

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-R46
SPONSOR: MAYOR YEARGIN
INTRODUCED: OCTOBER 14, 2025

ASSIGNED TO: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GPD GROUP FOR CONCEPT AND SITE IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR RAYL FAMILY PARK, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to develop a passive park that preserves and protects natural features and provides opportunities for public enjoyment and recreation; and

WHEREAS, a passive park is generally considered an undeveloped space or environmentally sensitive area that requires minimal development including, but not limited to, visitor facilities (e.g. parking lot and/or restroom) and is intended for walking, hiking, wildlife observation, trailside/outdoor education opportunities, and the protection and preservation of sensitive ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, the preparation of site development plans is necessary to guide the design, layout, and implementation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on March 18, 2025, to develop a concept and development plans for Rayl Family Park; and

WHEREAS, firms issued the RFQ include:

1. Behnke Landscape Architecture
2. Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.
3. Domokur & Associates
4. Environmental Design Group, Inc.
5. GPD Group
6. OHM Advisors
7. POD Design, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the city received three responses to the RFQ:

1. Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.
2. Environmental Design Group
3. GPD Group

WHEREAS, upon review of similar projects, the qualifications submitted, and the presentation made to the City's Qualifications Review Team, GPD Group has been selected and is recommended by the City's Qualifications Review Team based upon their proven qualifications, multidisciplinary team of professionals, extensive experience in passive park and open space design, restoration, protection, and preservation of natural features and sensitive ecosystems, commitment to public engagement, and demonstrated ability to deliver sustainable and cost-effective park projects; and

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WHEREAS, upon review of qualifications submitted, GPD Group has been selected based on their proven qualifications, their multidisciplinary team of professionals, experience in passive park and open space design, public engagement, and ability to deliver sustainable and cost-effective park projects; and

WHEREAS, the development of Rayl Family Park aligns with Goal #3: Excellent Parks and Facilities, and specifically advances Strategy 3.1.6: Develop Passive Recreational and Education Features at Rayl Family Park, as outlined in the 2021 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green Parks and Recreation Board supports the recommendation of the service department for GPD Group to develop site improvement plans for Rayl Family Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN,COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION ONE:

Green City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with GPD Group not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$55,100.000) for Concept and Site Improvement Plans and Parcel Consolidation for Rayl Family Park based upon the scope of services, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

SECTION TWO:

Green City Council authorizes the Finance Director to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$55,100.000) to the Rayl Family Park Improvement Account (Acct# 402-7890-53612) from the unappropriated balance of the Parks Capital Reserve Fund.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council authorizes the Finance Director to make payment to GPD Group not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$55,100.000) for this project through the established purchase order procedure.

SECTION FOUR:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION FIVE:

Green City Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green and for the further reason that the need for this is immediate. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$ ths) of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in

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force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025

Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council

Jeff Noble, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2025

Rocco Yeargin, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: _____, 2025

ON ROLL CALL: Babbitt _____ DeVitis _____ Miller _____ Neugebauer _____

Noble _____ Meager _____ Speight _____

PUBLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council of the City of Green, County of Summit and State of Ohio, whose custody the original files and records of said council are required to be kept by the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the above legislation was duly published in the *Southside Leader* on _____ and _____, 2025.

Nichole M. Messner, Clerk of Council