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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONNECTICUT RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE MILL RIVER TRAIL

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WHEREAS: Connecticut Recreational Trail grant opportunities were announced by the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) and the City of New Haven (the “City”) worked to develop applications in a manner consistent with the state government’s grant requirements; and

WHEREAS: the City has highlighted the need to complete the Mill River Trail in its Comprehensive Plan Update, Vision 2025 (2015), in the Mill River District Plan (2013) in its Coastal Program (2006) Plan for Greenways and Trails (2004) and its Municipal Development Plan for the Mill River Industrial District; and

WHEREAS: the Mill River Trail will connect East Rock Park and neighborhood to the Fair Haven neighborhood and coastal resources along the river, and

WHEREAS: the CT DEEP Recreational Trails discretionary grant program provides up to 80% state and/or federal funding for improvements to trails that are included in local and/or regional plans; and

WHEREAS: the CT DEEP Recreational Trails discretionary grants may be used to support alternative transportation plans (pedestrian or bicycle); and

WHEREAS: and the CT DEEP Recreational Trails discretionary grants may be used to support trails in an urbanized area; and

WHEREAS: recognizing the highly competitive nature of the Connecticut Recreational Trail grant program, the City is making application for \$280,000 in Connecticut Recreational Trails funding and will match that grant amount with in-kind services and cash funding totaling \$70,000; and

WHEREAS: the Mill River Trail contributes to the economic competitiveness of the City by providing location and opportunity for outdoor exercise, environmental understanding, and alternatives to motorized transportation and supports the livability of New Haven in an equitable way; and

WHEREAS: the New Haven Board of Alders fully supports the further development and improvement of the Mill River Trail;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Alders authorizes the Mayor, Justin Elicker, to apply for, execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate for the Connecticut Recreational Trails grant; which documents may include indemnifications of the federal or state agencies involved in the funding, to the extent necessary in order to obtain the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Mayor may enter into such agreements for Connecticut Recreational Trails grant funding for lesser amounts, in the event the City is awarded a grant at a lower funding level, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Mayor may enter into subsequent agreements with the State or other entities in a manner consistent with Connecticut Recreational Trails program regulations.