A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of the Hominy Trail Phase I (from Broadway to Woodridge Drive) and Phase II (Woodridge Drive to Clark Lane) project; 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 the Hominy Trail Phase I (from Broadway to Woodridge Drive) and Phase II (Woodridge Drive to Clark Lane) project, necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City.

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 this improvement is $3,176,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Park Sales Tax Funds, Surface Transportation Program Enhancement Funds, Non-Motorized Transportation 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. The City shall also cause to be inserted into the contract a stipulation that all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractors in the performance of work under the contract shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

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 September 7, 2010. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this ______ day of _____________________________, 2010.
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager and Staff  
DATE: July 22, 2010  
RE: Hominy Creek Trail Public Hearing

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution setting a public hearing for Sept 7, 2010, concerning the completion of the two mile Hominy Creek Trail Project. The proposed concrete trail will include two phases: Phase I will extend from Stephens Lake Park to Woodridge Park and Phase II extends from Woodridge subdivision to The Links subdivision. The project will require the acquisition of ten permanent and one temporary construction easements for Phase 1 (see attached maps). Total project cost for both phases is estimated at $3,176,000. The project will be funded with $1,320,000 from the Park Sales Tax; $500,000 from STP Enhancement Grant for Phase I and $1,356,000 for Phase 2 from the SAFETEA-LU Section 1807, Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program as administered by GetAbout Columbia.

DISCUSSION:
The Hominy Creek Trail project from Stephens Lake Park to The Links Golf/Apartment complex also includes the construction of both sewer and water utilities. The coordination between the utilities, Missouri Department of Transportation and the various grant agencies has made a simple trail project much more complicated. However, this coordination is critical as there must be a logical progression for the acquisition of water, sewer, recreational trail easements, construction easements, utility work and then finally, trail construction. The project is moving forward, but must meet critical dates as established by the grant agencies.

The trail is being funded by several sources. The west section (Phase 1 – from Broadway to Woodridge) is funded through a combination of Parks Sales Tax and a Federal Enhancement grant. The east section (Phase 2 – from Woodridge to The Links subdivision) will be paid for grant funds from SAFETEA-LU Section 1807, Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program as administered by GetAbout Columbia. Total estimated acquisition and construction costs for the project are $1,820,000 for Phase 1 and $1,356,000 for Phase 2.

The trail construction will include a ten foot wide concrete trail that meets ADA requirements, provides a durable hard-surface for year round use and substantially reduces annual maintenance costs. The trail design also includes an adjacent five foot wide gravel side path.
for runners/joggers. The project will also include three low-water style bridges designed for pedestrian and maintenance vehicle use.

An Interested Party meeting was held on May 7, 2009 for both Phase 1 (west) and Phase 2 (east). Thirty seven attended with 14 writing supportive comments and one adjacent landowner expressing concerns. Several suggestions were received and addressed. The trail was slightly re-aligned to mitigate the concerns expressed by one adjacent landowner. Following a public hearing on Sept 7, the Council is requested to authorize the acquisition of permanent trail easements over ten properties for the construction of the Hominy Trail Phase 1. One temporary construction easements will also be needed for the project. The total easements to be acquired for phase 1 will include ten permanent and one temporary construction easements. Most of the property owners from which the easements are required have indicated a willingness to work with the City on the acquisition of those easements for the trail project.

Once the public hearing is scheduled for September 7, 2010, staff will return to Council at their August 16, 2010 Council meeting to request an ordinance be introduced authorizing the acquisition and construction of the project. The three Council meeting timetable for this project is necessary to meet the 21 day Federal requirement for public notification.

The trail through The Links subdivision/golf course has already been constructed by the developers so the Phase II section of this trail ties into that completed project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
The total budget for the project is $3,176,000 and is funded by the Park Sales Tax, Federal Enhancement grant, and the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program as administered by GetAbout Columbia.

It is anticipated that the trail will be constructed with concrete, thus reducing the annual maintenance costs. It is anticipated that there will be periodic maintenance activities, such as: occasional trash pickup, graffiti removal, tree pruning and occasional mowing. These maintenance activities are all labor related with very few, if any materials/supplies required. Staff believes that these tasks will be able to be absorbed in the current operating budget. At this time, the department is not requesting any permanent or temporary employees based on the addition of this trail, but as other trails are added or developed, the addition of permanent employees or the conversion of temporary salaries to permanent may be requested.

**VISION IMPACT:**
12.4 Goal: An extensive, safe network of trails will accommodate a variety of users ranging from recreational to nonmotorized travelers. This network may include roadway and public transportation infrastructure to connect parks, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.
12.4.1 Strategy: Coordinate efforts of different interest groups to develop and fund a multi-use trail network, using sidewalks where trails are not feasible.
12.4.2 Strategy: Achieve trail connectivity in new and existing developments.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**
Approve the resolution setting the public hearing.