

Introduced by Buffaloe Council Bill No. R 219-24

**A RESOLUTION**

setting a public hearing; declaring the necessity to increase the length of the natural surface trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area authorized by Ordinance No. 025543; providing for the design and construction of the proposed project using a design/build contract; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement; providing source of funds for payment for the proposed improvement; and providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law.

WHEREAS, an interested parties meeting for the proposed construction of a natural surface trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area was held by the Parks and Recreation Department on August 24, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Commission considered updates to the Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan at their meeting on November 21, 2024, and additional citizen comments were collected via the BeHeard.CoMo.gov portal; and

WHEREAS, the construction of seven (7) miles of natural surface trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area together with the construction of two (2) shelters was previously approved by the Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 025543 on December 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, during the design-build process the design consultant identified an additional three and one-half (3.5) miles of natural surface trail to be included in the project to complete two loops and a connector trail as a part of the project such that the final scope of the project will be approximately ten and one-half (10.5) miles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to hear from the public on the proposed addition of three and one-half (3.5) miles to the approved natural surface trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area in order to determine whether it is in the best interest of the public to proceed with the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A public hearing in respect to the proposed public improvements set forth herein will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2025. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

SECTION 2. The City Council deems the proposed construction of approximately three and one-half (3.5) additional miles of the natural surface trail in the Gans Creek

Recreation Area necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City but desires to hear from the public prior to taking further action to authorize construction of the project.

SECTION 3. The nature and scope of the proposed improvement shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, transportation, insurance and all other items, accessories and incidentals thereto necessary for the complete construction of the improvements. A design/build contract will be used to design and construct the proposed trail improvement project. Following the public hearing the City Council shall determine whether it is in the public interest to make the proposed public improvements or any part thereof.

SECTION 4. The estimated cost of the additional improvements to extend the length of the natural surface trail is \$110,880.00. The total project cost, including the two (2) shelters and seven (7) miles of natural surface trail originally approved by Ordinance No. 025543, is estimated to be \$368,000.00.

SECTION 5. Payment for this proposed improvement shall be made from an additional donation pledged by the Frank W. Morris Memorial Trust in the amount of \$25,000 and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated. Funds available for construction of the entire project, including the two (2) shelters and seven (7) miles of natural surface trail originally approved by Ordinance No. 025543, is estimated to be \$380,000.00.

SECTION 6. Any work done in connection with the construction of the proposed improvement project specified above shall be in compliance with the provisions of the prevailing wage laws of the State of Missouri.

ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

Dorey Alexander  
Deputy City Clerk

Barbara Bullock  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]  
City Counselor