

A RESOLUTION

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO INVESTIGATE FEASIBLE STRUCTURES AND LAWFUL FUNDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES; INCLUDING THE EVALUATION OF A MUNICIPAL PARKS CORPORATION, NONPROFIT FOUNDATION, OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUNDING APPROACHES; AND TO USE THE HARLING PROPERTY ON HARRISON BRIDGE ROAD AS AN INITIAL CASE STUDY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Simpsonville, South Carolina (the "*City Council*"), the governing body of the City of Simpsonville, South Carolina (the "*City*"), in a meeting duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The Council makes the following findings of fact in connection with the adoption of this resolution (the "*Resolution*"):

(A) The City is a municipal corporation of the State of South Carolina (the "*State*") and, as such, possesses all general powers granted by the Constitution and statutes of the State to such public entities.

(B) The City Council has, over a period of years, prioritized the acquisition, improvement, and enhancement of public parks and green spaces as essential components of quality of life, economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and community identity.

(C) The City Council recognizes that traditional municipal funding sources may not, alone, be sufficient to support the long-term acquisition and development of public parks and greenspace at the scale desired by the community.

(D) The City Council further finds that other municipalities have utilized a variety of lawful mechanisms, including municipal corporations, nonprofit foundations, hybrid public-private structures, impact fees, and other dedicated or alternative funding sources, to support park acquisition and development.

(E) The City Council desires to evaluate the feasibility, legal requirements, advantages, and limitations of such structures and funding mechanisms for potential use by the City of Simpsonville.

(F) The City Council has identified the Harling Property located on Harrison Bridge Road (the "Harling Property") as a potential future park site and finds that the evaluation of such property would serve as an appropriate initial case study for the analyses contemplated by this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Direction to Investigate Organizational Structures and Funding Mechanisms. The City Council hereby directs the City Administrator to investigate and evaluate the feasibility and legal requirements associated with establishing one or more of the following, or any combination thereof, to support the acquisition, funding, and development of park properties:

- (A) A municipal parks corporation or similar public entity;
- (B) A nonprofit foundation or charitable organization;
- (C) A hybrid public-private structure; and
- (D) Any other lawful organizational or funding alternative reasonably available to the City.

SECTION 3. Evaluation of Lawful Funding Sources. The City Council further directs the City Administrator to evaluate the potential use of impact fees and any other lawful funding sources that may be available for park acquisition, planning, development, and improvement, including an assessment of applicable statutory requirements and limitations.

SECTION 4. Initial Case Study – Harling Property. The City Council hereby directs that the investigation and evaluations described herein include, as an initial case study, the potential acquisition and development of the Harling Property on Harrison Bridge Road for public park purposes.

SECTION 5. Authorization to Implement; Report to Council. The City Administrator is authorized to consult with legal counsel, financial advisors, planners, and other professionals as deemed necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution and is directed to report findings and recommendations to the City Council at a future meeting.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED this 10th day of February 2026.

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA


(SEAL)

By: 
Paul Shewmaker, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

By: 
Ashley Clark, City Clerk


Daniel R. Hughes, City Attorney