A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of restroom projects at the Garth Nature Area and Grindstone Nature Area; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost of the improvement; providing for payment for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law; and setting a public hearing.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council deems the construction of restroom projects at the Garth Nature Area and Grindstone Nature Area, necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City. Specific improvements include:


SECTION 2. The nature and scope of the 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.

SECTION 3. The estimated cost of the Grindstone Nature Area improvement is $100,000.00; the estimated cost of the Garth Nature Area improvement is $115,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Park Sales Tax Funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 5. Any work done in connection with the construction of the improvement specified above shall be in compliance with the provisions of the prevailing wage laws of the State of Missouri.

SECTION 6. A public hearing in respect to this improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2014. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of ________________________, 2014.
ATTEST:

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City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with new restrooms at the Garth Nature Area and Grindstone Nature Area. As shown in the City's FY-2014 CIP, the department is recommending the addition of a restroom at Garth Nature Area to service the park property as well as Bear Creek Trail users. The restroom facility at Grindstone Nature Area will be utilized by visitors at the nature area as well as individuals utilizing the Hinkson Creek Trail. The project budget for the Grindstone Nature Area restroom is $100,000 and includes the installation of the restroom and associated utilities and concrete flatwork. The project budget for the Garth Nature Area restroom is $115,000 and includes the installation of the restroom, associated utilities, concrete flatwork and dog park improvements. Both restroom projects are funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Work is scheduled to begin this summer with the goal of having the restrooms operational by the fall.

DISCUSSION:
The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to install precast concrete restroom facilities at two locations within Columbia. The restrooms at Garth Nature Area (attachment A) and Grindstone Nature Area (attachment B) are needed due to increased citizen use at each nature area, as well as the increased traffic along the two major trails that run through the properties. The Hinkson Creek Trail is constructed within the Grindstone Nature Area, and the Bear Creek Trail runs through the Garth Nature Area. Park staff identified these two locations due to their proximity to major park properties and as important trail access points with parking. The two restroom facilities will also replace portable toilets located at each location.

After each restroom location was determined, park planning staff held an an interested parties meeting at the ARC on Thursday, March 20 to present the proposed restroom projects to the public. Approximately 10 individuals attended the meeting to discuss the improvements. After the conclusion of the public interest meeting, park staff made minor modifications to the plans, and the project plans were finalized.

Park staff is proposing to install a small, precast concrete restroom, approximately 136 sq. ft., at each location. The proposed restroom facilities at each park property will be similar to the facilities that have been installed along the MKT Trail at Scott Boulevard and Forum Boulevard and commonly found in Missouri State Parks. The installation of each restroom will include the installation of all necessary utilities and concrete flatwork around each restroom to accommodate ADA accessibility.

Staff is also proposing to complete three projects at the Garth Dog Park during the restroom installation project. The improvements include additional lighting from the Garth parking lot to the dog park entrance, sub-surface aeration in the lake at the dog park, and the addition of an ADA walkway within the dog park. The 6-foot ADA walkway was a recommendation made by citizens during the interested parties meeting due to limited access to the dog park for individuals with a disability.

The proposed restroom facilities at Grindstone Nature Area and Garth Nature Area are funded in the City's FY14 Capital Improvement Program budget, with site construction scheduled to begin this spring. Staff anticipates that all work will be completed by fall 2014. All work and materials will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Staff anticipates contracting the sewer lines, concrete and installation of the restroom. Park staff will do electrical work including the Garth dog park aeration and lights.
FISCAL IMPACT:
The project budget for the Grindstone Nature Area restroom is $100,000 and the project budget for the Garth Nature Area restroom is $115,000. The projects are funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax. Staff anticipates higher utility installation costs at the Garth Nature Area due to utility availability in the area. The on-going costs associated with water, sewer and electric utilities will be offset by the elimination of portable toilet costs at each site.

VISION IMPACT:
http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php

12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia—including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks—will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

Implementation task #40: Fund and complete capital improvement program projects (parks).

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:
Approve the legislation setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed.

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Proposed Restroom

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