


TO: Mayor via City Secretary REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND CONCESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, UPTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. RELATING TO MEMORIAL PARK; CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
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FROM: (Department or other point of origin): Mayor's Office of Economic Development	Origination Date:	Agenda Date:
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DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:  Andrew F. Icken	Council District affected: C, G
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For additional information contact: Andrew F. Icken – 832-393-1064 James Koski – 832-393-0833 Steve Wright – 832-395-7050	Date and identification of prior authorizing Council Action: Motion No. 2015-215 (Apr. 1, 2015); Ordinance No. 2015-1304 (Dec. 16, 2015)
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RECOMMENDATION: Approve an ordinance approving and authorizing an Amended and Restated Development, Construction, Operations, Maintenance, and Concession Agreement between the City of Houston, Texas, Uptown Development Authority, and Memorial Park Conservancy, relating to Memorial Park.

Amount and Source of Funding: \$0 (FY2018)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

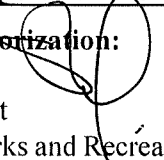
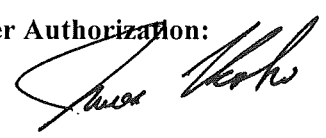
On April 1, 2015, the City Council, by Motion No. 2015-215, unanimously approved a Memorial Park Master Plan (Master Plan) which envisions the restoration, enhancement, and redevelopment of Memorial Park (Park) in a manner appropriate to meet the demands of the more than four million current annual visitors. On December 16, 2015, the City Council, by Ordinance No. 2015-1304, approved an agreement between the City of Houston, Memorial Park Conservancy (MPC) and Uptown Development Authority (UDA) to operate, maintain, and develop the Park (except for certain excluded areas such as the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center and the Memorial Park Golf Course) in a manner consistent with the Master Plan (the 2015 Agreement).

Under the 2015 Agreement, MPC has assumed greenspace maintenance and ecological restoration of the Park, and UDA has undertaken the construction of Phase I of the Easter Glades project. The Parks and Recreation Department has continued to operate the Running Center, Tennis Center, Swimming Pool and Fitness Center, and all sports fields except volleyball.

The City, MPC, and UDA now intend to enter into an amended and restated development, construction, operations, maintenance and concession agreement for the Park in order to implement funding to construct a significant portion of the Master Plan over a 10-year period (Amended and Restated Agreement). A key component of the capital investments will come from a \$70M donation from the Kinder Foundation, the largest single private donation in the history of the Houston parks system. The donation will be provided to MPC over the 10-year time period for execution of capital projects in the Park. MPC will raise \$40M for grants and donations in addition to the \$15M raised for Eastern Glades to date, and UDA will commit \$50M for capital improvements and will leverage an additional \$30M in federal grant funds for connectivity. MPC, the City, and UDA will collectively provide funding for proper maintenance of the Park, ensuring the protection of these capital investments.

On April 25, 2018, a presentation was given to the Quality of Life Committee providing an overview of the Amended and Restated Agreement. Attached to this RCA is an executive summary providing the key terms of the Amended and Restated Agreement.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Budget:	Other Authorization:  Steve Wright Director, Parks and Recreation Department	Other Authorization: 
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