

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,
SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN ACTION GROUP
DBA WHEATLEY HEIGHTS SPORTS CONSERVANCY TO
ADVOCATE AND FUNDRAISE FOR THE WHEATLEY HEIGHTS
SPORTS COMPLEX AT MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK LOCATED
IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.**

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WHEREAS, in 2008, Eastside Christian Action Group (ECAG) was selected to receive \$7.5 million through the Bexar County Venue Tax (BCVT) Program to construct an amateur sports venue project; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City entered into a license agreement with ECAG to allow for the construction and operation of a sports stadium facility on the northern end of Martin Luther King Park and sports fields on the southern end; construction of the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex (WHSC) began in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the sports venue opened in February 2012 inclusive of an artificial turf football field, nine lane running track, stadium seating, restrooms and concession building, ticketing space, parking lots, multi-use sports fields, and a small administration building; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the City has worked closely with ECAG augmenting operations through an initial funding agreement and subsequent services in support of driving forward desirable outcomes and use of the facility, including reservation referrals, in-kind contributions, utility expenses and related fixed overhead services; and

WHEREAS, to date, the City and County have provided approximately \$12.9 million for construction and improvements at WHSC, which includes \$3.3 million from the City's 2017 Bond Program for the construction of two buildings including a 5,140 square foot fieldhouse with event space, hospitality room, staging room, and more. The City's 2022 Bond Program also includes \$1 million for renovation and upgrades at the eleven-year-old sports facility; and

WHEREAS, ECAG is moving to a new business model dba the Wheatley Heights Sports Conservancy whose new mission statement is focused on empowering and enhancing the youth and culturally diverse community of the Eastside of San Antonio by ensuring access to a world class sports and entertainment venue; providing programs that foster affirmation of personal

dignity; ensuring a safe and welcoming environment; and imparting education and training that inspire participants to reach their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, this model will allow the City to continue its support of the sports facility and partnership with ECAG in its new form as Wheatley Heights Sports Conservancy will have an active role in community programming, with the ability to operate concessions and retain the revenue to offset the administrative fees of operating the Conservancy.

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 execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Eastside Christian Action Group dba Wheatley Heights Sports Conservancy to advocate and fundraise for the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex at Martin Luther King Park located in Council District 2.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance will have no fiscal impact on the City's operations.

SECTION 3. No fiscal ordinance language required.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2023.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney