Introduced by _________________________ Council Bill No. _______ R 60-11

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements to the Clyde Wilson Memorial Park; 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 improvements to the Clyde Wilson Memorial Park, more specifically to include replacement of existing bridges and reconstruction of trail sections, 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 $35,000.00.

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 May 16, 2011. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this ______ day of ___________________________, 2011.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager and Staff  
DATE: April 25, 2011  
RE: Clyde Wilson Park Improvements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to the Clyde Wilson Neighborhood Park. Formerly known as Rockhill Park, this 9.17 acre park is officially located at 601 Rockhill Road but has separate street entrances from Wilson and Rollins. Based on neighborhood input, the plan is to perform improvements to existing bridges and trail sections, keeping the park in its' natural state. The work will be done by park labor and will be bid through the City’s Purchasing Department. The total project cost is $35,000 and is funded by the 2005 Park Sales Tax, Annual Maintenance Funds. The department is also requesting an ordinance that authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with the University of Missouri to access Wilson Park and work on property owned by the University as part of this project.

DISCUSSION:
The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to the Clyde Wilson Neighborhood Park. Formerly known as Rockhill Park, this 9.17 acre park is officially located at 601 Rockhill Road but has separate street entrances from Wilson and Rollins. On June 21, 2010, the City Council approved re-naming the park Clyde Wilson Memorial Park in honor of Mr. Wilson’s many years of service to the City including serving as a City Council member, one term as the mayor, involvement with many City commissions, and as a found/leader of the East Campus Neighborhood Association.

On June 25, 2010 Park Planning staff met with several members of the East Campus Neighborhood Association to discuss the rehabilitation of the trails and the general improvements to Clyde Wilson Park. From that meeting it was determined the neighborhood was interested in more of repair of the existing trails than the addition of any new amenities.

After meeting with other Park staff, a plan for rehabilitation of the existing trails was developed. The plan consists of:
1) The replacement of the five existing bridges (one completed as an Eagle Scout project). These bridges are at least 20 years old and have reached the end on their useful span. The existing bridges will be removed and new bridges built to the current standard will be constructed.
2) Major reconstruction of some sections of trail. This is chiefly at the Rollins Street entrance. This will require some minor re-routing of the existing trail.
3) Moderate reconstruction of failing trail sections. Several lengths of trail at switch back points and steep sections need some re-grading. This work can mostly be done by hand.
4) Minor maintenance work on the majority of the remaining trail sections.
On October 26 an Interested Parties meeting was held. Approximately 20 members of the public were in attendance throughout the meeting. Overall the plan was viewed favorably. The chief comment was to keep the park as undisturbed as possible while addressing the trail problems. At that meeting there was interest in meeting on site to further discuss the plans and how they would affect the park. On November 3, planning staff met with approximately 6 members of the public and Councilperson Hoppe. A walk along most of the trails was done and the various repairs/replacements were discussed. Again the plan was viewed favorably with an emphasis on keeping the park much the way it is now.

On January 12, 2011 a meeting was held with the University of Missouri (MU) staff to discuss how to access parts of the trail from MU property. The access was needed because the steep terrain of the park prevents reaching some sections of the trails via City property. On February 15 a plan was given to MU for their review and approval. On February 25 a copy with a revised construction schedule was given to MU based on their comments. On April 21, an agreement from MU was completed and an ordinance is requested which will allow the City Manager to sign the agreement.

At the end of March 2011/beginning of April 2011, an Eagle Scout project was started and completed to reconstruct the bridge near the Rockhill Road entrance. This bridge was scheduled for replacement as part of this project.

The work will be bid through the City’s Purchasing Department and be completed with a combination of contract and force account labor. Work is scheduled to begin the first week of June. Total project cost is estimated at $35,000 and is funded by the 2005 Park Sales Tax, Annual Park Maintenance funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
The $35,000 capital project is identified in the City’s FY-2011 budget and funded by the 2005 Park Sales Tax. The department currently maintains Clyde Wilson Park so this project will not impact the department’s operating budget.

**VISION IMPACT:**
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.

12.3 Goal: An extensive network of greenways will play a significant role in providing transportation options, protecting wildlife corridors, watersheds and floodplains, and increasing public access to natural open spaces.

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

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**
If the Council concurs that the project should proceed, the resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved, and following the public hearing, the ordinance approving the project and authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the University of Missouri, should be adopted.