**RESOLUTION NO. 37-17

A** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS’ (DOLA) ENERGY AND MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LAS COLONIAS BUSINESS PARK**

 **RECITALS.**

The Las Colonias Planned Development zoning set the vision and provides guidance and establishes appropriate land uses for the 147 acre Las Colonias site.

Conceptual design of the business park includes the development of approximately 10% of the entire Las Colonias Park for the location of several businesses in a campus setting combined with public park amenities consistent with the Las Colonias Park Master Plan.

**Guiding Principles**

The Guiding Principles for the proposed Planned Development (PD) zone district are to:

* Establish a business park within a recreational park in a location near the Colorado River.
* Protect the Colorado River and its floodplain and habitat.
* Plan for future development in the business park using principles of compact development, appropriate architectural standards and good site design.
* Establish appropriate uses of the open space, relying on the list of amenities established in the Las Colonias Park Master Plan.

Several components of the Las Colonias property have been completed, including Phase I park improvements and the Amphitheater. Completion of the east end of the property will include original elements contemplated in the 2013 Master Plan such as a boat ramp, dog park, zip line and festival area, as well as the business park for outdoor related businesses and retail/restaurant pad sites.

The grant request to DOLA for $1 million, with a $1 million match would be used for a portion of the public improvements required for the completion of the east end of Las Colonias Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby authorize the City Manager to submit a $1 million grant request in accordance with and pursuant to the recitals stated above to the Department of Local Affairs’ Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program for development of Las Colonias Business Park.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2017.

/s/: J. Merrick Taggart

President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/: Debra M. Kemp

Interim City Clerk