R2022-8: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HORRY COUNTY CONCERING THE USE. NAMING AND OWNERSHIP OF NEW TOWN PARK

Applicant/Purpose: Staff / to enter into an agreement with Horry County for New Town Park

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Brief:

- New Town Park is located in the City of Myrtle Beach, but is owned by Horry County.
- New Town Park is approximately 1.34 acres and is adjacent to Withers Swash
- Being a relatively small parcel New Town Park is challenging and cost prohibitive for the County to maintain and manage.
- This agreement will convey the Park over to the City with conditions. Once conveyed the City will have to maintain the park.

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Issues:

Property will be conveyed to the City under the following conditions:

- o County agrees to undertake to have a historical marker approved by the State of South Carolina to convey to the public the historical significance of the property. County shall be solely responsible for all costs related thereto, including fabricating and installing any such marker.
- City agrees to maintain the use of the property as a park open to the public, and will be solely responsible for all costs associated therewith, including any construction, maintenance, security, and any other related costs.
- o City further agrees to provide interpretive signage throughout the Park describing the various historical significance of the Park and the surrounding area
- o City agrees to maintain the name of the Park as "New Town Park."
- o City agrees to provide naming recognition in honor of Marion D. Foxworth, III and/or the Foxworth family. Any such naming shall be subject to the approval of Mr. Foxworth
- City hereby agrees to grant County a continuous right of entry onto and across any portion of the property reasonably necessary for the construction, maintenance, or improvements contemplated above. To the extent County desires to undertake any additional improvements to the Park subsequent to conveyance of the property to City, County shall first obtain City's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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Public Notification: Normal meeting notification

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Alternatives:

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Financial Impact: There will be incremental cost to the city in terms of maintenance and general upkeep of the property.

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Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Modify the Resolution. Deny the Resolution

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Attachment(s): Proposed resolution and agreement.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH COUNTY OF HORRY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HORRY COUNTY CONCERING THE USE, NAMING AND OWNERSHIP OF NEW TOWN PARK

WHEREAS, Horry County is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, and is the owner of real property currently known as New Town Park and located within the municipal limits of the City of Myrtle Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, and desires to acquire Park for interconnectivity as part of its citywide park and trail system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach and Horry County now desire to set forth the terms of an agreement whereby the County will convey to the City the Park, as more specifically provided herein as Attachment A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the City of Myrtle Beach and Horry County agree to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement included herein as Attachment A:

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

ATTEST:	BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR	
JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK	-	

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ATTACHMENT A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
COUNTY OF HORRY)	

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT [hereinafter "Agreement"] is entered into by and between HORRY COUNTY, a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina [hereinafter "County"], and THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH, a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina [hereinafter "City"] and reflects an agreement between the parties concerning the use, naming, and ownership of real property owned by Horry County and located within the City of Myrtle Beach in Horry County, South Carolina.

RECITALS

WHEREAS County is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, and is the owner of real property currently known as New Town Park [hereinafter "Park"] and located within the municipal limits of City; and

WHEREAS City is a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, and desires to acquire Park for interconnectivity as part of its citywide park and trail system; and

WHEREAS City and County now desire to set forth the terms of an agreement whereby County will convey to City the Park, as more specifically provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, City and County agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 County Obligations

- 1.1 <u>Conveyance of Property</u>. County agrees to convey to City the Park property subject to a requirement that the property continue to be used as a park open for use by the general public, as well as any existing encumbrances, rights-of-way, easements, and restrictions of record. Conveyance to the City shall be by Indenture Deed providing the County a reversionary right in the event the City ceases using the property as a public park.
- 1.2 <u>Historical Marker</u>. County agrees to undertake to have a historical marker approved by the State of South Carolina to convey to the public the historical significance of the property. County shall be solely responsible for all costs related thereto, including fabricating and installing any such marker.

ARTICLE 2 City Obligations

- 2.1 <u>Use of Property; Signage</u>. City agrees to maintain the use of the property as a park open to the public, and will be solely responsible for all costs associated therewith, including any construction, maintenance, security, and any other related costs. City further agrees to provide interpretive signage throughout the Park describing the various historical significance of the Park and the surrounding area.
- 2.2 <u>Park Name</u>. City agrees to maintain the name of the Park as "New Town Park." Further, in recognition of the tireless dedication, substantial efforts, and historical ties to the area, City agrees to provide naming recognition in honor of Marion D. Foxworth, III and/or the Foxworth family. Any such naming shall be subject to the approval of Mr. Foxworth.
- 2.3 <u>Right of Entry</u>. City hereby agrees to grant County, its employees, agents, and contractors a continuous right of entry onto and across any portion of the property reasonably necessary for the construction, maintenance, or

improvements contemplated pursuant to §1.2 above. To the extent County desires to undertake any additional improvements to the Park subsequent to conveyance of the property to City, County shall first obtain City's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE 3 Assignment

3.1 Assignment. Neither party may assign any rights hereunder without express written consent.

ARTICLE 4 Notices

4.1 Notices. All notices to be given to either party by the other shall be delivered in person or via U.S. Mail to the addresses as designated below:

County: Horry County Government Offices

1301 Second Avenue Conway, SC 29526

Attention: County Administrator

With a copy to:

Horry County Attorney's Office

1301 Second Avenue Conway, SC 29526

Attention: County Attorney

City: City of Myrtle Beach

PO Box 2468

Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Or to such other address as shall hereafter be directed in writing to either party by the other. The date on which such notice shall begin is the date of the mailing of such notice.

ARTICLE 5 Miscellaneous

- <u>5.1 Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior discussions, understandings, agreements and negotiations between the parties hereto. Only a written instrument duly executed by the parties hereto may modify this Agreement.
- 5.2 Jurisdiction and Venue. This Agreement shall be construed, performed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina. Any cause of action arising out of or involving this Agreement shall be brought in the Court of Common Pleas, or if applicable, Magistrate's Court, or any other Court within the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Horry County, South Carolina.
- <u>5.3 Authority</u>. The undersigned warrant and represent that they are duly authorized by their respective entities to execute this document and bind their respective entities to the agreements and covenants set forth herein.
- <u>5.4 Invalidity</u>. In the event that any provisions, portions, or applications of any provisions of this Agreement are held unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions or applications thereof, shall not be affected, and Property Owner and Grantee shall promptly negotiate revisions to the affected provisions, or portions or applications thereof, with a view to effecting, as close as possible, the original intentions of the parties.

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<u>5.5 Captions and Headings</u> . The titles of the Articles in this Agreement are included only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no manner define, limit, broaden, or describe the scope or intent of any of the provisions of this Agreement.				
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersi	gned has caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed on			
WITNESSES:	HORRY COUNTY			
	By: Steven S. Gosnell Its: Administrator			
	CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH			
	By: Jonathan 'Fox' Simons, Jr., Its: City Manager			

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	ACKNOWLEDGMENT
COUNTY OF HORRY)	(as to County)
Administrator, Steven S. Gosnell, p	ersonally a	South Carolina, do hereby certify that Horry County, by and through its ppeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the icial seal this the day of, 20
		Notary Public for South Carolina My Commission Expires:
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HORRY)	ACKNOWLEDGMENT (as to City)
I, the undersigned Notary Pu		ath Carolina, do hereby certify that the City of Myrtle Beach, by and through, personally appeared before me this day and g instrument. Witness my hand and official seal this the day of _
		Notary Public for South Carolina My Commission Expires: