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Ordinance No. 025870

Council Bill No. B 313-24A

AN ORDINANCE

approving a revised Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan; determining it is in the public interest to increase the length of the natural surface trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area; approving the design and construction of the natural surface trail; providing for payment for the improvement; authorizing the City Manager to obtain, execute and record all documents necessary for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law and state-mandated construction safety training; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

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, the use of a design/build process to construct such project was approved by the City Council; 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 has held a public hearing to consider the addition of three and one-half (3.5) miles of natural surface identified during the design-build process to the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, following such public hearing the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the public to authorize the addition of two (2) miles of natural surface trail such that the final scope of the design-build project will be approximately nine (9) miles; and

WHEREAS, the Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan dated January 6, 2025 removes the four and one-half (4.5) mile proposed blue trail loop south of Gans Creek from the master plan, but such plan retains the proposed four and one-half (4.5) mile green trail loop north of Gans Creek and the one and one-half (1.5) mile yellow creek trail loop north of Gans Creek together with such other park improvements as set forth on such plan; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan dated January 6, 2025 will authorize the city manager to move forward with construction of the four and one-half (4.5) mile green trail loop north of Gans Creek and the one and one-half (1.5) mile yellow creek trail loop north of Gans Creek for a total natural surface trail construction of six (6) miles within the Gans Creek Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the remaining three (3) miles of natural surface trail approved to be added to the scope of the design-build project for the park must be added to the Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan approved by City Council before construction of such additional natural trail is authorized;

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves a revised Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A."

SECTION 2. The Council finds that the construction of an additional two (2) mile natural surface trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area, resulting in a total natural surface trail length of nine (9) miles within the recreation area, is necessary for the welfare and improvement of the city and that it is in the public interest that such improvements be made.

SECTION 3. The design prepared by Nomad Trail Development and incorporated into the Gans Creek Recreation Area Master Plan Update is hereby approved.

SECTION 4. The construction of the improvement shall be done by design/build contract as a part of the design/build project approved by Ordinance No. 025543.

SECTION 5. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Park Sales Tax funds, donations received from the Frank W. Morris Memorial Trust and Columbia Trail Association, and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 6. The City Manager is authorized to obtain, execute and have recorded all licenses, easements, deeds and any other conveyances or instruments necessary for the City to complete this improvement.


SECTION 7. Pursuant to Section 290.250 RSMo., the contract for the improvement project shall provide that not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages, as found by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of Missouri, shall be paid to all workers performing work under any contract in excess of \$75,000.00. The contractor's bond shall guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing hourly wage clause in the contract.

SECTION 8. Pursuant to Section 292.675 RSMo., the bid specifications and contract for the improvement shall provide that the contractor and any subcontractor shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program (or a similar program approved by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations) for all employees working on-site. All employees working on the site of the improvement are required to complete the safety program within 60 days of beginning work on the improvement project.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 16th day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor