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CITY MANAGER _____	

April 22, 2010

FROM: RANDALL L. COOPER, Director
Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department

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SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF UP TO \$500,000 IN URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council (1) approve the submittal of a grant applications to the State of California Strategic Growth Council Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program under Proposition 84 for the Universally Accessible Park; and (2) authorize the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Director, or designated representative, as agent of the City of Fresno to execute and submit all necessary documents described in the attached resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department (PARCS) proposes to submit an application to the State of California Strategic Growth Council for the Universally Accessible Park Urban Greening Project. Proposed improvements will include landscaping, tree planting, and irrigation improvements. The benefits associated with this project include a reduction in the consumption of natural resources and energy, and a positive impact on the reduction of air and water pollution.

BACKGROUND

State of California Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), authorized the appropriation of \$70.0 million for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide community benefits. There will be three funding cycles for this grant. Up to \$15.2 million are available in the first round Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

The City of Fresno Parks, After-School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department submitted a Prop 84 grant application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program funds to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. This new Urban Greening grant also falls under

Prop 84, but under separate funds set aside for creating sustainable communities through the California Natural Resources Agency. The Universally Accessible Park site at Polk and Gettysburg was identified as potential neighborhood park site as part of the City Parks Master Plan in 1989. It was officially designated as a park site as part of the 2025 Fresno General Plan.

The Universally Accessible Park plans calls for the use of sustainable techniques such as low water use landscaping in accordance with the California Water Efficient Model Ordinance, and smart irrigation controllers. The turf area will be covered with a warm season hybrid Bermuda grass which requires the least amount of irrigation than other turf options. The park plans will also include planting of trees that are considered Low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emitters, help absorb carbon dioxide from air, and improve our air pollution.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no match requirement to qualify for this grant. The City will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the park site.

4/15/10

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF FRESNO
RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER,
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL
PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will return to council for approval of an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fresno hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Universally Accessible Park Urban Greening Project; and
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds; and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and

7. Appoints the City of Fresno, Director of Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department, or designee, as agent to take all necessary actions to complete the application process.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

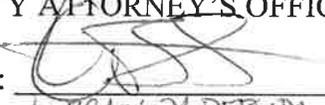
I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the day of _____, 2010.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: _____, 2010
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2010
Mayor Veto: _____, 2010
Council Override Veto: _____, 2010

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: 
L. BRADLEY, DEPUTY