

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL
OF AN APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,
FISHERIES AND PARKS, OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS DIVISION, UNDER
THE 2017 MISSISSIPPI RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act reauthorized the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for Federal fiscal years 2016-2020; and

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and is administered by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; and

WHEREAS, the RTP provides funds to States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 program will encourage the construction of new trails projects that will benefit the environment and the redesign, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance, or relocation of trails that mitigate and minimize the impact to the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement grant funds available up to \$120,000 are available on an eighty percent (80%) Federal, twenty percent (20%) local matching basis for non-motorized projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg deem it in the best interest of the citizens of Vicksburg to apply for said Mississippi Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funding for the development of new walking/fitness/exercise trails at Kings Community Park and at Porters Chapel Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi are hereby authorized and directed to make proper application to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for assistance under the Recreational Trails Program for 2017, and to incur such costs for such application; and further that Walter W. Osborne, Jr., City Clerk, in and for the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi is hereby authorized and directed to submit proper proof of reimbursement of said eligible cost incurred from funds received, if any, from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi be authorized to accept the funding, if any, from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, for the Kings Community Park and Porters Chapel Park Fitness and Exercise Trails Project; and
2. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, be authorized to execute said grant offer and grant agreement and contribute 20% of the local match for the project and any other documents that may of necessity be executed in the implementation of this program.

RESOLVED, this the _____ day of February, 2017.

George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor

Willis T. Thompson, Alderman

Michael A. Mayfield, Sr., Alderman

CERTIFICATE

I, Walter W. Osborne, Jr., the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, Certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at an Adjourned Board Meeting held on Friday, February 10, 2017.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this 10th day of February, 2017.

Walter W. Osborne, Jr., City Clerk