth programs; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014 the director of the Parks and Recreation Department provided feedback responsive to Resolution 20140227-046, including recommendations for potential locations for the carousel pilot and recommended uses of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Families and Children Task Force and other initiatives have suggested that Austin increase family friendly amenities in the downtown area; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to negotiate with a carousel vendor to provide a manufactured carousel and manage its operation with revenue sharing for the City and present Council with options no later than June 4, 2015, including any anticipated impact on the 2016 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the carousel be located downtown and that both public and private properties be among the sites given serious consideration.

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That the City Manager work with downtown residents and businesses, early childhood advocates, partners in the tourism industry, relevant city commissions, and other stakeholders to explore ideas related to the operation and placement of the carousel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the City Manager ensure that carousel revenues be directed to the extent allowed by law toward parks improvements, youth programs, and, as appropriate, initiatives that support United Way's School Readiness Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the City Manager is directed to negotiate with the vendor to secure free and reduced-rate fundraising events for nonprofit organizations focusing on family and early childhood issues.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk