

RESOLUTION No. R-2022-33

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL GREENWAYS PARKWAY INITIATIVE AS A WHOLE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR CONTINUED ENGINEERING OF THE WARD TO AUSTIN TO CABOT SEGMENT

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD is a member of Metroplan, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Arkansas Region Transportation Study Area; and

WHEREAS, METROPLAN has committed to spending \$55 million over the next 10 years in developing a regional multi-use path network in the Metroplan area; and

WHEREAS, RESOLUTION 2020-23, authorized the mayor to enter into a partnership with the City of Austin, City of Cabot, and Lonoke County to facilitate the development of a bike/pedestrian pathway which would extend from Ward to Austin to Cabot and eventually tie into the Cabot to Jacksonville segment which is all a part of the planned Central Arkansas Regional Parkway (<https://www.centralarkgreenways.com>); and,

WHEREAS, IN 2020, METROPLAN allocated \$500,000 to the Cities of Ward, Austin, Cabot and Lonoke County for further engineering studies of which Metroplan will pay \$400,000 and the rest is divided equally by the four local governmental entities involved; and,

WHEREAS, RESOLUTION 2021-37 authorized the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$27,500 (\$25,000 plus 10% overage) to pay for Ward's portion of the engineering fees; and,

WHEREAS, IN 2022, METROPLAN updated their allocation to the engineering firm to \$635,663 of which the cities of Cabot, Austin, Ward and Lonoke County are responsible for 20% (\$124,854) which will be divided equally by the four-local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD THAT:

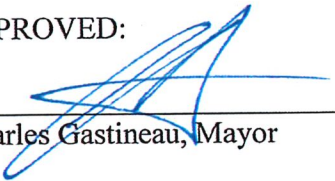
SECTION 1: The Governing Body hereby supports the concept of a Central Arkansas Regional Pathway as a whole and in particular the segment from Ward to Austin to Cabot.

SECTION 2: The Mayor or City Clerk is hereby authorized to expend the necessary funds to pay for Ward's part of the engineering fees not to exceed \$31,213.50.

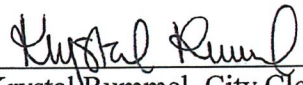
Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED YEAS 4 NAYS 1

DATE: 11-21-22

APPROVED:


Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:


Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

City Seal