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SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) FOR THE HABITAT AND ANGLER ACCESS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 AND EQUIPMENT VALUED AT \$5,000.00. THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE GRANT WILL FUND THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANT FISHING DOCK AND AERATOR AT MILLER'S POND PARK.

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WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) released a call for applications for the Habitat and Angler Access Program Grant applications due on April 7, 2023.; and

WHEREAS, TPWD informed the Parks and Recreation Department in December 2023 that a grant would be awarded in the amount of \$35,000 with an additional equipment contribution valued at \$5,000 for an aerator to be installed at Miller's Pond Park; and

WHEREAS, grant period is from the date the agreement is initiated through October 31, 2025 on a reimbursement basis; and

WHEREAS, historically, the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department has participated in various community fishing programs with TPWD including at Miller's Pond Park, located in City Council District 4, which is currently a TPWD Neighborhood Fishin' Program site and is stocked with fish throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, through previous community engagement activities, the Parks and Recreation Department obtained feedback from the community which has prioritized a fishing dock at Miller's Pond; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department design for a fishing dock for Miller's Pond includes interlocking dock sections of various shapes and sizes. The design has widths and railing that makes the project fully ADA accessible for the project to offer an inclusive fishing experience for the community. Additionally, habitat restoration will include an aerator that provides valuable oxygen to improve the water quality for Miller's Pond, especially in periods of drought; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching funding required; however, the grant will enhance a 2022-2027 Bond Program funded project in the amount of \$800,000 for improvements at Miller's Pond.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or designee is authorized to approve the acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the Habitat and Angler Access Program in the amount of \$35,000.00 and equipment valued at \$5,000.00. The Texas Parks & Wildlife grant will fund the purchase and installation of an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant fishing dock and aerator at Miller's Pond Park.

SECTION 2. There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. No fiscal ordinance language is required.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of February, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney