

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ABILENE YOUTH SPORTS AUTHORITY FOR THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT NELSON PARK.

WHEREAS, the Abilene Youth Sports Authority is an organization that encourages, promotes and organizes youth sporting events; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene Youth Sports Authority desires to build a state-of-the-art youth sports facility in the City of Abilene to further their goal of encouraging, promoting and organizing youth sporting activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also encourages youth and their families living within and outside the City of Abilene to participate in youth sporting activities; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene Youth Sports Authority intends to raise private funds in the amounts of \$7,500,000 to construct the youth sports facility and \$1,000,000 for an endowment to maintain the youth sports facility; and

WHEREAS, upon successful completion by the Abilene Youth Sports Authority of its fundraising campaign, the Abilene Youth Sports Authority desires to lease from the City of Abilene certain land located in Nelson Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene agrees to lease to the Abilene Youth Sports Authority certain land located in Nelson Park upon the Abilene Youth Sport Authority successfully completing its fundraising campaign; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene shall provide its services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, in public improvements in the form of roads, parking, lighting, sidewalks and landscaping to the leased premises for the benefit of the local and regional youth sports that will be served by the youth sport facility; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Abilene Youth Sports Authority ceases to operate the youth sports facility the facility shall revert to the ownership of the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene Parks and Recreation Board has considered and approved the lease of Nelson Park park land to the Abilene Youth Sports Authority for the purpose of building and operating the youth sports facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City of Abilene and its citizens and serves a public purpose to enter into a partnership agreement with the Abilene Youth Sports Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Abilene Youth Sports Authority, that upon the Abilene Youth Sports Authority's successful completion of its fundraising campaign, the City of Abilene shall lease real property located at Nelson Park for the purpose of the Abilene Youth Sports Authority building and operating a youth sports facility for the benefit of local and regional youth sports, and shall provide services in the form of construction of and improvements to roads, parking, lighting, sidewalks and landscaping on the leased Premises for the benefit of the facility.

Part 2. That this Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2016.

ATTEST:



Danette Dunlap, City Secretary



Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:



Stanley Smith, Interim City Attorney