

A Resolution

NO. _____

ENDORISING THE LAKE ARLINGTON MASTER PLAN AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

WHEREAS, Fort Worth is the fastest growing large city in the United States and the 16th largest city overall with 741,206 residents; and

WHEREAS, Lake Arlington serves as a drinking water supply reservoir that serves over 500,000 people, is used for recreation purposes, and is home to several species of game fish; and

WHEREAS, Lake Arlington covers approximately three square miles and is located on Village Creek, a tributary of the West Fork of the Trinity River; and

WHEREAS, the western shoreline of Lake Arlington is located in the Fort Worth city limits within the Southeast planning sector and includes over 600 acres of vacant land with large vacant tracts along its shoreline; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City Council designated a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (M&C G-14247) in the Lake Arlington area to facilitate redevelopment and to stimulate new residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, in December 2009, the City of Arlington hired Malcolm Pirnie, an engineering consultant firm, to develop a master plan for Lake Arlington that would address issues related to water quality and supply, recreation, and impacts of future development on the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Arlington Master Plan is the result of a 16-month planning process that sought input from stakeholders through the project's website and five public meetings, two of which were held in Fort Worth, as well as monthly coordination meetings between the consultant team and the staffs of both the City of Fort Worth and the City of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Arlington Master Plan outlines a vision for future development around Lake Arlington, much of which is likely to occur within the City of Fort Worth; establishes guidelines and standards to protect water quality within the Lake Arlington watershed; examines recreation and open space opportunities around the lake; and offers recommendations on how to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission on April 27, 2011, recommended to the City Council endorsement of the Lake Arlington Master Plan as it pertains to Fort Worth;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The Lake Arlington Master Plan is hereby endorsed as it pertains to Fort Worth;
and
2. City staff will work with stakeholders to incorporate appropriate elements of the Lake Arlington Master Plan into the 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

Adopted this 3rd day of May 2011.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Marty Hendrix, City Secretary

