

RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A MONETARY DONATION FROM AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SOUTHWESTERN TRANSMISSION COMPANY TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR RESILIENT PARK, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, American Electric Power Southwestern Transmission Company (“AEP”) will provide the City a monetary donation in the amount of \$688,634 for the economic development project for Resilient Park; and

WHEREAS, Resilient Park is a Louisiana Economic Development certified site and is suitable for an industrial park; and

WHEREAS, the water and sewer system is currently being installed by AEP with plans to donate the infrastructure to the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the roadway and drainage project is ready to be advertised for bid. The cost estimate submitted by AEP’s engineer exceeds the budgeted funds available; and

WHEREAS, AEP is willing to provide the funds to compensate for the difference between the cost estimate and the budgeted funds available by donating the funds to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-187(a) of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances:

“The mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to accept donations of funds up to \$10,000.00 per donation from any person and to execute donation agreements to obligate the city to expend such funds for any public purpose designated by the donor. Provided, however, that such authorization shall not include the authority to obligate the city to do anything other than expend such funds for the designated purpose, nor shall it include the authority to obligate the city to expend any city funds in connection with or in addition to such donation, unless such city funds have been appropriated for that purpose by the city council. Any donation over \$10,000.00 may be accepted only with approval of the city council.”; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that:

1. The City accepts this monetary donation and acknowledges AEP as Donor.
2. Mayor Tom Arceneaux is hereby authorized to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$688,634 from AEP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, or his designee, shall be and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, or his designee, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office