

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u>
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement with United States Department of the Interior/Fish and Wildlife Services to manage, operate and use of C. Bickham Dickson Park to provide services to the public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.	June 16, 2019	SPAR
		<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>
		“D”
		<u>SPONSOR</u>

**PURPOSE**

To execute a *Lease Agreement*.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Over 4 years ago the City began talking to the Fish and Wildlife Services about their interested in managing C. Bickham Dickson(Park) and preserving the natural resources that the area provides. The 2030 Great Expectation Master Plans calls for the preservation of the City’s Natural Resources. The Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) is responsible for the management of lands and water within the National Wildlife Refuge System. The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is “to administer a national network of lands and water for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.”

The City and the State together own the land that makes up the Park. Together we want to lease this property to the United States Department of Interior to provide a benefit to the public through the conservation of fish and wildlife and by providing compatible wildlife dependent recreation such as fishing, hunting, wildlife observation and photography.

Finally, this will relieve the City of the responsibility of maintenance, management, and upkeep of the park, yet preserve the area for our citizens for years to come.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: June 25, 2019  
Final Passage: July 9, 2019

**ATTACHMENTS**

*Lease Agreement*

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS****FINANCES**

None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS****ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

Shelly Ragle, SPAR Director

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2019**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR/FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES TO MANAGE, OPERATE AND USE OF C. BICKHAM DICKSON PARK TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER:**

**WHEREAS,** [LA R.S. 41:1291](#) authorizes a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, without advertisement for bids, to lease for any legitimate purpose to or from any other political subdivision, the state of Louisiana or any agency thereof, or the United States of America or any agency thereof, any public lands and improvements thereon of which it has title, custody, and possession, provided that the lessor shall reserve all mineral rights to said land; and

**WHEREAS,** [LA R.S. 41:1292](#) authorizes such lease for a period not to exceed ninety-nine years; and

**WHEREAS,** [LA R.S. 41:1294](#) states that no proceedings in respect to the authorization and execution of any such lease shall be necessary except such as are contemplated in Part III Leases by Political Subdivisions and State Agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Shreveport (“CITY”), along with the State of Louisiana (“STATE”) are the owners of the certain property located at 2253 East Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, LA 71105; and

**WHEREAS,** the property is known as C. Bickham Dickson Park (“PARK”); and

**WHEREAS,** the CITY has partnered with the STATE to lease the PARK to the United States Department of the Interior/Fish and Wildlife Service (“SERVICE”); and

**WHEREAS,** the SERVICE will provide a public benefit and public services by protecting the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and by providing compatible wildlife-dependent recreation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Service will make the PARK part of National Wildlife Refuge System that will provide public education and outdoor recreation opportunities to the public; and

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a *Lease Agreement*, substantially in accordance with the draft of the agreement attached hereto, to include any other related and accompanying documents to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

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

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office