

RESOLUTION R-2019-34

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT GRANT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000.00 FOR ADAMS PARK
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City presented a master plan and long-term maintenance plan for Adams Park to the City Council for approval in August 2018 addressing Americans Disability Act (hereinafter "ADA") deficiencies with the park's pathways; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, the City applied for a \$225,000.00 State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (hereinafter "DCEO") Parks Improvement Grant for Adams Park for the construction of paths to meet the accessibility requirements of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, the City Council authorized City staff to develop construction plans for Adams Park renovations that would be eligible for the DCEO Parks Improvement Grant and to solicit bids for such construction; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the City received a Notice of State Award from the DCEO indicating that the City has been awarded the DCEO Parks Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has not received a copy of the DCEO Grant Agreement for execution; and

WHEREAS, based on the City's past experience with State grants, the City is unable to modify the conditions of State grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, the grant award may not be finalized, and grant funds may not be dispersed until a Grant Agreement has been approved and executed between the DCEO and the City; and

WHEREAS, according to the terms of the grant, the Adams Park improvements to be funded by the grant award must be completed prior to June 30, 2019 in order for the City to obtain the grant funds awarded; and

WHEREAS, DCEO representatives have indicated orally to City staff that since the grant award was delayed by at least 6 weeks, the grant performance deadline will likely be adjusted to allow for a longer period of time for grantees to complete project performance, but the performance period cannot be adjusted until after a new State budget for fiscal year 2020 is approved; and

WHEREAS, the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan includes the costs associated with the Adams Park improvements with the improvements divided into phases: Phase I of the Adams

Park improvement to be completed in FY2020 and Phase II to be completed in FY2021; the Adams Park improvements project was accelerated in 2019 to capture the grant funding opportunity; and

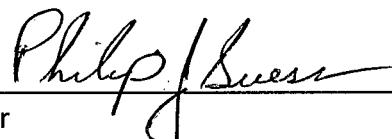
WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Adams Park improvements project will be an eight to ten-week project and will commence the week of June 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City staff will apply for an extension of time to complete the Adams Park improvements to the extent permissible under the grant conditions; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Wheaton deem it in the best interests of the City of Wheaton to accept the grant award of \$225,000.00 from the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to fund park improvements for Adams Park;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Wheaton, that the City accepts the \$225,000.00 State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Parks Improvement Grant Award of May 6, 2019 for Adams Park, and be it further resolved that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to sign and the Village Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the DCEO Parks Improvement Grant Agreement for Adams Park when presented to the City by the DCEO.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May 2019.



Philip J. Suess
Mayor

ATTEST:



Shawn Bennett Fagan
City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilman Scalzo
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Mayor Suess
Councilman Rutledge

Nays: Councilwoman Fitch

Absent: None

Motion Carried