**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas owns land in southwest Dallas known as the Dallas Zoo, which was acquired for park purposes and has been maintained as parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Zoo is currently platting the southwest section of the Zoo, referred to as the Wilds of Africa, to create one lot from platted and unplatted land for current and future development and is required to dedicate a portion of the land for drainage and floodway easements totaling approximately 116,015 square feet of land as needed by the City for public storm sewer lines and floodplain protection, as shown on Exhibit A, and the Park and Recreation Board is agreeable to providing the property for this use; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26 (Section 26.001 through 26.004), requires that before a municipality may approve any program or project that requires the use or taking of any public land designated and used as parkland, the governing body of such public municipality must determine that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or taking of such land, and that the program or project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the remainder of the park; and

WHEREAS, prior to making this determination, notice must be given and a public hearing be held relative to the proposed change of park use; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to give notice and hold such hearing in accordance with the law with respect to the dedication of a portion of the Dallas Zoo to the City of Dallas.

Now, Therefore,

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

**SECTION 1.** That the Park and Recreation Department is hereby authorized and directed to advise in writing of such proposed use of the park property by delivering a notice for publishing to the official newspaper to be advertised once each week for three consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than one week nor more than two weeks before the date of the hearing, which shall be held in the City Council Chambers on April 27, 2016.

**SECTION 2.** That the approval of the aforementioned project by the City Council, at the close of said hearing, shall be construed as making the proper findings as to the use, taking, and conveyance of parkland, consistent with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and the Texas Local Government Code.

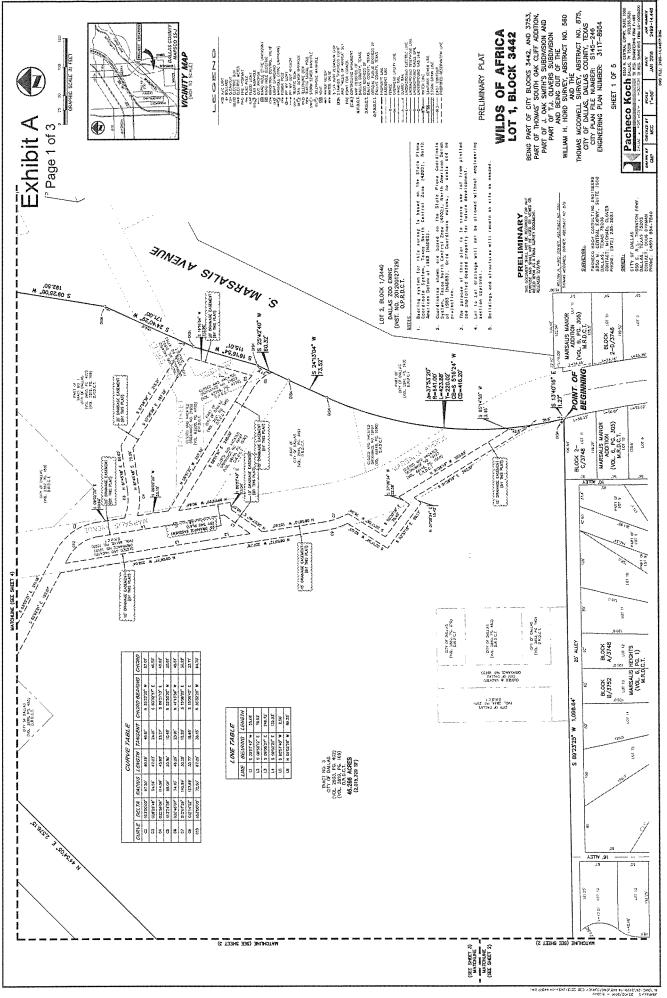
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**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

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