

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-023

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF SONOMA'S APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE SONOMA COUNTY PARKLAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND FOR ACQUISITION OF THE THOMAS FLORIAN FRAZIER PROPERTY BY SONOMA COUNTY AND THE SONOMA LAND TRUST

WHEREAS, Sonoma County, through its Regional Parks Department (Regional Parks), has partnered with the Sonoma Land Trust (Land Trust) to acquire the 54-acre Thomas Florian Frazier property (APN 038-261-010) (Frazier Property) located in southeast Santa Rosa and within the City of Santa Rosa limits; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Regional Parks and the Land Trust acquiring the Frazier Property is to expand neighborhood access to Taylor Mountain Regional Park and enable future connections between the park and planned urban trails while protecting the riparian habitat of Cooper Creek; and

WHEREAS, Regional Parks and the Land Trust have developed an acquisition funding plan that includes a combination of state and local grants matched with funds from Sonoma County Park Mitigation Fees and Parks for All Measure M proceeds; and

WHEREAS, Regional Parks has requested that the City of Santa Rosa (City) support the County of Sonoma's (County) use of the Sonoma County Park Land Acquisition Fund towards Regional Parks' and the Land Trust's efforts to acquire the Frazier Property; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Park Land Acquisition Fund was created through settlement agreement between the County and the City in 1970 as compensation from the City for property rights and title of the east side of the Santa Rosa Plaza, currently known as Old Courthouse Square, from the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Park Land Acquisition Fund was created for the sole and exclusive purpose of County providing matching funds to the cities, towns, districts, or other appropriate local entities within Sonoma County for the purchase of mutually approved park sites at a time when that city, town, district, or other appropriate local entity is prepared to pay fifty percent (50%) of the park site purchase costs plus undertake improvement and operation of a park on such site; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County and the Land Trust are the "local entities" for purposes of the Sonoma County Park and Acquisition Fund and will pay 50% of the park site purchase costs and undertake the improvement and operation of the park; and

WHEREAS, seven communities, including the City, have utilized the Sonoma County Park Land Acquisition Fund to support the establishment of numerous parks including Southwest Community Park in Santa Rosa, Crane Creek Regional Park outside Rohnert Park and Tolay Lake Regional Park outside Petaluma; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Mountain Regional Park in southeast Santa Rosa encompasses 1,100 acres and features panoramic views of the city from the 5.5 miles of hiking, biking and horseback trails, with the Taylor Mountain summit being a prominent landmark; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Mountain Regional Park provides an invaluable natural resource to a very diverse cross-section of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, protecting and expanding this vital resource is consistent with the Santa Rosa General Plan, Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the South Santa Rosa Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, Regional Parks will provide for long-term operation and management of the Frazier Property (including initial cleanup of the site, ongoing park maintenance and programming, and park safety enforcement and patrols) as part of the 1,100-acre Taylor Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby supports the County of Sonoma's appropriation of \$75,000 of Sonoma County Parkland Acquisition Trust Fund proceeds for acquisition of the Thomas Florian Frazier property (APN: 038-261-010) by the County and Sonoma Land Trust, to expand access to Taylor Mountain Regional Park and enable future connections between the park and planned urban trails while protecting the riparian habitat of Cooper Creek.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 25th day of February, 2020.

AYES: (5) Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney