

RESOLUTION NO. 1 -2023

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION AND TRANSFER OF FEE TITLE OWNERSHIP TO TWO CITY-OWNED PARCELS TO THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS.

WHEREAS, through the City of Richmond Heights' Land Reutilization Program authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722 and City Ordinance No. 137-85, the City owns and/or otherwise controls title in fee simple to Permanent Parcel Nos. 662-02-001 and 662-02-002 (collectively, the "Property") located on an unimproved portion of Hilltop Road in the City;

WHEREAS, the Property was acquired by the City at no cost as a result of the two parcels being deeded to the City's Land Reutilization Program through real estate tax foreclosure actions brought by Cuyahoga County;

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Metroparks has acquired the properties surrounding the Property for its Euclid Creek Reservation and is using it for public park purposes; and the newly-opened Metroparks Eastern Ledge Trail connecting Richmond Heights to the Euclid Creek Reservation is located just south of the Property.

WHEREAS, the Metroparks has requested that the City donate the Property to it for public park purposes;

WHEREAS, this Council determines that: (a) the Property: is vacant; (b) the City has no plans for use of the Property; and (c) the Property is not needed for any municipal purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, an "Agreement of Gift" between the City and the Cleveland Metroparks and any other transfer documents for the Property described in the recitals to this Resolution, which shall be approved as to form and correctness by the City's Director of Law prior to its execution.

Section 2. This Council hereby adopts the contents of the recitals set forth above in this Resolution and the findings of fact contained therein.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: January 24, 2023

APPROVED: January 24, 2023

ATTEST: Donnie L. Hunter  
Donnie L. Hunter  
Clerk of Council

Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

**Bobby Jordan**  
President of Council

