ORDINANCE NO. TMP-4913

Title
Sponsor: City Manager

Accepting and approving a $5,000,000.00 grant award from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, passed through from the federal Treasury Department as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to fund riparian restoration along the Blue River; estimating and appropriating $5,000,000.00 in the General Grants Fund; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Body

WHEREAS, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill designed to speed up the American economic recovery after the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the co-occurring recession, of which Missouri received approximately $2.7 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds for a variety of approved grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is administering a variety of said grant programs for initiatives such as support for public health expenditures, addressing negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19, replacing lost public sector revenue, and investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will restore 200 – 250 acres of riparian zone along the Blue River adding to green infrastructure previously implemented by the Smart Sewer Program in the Blue River Basin, improving channel stability, reducing peak velocities during storm events, providing water quality benefits for nonpoint source pollution, and benefiting surrounding communities by reducing the impacts of flooding during storm events; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aligns with all the strategies laid out in the Natural Systems section of the City's 2022 Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan including expanding the network of trees and natural areas, promoting regenerative, ecologically healthy soils and landscapes, promoting sustainable water supply and use, and using natural systems to manage stormwater runoff and will therefore help the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet the goals outlined in the Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan including carbon neutrality by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri was awarded $5,000,000.00 through the Missouri Department of Natural Resource's American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a $5,000,000.00 grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for Riparian Restoration along the Blue River. That the City Manager is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Missouri Department of

Natural Resources to govern the administration of the grant. A copy of the grant agreement is on file in the Office of the City Manager and is approved in substantial form.

Section 2. That revenue in the amount of $5,000,000.00 is hereby estimate in the following account of the General Grants Fund:

25-2580-100001-471525-G10MODNRARPA	MO DNR ARPA Grant	$5,000,000.00

Section 3. That the sum of $5,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Grants Fund to the following accounts:

25-2580-105806-B-G10MODNRARPA	MO DNR ARPA Grant	$5,000,000.00

Section 4. That the City Manager is designated as requisitioning authority for 25-2580-105806-B-G10MODNRARPA.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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Tammy L. Queen
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Andrew Bonkowski
Assistant City Attorney