RESOLUTION NO. 68-11

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE CONTRACTS WITH POGO PARK, MIG AND MACK5 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION OF 720 ELM AVENUE AND RELOCATION EXPENSES OF THE TENANTS AT THE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Elm Park is city park and children’s playground located at the intersection of 8th Street and Elm Avenue in the historic Iron Triangle neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Pogo Park is a local non-profit grass roots organization whose mission is “to transform lives by transforming public space” and “to re-claim and transform Richmond’s unclaimed, under-utilized, and under-performing city parks into vibrant community spaces”; and

WHEREAS, Pogo Park works with residents that live adjacent to the park and the Iron Triangle community at large to develop a revitalization program for Elm Park; and

WHEREAS, Pogo Park partnered with MIG and the City of Richmond to submit an application for a Proposition 84 Grant to improve Elm Park; and

WHEREAS, the State awarded the City the $1,944,700 through the Proposition 84 Grant to fund contracts for the Elm Park renovation and expansion project; and

WHEREAS, the State awarded the City the Proposition 84 Grant largely due to Pogo Park’s innovative community engagement activities and to support a community design and build model for Elm Park; and

WHEREAS, since the City was notified of the award, City staff, Pogo Park, MIG and mack5 have worked collectively to determine how to move forward with this complex project in a manner that supports the communities’ vision for Elm Park; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing support of Pogo Park is critical to achieving the goals of the project; and

WHEREAS, MIG is continuing to assist with the design of Elm Park and drafted the Proposition 84 Grant; and

WHEREAS, since December 2010, mack5 has worked with Pogo Park and MIG to provide pre-construction support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the project includes the expansion of Elm Park to an adjacent property that the City must purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Richmond City Council does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The Council does hereby authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with Pogo Park in the amount of $103,300 to provide preconstruction support, community outreach, design assistance and program management.

SECTION 2. The Council does hereby authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with MIG in the amount of $96,072 for planning, landscape and architectural services for Elm Park.

SECTION 3. The Council does hereby authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with mack5 in the amount of $98,250 for pre-construction and cost estimating services.

SECTION 4. The Council does hereby authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all required contracts and agreements to facilitate the acquisition of 720 Elm Avenue and relocation expenses of the tenants at the property.
I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a joint meeting thereof held July 19, 2011, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTENTIONS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California )} 
County of Contra Costa : ss. 
City of Richmond )}

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 68-11, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a joint meeting held on July 19, 2011.