

CITY OF AUGUSTA, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF TRANSIENT GUEST TAX FUNDS FOR THE CASTLE PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Convention & Tourism Committee (“CTC”) administers a grant program on behalf of the City of Augusta to award funding to projects that promote and generate overnight stays at lodging facilities; and

WHEREAS, the CTC has approved a \$1,000 Attraction Development grant to the Castle Park Playground project pursuant to the grant guidelines and recommended that the City Council award additional funding up to \$9,000 from Convention and Tourism Fund 5; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the application and project description for the Castle Park Playground, and the definition of “Convention and tourism promotion” contained in K.S.A. 12-1696; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has evaluated research data regarding visitation at Robert Shryock Park where the playground will be constructed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Augusta, Kansas, on this 5th day of February, 2024, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council adopts the following findings:

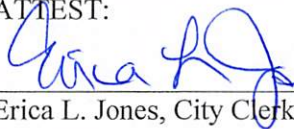
1. The Castle Park Playground project will promote tourism in the city of Augusta, Kansas by out-of-town visitors; and
2. The Castle Park Playground project will encourage increased lodging facility occupancy.
3. Expenditure of funds generated by the guest tax from Convention and Tourism Fund 5 to the Castle Park Playground project will encourage and promote overnight stays in local lodging facilities.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes a one-time grant of \$9,000.00 from Convention and Tourism Fund 5 for design and management costs related to developing this new attraction.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of February, 2024.

Approved by the Mayor this 5th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:


Erica L. Jones, City Clerk




Mike L. Rawlings, Mayor