RESOLUTION NO. 106-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR THE JOHN VENEZIA COMMUNITY PARK UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") is soliciting grant applications to assist local governments with new park development, enhancements to existing parks, park land acquisition, environmental education facilities as well as master, site-specific and trail plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs ("City") is requesting funding from GOCO to develop and enhance the John Venezia Park Universally Accessible Playgrounds ("Project") for public use; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that the development and enhancement of the entire John Venezia Community Park would be possible without GOCO financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region to apply for a Local Government (LPOR) grant for the John Venezia Community Park; and

WHEREAS, GOCO requires that the City Council state its support for the project grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

- Section 1. That City Council strongly supports the application to GOCO for the development and construction of the Universally Accessible Playgrounds at the John Venezia Community Park.
- Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs, or his designee, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the grant application to GOCO requesting funding for this project.
- Section 3. That the City Council acknowledges that the grant application includes matching funds which the City of Colorado Springs shall be responsible to provide if a grant is awarded.
- Section 4. That the City Council will appropriate those matching funds and authorize the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded by GOCO and accepted by the City.

Section 5. That the City of Colorado Springs is committed to the long-term maintenance of the Project, subject to appropriation of funds by the City.

Section 6. That if this grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs, or his designee to accept the grant funds.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 27th day of October, 2015.

Meny Bennett, Council President Pro-terv

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson