ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: December 6, 2018

CALENDAR NO. 32,501

NO. ________________ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO

AN ORDINANCE to establish the requirement of an executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Audubon Commission (“Audubon”), the New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (“City Park”), the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (“NORDC”), the Department of Parks and Parkways for the City of New Orleans, and the City of New Orleans, which shall provide additional requirements for each entity relative to a special tax of 6.31 mills for twenty years if approved by the people at an election called for May 4, 2019; to require an executed CEA prior to such millage being levied; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Resolution R-18-521 proposes to call an election for May 4, 2019 for the people of New Orleans to consider a special tax of 6.31 mills with the proceeds dedicated to Audubon, City Park, NORDC and Parks and Parkways; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan (also known as “Plan for 21st Century: New Orleans 2030”), a City Charter-mandated planning framework for the core systems that shape New Orleans’ physical, social, environmental, and economic future, was adopted by the Council for the City of New Orleans, August 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendations set forth in the Master Plan, a valuable public purpose is accomplished with the coordination of park and recreation resources, maintenance and activities throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, if this millage passes, financially, this recommendation can be appropriately funded and accomplished, but specific responsibilities, requirements, and obligations of all parties must still be perfected; NOW THEREFORE

SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY

ORDAINS, That if the millage proposed in R-18-521 is approved by a majority of the voters in
the City of New Orleans at the May 4, 2019 election, the special tax of 6.31 mills, dedicated to improving park safety and accessibility, capturing storm water to reduce flooding, repairing and upgrading playgrounds and recreation centers, conserving natural areas, and constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating parks, recreational, and wildlife conservation facilities in the City via Audubon, City Park, NORDC, and Parks and Parkways, shall not be levied until a CEA, approved by Ordinance, is executed that specifies the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of all parties receiving a portion of this millage. Each entity or combination thereof or all entities collectively can enter into a CEA with the City, but until a CEA is executed with the City, no millage approved by the voters shall be levied.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON

APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED:

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MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON AT

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:
YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
RECUSED: