

87-R-21

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF INGRAHAM PARK AND THE CIVIC
CENTER INTO SEPARATE TAX PARCELS**

WHEREAS, the City intends to redevelop and encourage residential use, retail, commercial and institutional uses to upgrade, expand and modernize facilities within the City as part of its ongoing economic development planning; and

WHEREAS, the City has proposed a Five-Fifths Redevelopment Project Area (the “TIF District”) located in the north central portion of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIF District includes approximately two hundred eighty-four (284) tax parcels located to the east and west of Green Bay Road, to Ridge Avenue to the east, to Darrow Avenue to the west, and to Leonard Place to the north and Emerson Street to the south. A map of the proposed TIF District is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, City staff and officials have engaged extensively in multiple meetings with members of the community regarding the proposed Five-Fifths TIF District; and

WHEREAS, several members of the community have expressed concern that Ingraham Park, which is located at Leonard Place and Asbury Avenue and currently within the proposed TIF District, will be developed by City authorities and eliminated as a public park; and

WHEREAS, the City has no intention of developing Ingraham Park and eliminating its use as a public park; and

WHEREAS, Ingraham Park is located within the same tax parcel as the Civic Center, located at 2100 Ridge Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is appropriate to separate Ingraham Park and the Civic Center into two, distinct tax parcels and eventually remove Ingraham Park from the proposed Five-Fifths TIF District.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: City Council authorizes the separation of Ingraham Park and the Civic Center into two, distinct tax parcels and the eventual removal of Ingraham Park from the proposed Five-Fifths TIF District.

SECTION 3: City Council further affirms that the City will not consider or recommend development of Ingraham Park.

SECTION 4: This Resolution 87-R-21 will be in full force and effect after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Daniel Biss, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Nicholas E. Cummings, Corporation Counsel

Attest:

Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Adopted: _____, 2021

EXHIBIT A