RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR FUNDING OF THE PURVIS PARK TENNIS COURTS REHABILITATION PROJECT (ON EMERGENCY).

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program; and

WHEREAS, ODNR has allocated approximately \$281,236 in funding for Cuyahoga County in the current 2019 NatureWorks 26th Round Application for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the ODNR NatureWorks program will provide up to 75% reimbursement assistance for eligible development projects including "outdoor game courts"; and

WHEREAS, the ODNR NatureWorks funding request must be submitted by June 1, 2019 and award announcements are expected by the end of the calendar year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Heights currently maintains seven tennis courts at Purvis Park, three of which were constructed in 1962, are in poor condition, and in need of reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Heights seeks to secure public and private funds to finance park-related costs whenever possible and, accordingly seeks financial support under the NatureWorks Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO, THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> Authorization is given to Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan to submit this grant application to ODNR for the 2019 NatureWorks Program, to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding support, to execute a contract with ODNR if selected for funding, and to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program,

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of University Heights; such reason being that applicants must utilize an ordinance or resolution document authorization for submitting a NatureWorks application prior to submission of the required application documents by June 1, 2019. It shall therefore become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval of the Mayor; otherwise, it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

First Reading:

g: 5/06/2019

Passad.

d: 05/20/2019

ATTEST:

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Luke McConville, Law Director