

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-72**

**TO BE ENTITLED: "CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2017-72, A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE 54-ACRE, CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE HARPETH RIVER, SOUTH OF MACK HATCHER PKWY AND WEST OF FRANKLIN ROAD."**

**WHEREAS**, in September 2016, Cheekwood Golf Club submitted a request to lease the 54-acre, City-owned property and expand its operations across Mack Hatcher Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin sought Letters of Interest for improvement and/or development of a 54-acre, City-owned property located along the Harpeth River south of Mack Hatcher Parkway and west of Franklin Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this invitation to submit Letters of Interest was to: assist the City in analyzing opportunities available for future improvement and/or development of this Property; enable all interested parties an opportunity to submit Letters of Interest; and allow for public input on all Letters of Interest received; and

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised that it would maintain ownership of the property but would consider the possibility of a long-term lease with a third party for improvements and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the Property is located within the 100-year floodplain of the Harpeth River and Spencer Creek and serves as a buffer for the City wastewater treatment facility across the Harpeth River; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's long-range plan, *Envision Franklin*, recommends the Recreation design concept, which includes active and passive open spaces, as well as City parks, and should be interconnected through bike lanes, multi-use paths, and sidewalks. Institutional facilities, such as the water treatment and wastewater treatment plants, are also assigned to this design concept and fulfill significant municipal functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen received letters of interest from three groups: the Cheekwood Golf Course, Discovery Center, and the Franklin Housing Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals have been presented and discussed at several meetings, including a Special Mobile BOMA Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin to pursue a contractual arrangement for a long-term lease of the property for improvements and operations with

- A. Cheekwood Golf Course,
- B. Discovery Center, or
- C. Franklin Housing Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen gives authority to the City

Administrator, Eric Stuckey, or his designee, to pursue a contractual lease agreement with this third party, \_\_\_\_\_, for improvements and operations of the City-owned property. A lease will be drafted and presented to the BOMA for consideration.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**ERIC S. STUCKEY**  
City Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DR. KEN MOORE**  
Mayor

**Approved as to Form**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Shauna R. Billingsley, City Attorney**