WHEREAS, on March 17th, a referendum was held with regard to several proposed amendments to the City of Winter Park’s Charter; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that referendum, 60.06% of Winter Park electors opted to adopt proposed Charter Amendment No. 7, which sets the size of all city boards at 7 members, removes the Mayor’s sole authority to appoint board members, and reassigns such authority so that the Mayor has the authority to appoint 3 board members on each such board with one appointment each to be made by the remaining 4 City Commission members; and

WHEREAS, the text of Charter Amendment No. 7 states that newly created § 2.19 will not become effective until the City Commission adopts an ordinance implementing such section; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has scheduled public hearings on April 27, 2020 and May 11, 2020 to adopt said ordinance implementing such section; and

WHEREAS, as currently defined the term of office for the City’s appointed subsidiary board members is three years; and several subsidiary board member terms are set to expire in May of this year; to allow time to implement Charter Amendment 7 terms for these board members are hereby extended through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as currently defined the term of office for the City’s appointed subsidiary board members is three years; in order to facilitate a prompt and smooth implementation of Charter Amendment 7, June 22, 2020 is hereby established as the new expiration date for the terms for all subsidiary board members. Existing board members whose terms expire after May 2020 are hereby encouraged to submit applications for boards for which they have relevant experience, interest and qualifications; and

WHEREAS, absent an ordinance implementing recently adopted Charter Amendment No. 7, the Mayor will continue to have the sole authority to appoint board members to the City’s subsidiary boards as set forth in § 2-48(a) of the City of Winter Park’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission for Winter Park, Florida, to allow the current sitting City Commissioners to be able to exercise their authority under newly adopted § 2.19(a) of the City Charter (part of Charter Amendment No. 7) concerning board appointments; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to establish June 22, 2020 as the new expiration date for the terms of office for all members of subsidiary boards (those boards identified in § 2-47, Winter Park City Code), to afford the City Commission additional time to consider and adopt an ordinance implementing recently adopted § 2.19 of the City’s Charter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and accurate and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Establishing New Expiration Date for Terms of Office for All Subsidiary Board Members. For the reasons set forth herein, the City Commission hereby establishes June 22, 2020 as the expiration date of the terms of office for all subsidiary board. Thus, the Mayor will not make board appointments in May of this year. Such expiration date may be extended by majority vote of the commission as deemed necessary.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any portion of this Resolution is finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, unenforceable or void, the balance of this Resolution will continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon its adoption.

READ AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2020

CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

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Steve Leary, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rene Cranis, City Clerk